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*"A mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus"*

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# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021

## Living the Vision: Mission-Oriented Action

In your Parish: Pray for and encourage your priests

In your Community: Avoid gossip, speak well of others

In your Home: Share affirmations with each member of your family

living it in your parish

PRAY FOR AND  
ENCOURAGE  
YOUR PRIESTS



Please keep in your prayers ....

- ◆ Christians sharing their time, talent and treasure with a generous spirit,
- ◆ all political leaders and elected officials and activists working to support the environment,
- ◆ refugees and all displaced persons seeking safety, shelter and refuge,
- ◆ members of this assembly celebrating our redemption through Christ's cross and resurrection
- ◆ those who have died in the hopes of heaven and for those mourning their loss
- ◆ Rev. Robert Renaud, Rev. Mateusz Sobierajski C.S.M.A., Rev. Charles Akinloye, Rev. Theodore Pinto, Rev. Mark Sargent, Mrs. Louise Trapp Parish Nurse, Ms. Sybila Lajaku -Williams Pastoral Worker



*"Some people come in your life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons."*

*Mother Teresa*

# News for all parishioners ....

## *This week at a glance ...*

- ◆ Prayer time with Fr. Steve on both Nov 9 & 11 are cancelled
- ◆ Save the date, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, for an evening of Prayer, Adoration, and Music! Evening will begin with Mass. Watch for more details!
- ◆ See the website announcement for details about a CJI webinar, Solidarity in COVID-19 World to be held on Tues, November 9.

## **Let's stand with the oppressed in their quest for recognition**



*In Honduras and Cambodia, organizations supported by Development and Peace are raising the voices of communities oppressed by a model of economic*

*development that violates their rights. The Honduran Center for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC) trains environmental leaders to defend natural resources, the environment and human rights. In Cambodia, Development and Partnership in Action (DPA)'s mission is, in part, to enable communities affected by extractive industries to gain advocacy skills so they can organize and defend their rights. We can support these partners by recognizing the role we can play in an unjust global system and taking action to change it. This year, the action highlighted by the People and Planet First campaign is about holding Canadian companies accountable for their operations abroad - to ensure that Canada is not complicit in the violation of the rights of our brothers and sisters. At mass next weekend, you will be asked to sign a petition calling on the House of Commons to adopt human rights and due diligence legislation.*



As the **Synod** begins, we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the Church embarks on an intentional process of mutual listening and engaging the People of God in a journey of communion, participation, and mission.

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.***

***With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;***

***Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.***

***We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.***

***Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong  
path nor partiality influence our actions.***

***Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.***

***All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.***



# LEST WE FORGET



## **Priest Pension Fund**

2021 Annual Collection - November 13/14



*Rev. Gary Ducharme, ordained 1983; Deacon Leonard Hughes, ordained 2007;  
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, ordained 1980; Rev. James Mockler, ordained 1971*

**Please give generously to the Priest Pension Fund collection.**

Your donation will help meet the needs of retired priests today and in the years to come.

Make a donation at your local parish by marking your envelope "Priest Pension Fund" or go online to [www.dol.ca/give](http://www.dol.ca/give).

For more information visit [www.dol.ca/pension](http://www.dol.ca/pension)

# News for all parishioners ....

## All Saints, Strathroy

### Week of Nov 8-12



#### **Tues Nov 9 @ 6:30pm**

John Ferreira - Margaret & Family

Jason Derks - Mary & Family

Anna Demaray - Mike Demaray

Special Intention for Kaitlyn Mathieson & Josh Kupferschmidt  
- Carolyn & Dan Mathieson

Special Intention for Justin & MaryAngela Hartwick  
- Steve & Lucia Walsh

Donald Smith – Jannice P. Smith

#### **Wed Nov 10 @ 9:00am**

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families  
- Estate

Lidia Alves - Jose & Adelaide Pimentel

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Horacio Duarte - Carminha

Delfim Desa - Maria Desa

#### **Thurs Nov 11 @ 6:30pm**

Honorina Furtado - Lucy & Murray

Francisco DaPonte - Judite DaPonte

Horacio Duarte - Pessoa Amiga

Hermiterio Santos e restante de familia - Isabel Santos

Maria do Carmo Dos Santos - Isabel Santos

Lidia Costa - Armanda Melo

#### **Fri Nov 12 @ 9:00am**

Francisco Pedro - Evelina

Deceased Members of Paiva families - Maria Paiva

Maria Melo - Maria Gabriel

Delfim Desa - Maria Gabriel

John Hartman - Brian & Anne Jones

Gene & Barry Donohue & Kristopher Howe

- Donohue / Howe families

## Sacred Heart, Parkhill

### Week of Nov 8-12



#### **Tues Nov 9 @ 6:30pm**

Alex Weaver

Wendy Lewis

Gerry Jacoba Vandersanden

- Jim & Tammy

#### **Thurs Nov 11 @ 9:00am**

Deceased members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen Families - Estate

## St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

### Week of Nov 8-12



#### **Wed Nov 10 @ 6:30pm**

Patrick Sullivan

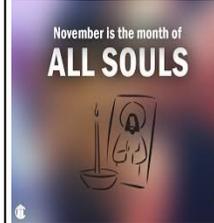
- Brendan & Patty Kelly

Ana Rosa Assuncoa Antunes Manuel

- Rosa & Elde Assuncoa

Deceased members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

## **November is the month of Remembrance**



This year, the Holy See has extended the plenary indulgence traditionally associated with visiting a cemetery on All Souls Day throughout the month of November. Should you wish a priest to join you in prayer at one of our local cemeteries, please call Fr. Steve at 519-245-0644 ext. 25.



**Masses will be first-come-first-seated until we reach capacity.**

- ♦ **All Saints church site will NO LONGER have overflow in the Parish Centre for 10:00am Mass.**



**ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN THE CHURCH SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.**

**Please stay home if you are not feeling well and be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe! Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

## All Saints CWL Membership Dues

Ladies of All Saints Parish, it's hard to believe but another year is nearing the end and it's time to renew your CWL membership for 2022. The fee of \$25 can be deposited in the CWL blue envelope (in your offertory envelope box) or another envelope clearly addressed to CWL, with your name, address and phone number, and put into the offertory basket at any Mass or they can be dropped off at the office. If not, contact Mary Margaret Groot (519-245-4867) to make other arrangements. The CWL of Canada, the largest women's organization in Canada, is rooted in gospel values, calling it's members to holiness in faith, service and social justice. If you are not already a member, we invite all ladies, 16 years and older, to consider joining our organization. For more information at the CWL go to [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and [www.cwllondon.ca](http://www.cwllondon.ca).



# *Weekly Reflection*

## **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever sat and “people watched” in a public place? I have. I find watching people come and go at the airport a fascinating way to pass time while waiting for a flight! I wonder, where are these people going? Who are they going to see? What language do they speak? Have they been away from home for a long time or are they going on vacation just like me.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. I would assume this means, putting money in some sort of container? A little bit of research tells me there were actually thirteen boxes, each with a different purpose to support. For example, you could place your money in the box that was designated for fixing the portico pillars, or to purchase incense, or for the offering of animals and so on.

Now, Jesus being Jesus, would have known how much offering each person was dropping in the treasury and what it was to be used for. Perhaps, the gold and silver coins made a beautiful noise as they were dropped into the treasury container. The more coins being offered, the more noise they made. I would imagine though, the two little copper coins the poor widow dropped into the treasury, did not make much noise. The little coins might have landed with a little thud!

Imagine now if you will, Jesus is watching us as we drop our offerings into the treasury. This treasury is a little different though, as Jesus is watching to see what we contribute to our church and community. Are we giving of our time and talents to help and assist others and our priests? Are we generous with our attitude of gratitude for what we have? Are we unbiased in our opinions of others in our communities, especially those we do not see eye to eye with?

Yes, our financial contributions are important for the upkeep of our physical buildings, our programs, and support staff. Without money our churches will surely close. What is your motivation to give? Jesus judges the scribes based on their inner motivation which did not have the interest of the people at heart, but themselves and their own appearances.

So, is today’s Gospel about giving money or about giving over all that you have got? Could this be about trust? Things that are valued in the Kingdom of God are different than what we value here and now. Jesus gives of himself sacrificially and unconditionally for each and every one of us.

The story of the widow’s gift is a story of abandonment to God’s provision. The widow put in everything she had to live on. The rich people, who gave out of their abundance, were not affected in any way. Give it all over to God and prepared to be surprised!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



**Pastoral Team/ Staff**

**Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22**  
**Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23**  
**Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25**  
**Deacon Henry Tomaszewski**  
**Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26**  
**Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21**  
**Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0**  
**Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24**  
*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

**All Parents of First Reconciliation and First Communion Children**

Please contact Julie de Gouw if you missed the parent meeting or need more information for the sacraments for this coming year.



**For the newlyweds at All Saints Parish:**



The All Saints CWL would like to congratulate you on your reception of the sacrament of Matrimony. We would like to gift you a crucifix for your home. Please contact Harriet Goncalves @ 519-246-1154 for further information

**Advent begins in a few short weeks!**

Join us once again this year, for the next installment of Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph. How appropriate, for this is the year of Saint Joseph!



Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph is a new Advent journal that follows the format tens of thousands enjoyed with Advent Meditations with Mary. This year, walk with Joseph, learning what it means to trust and follow God in all things. Father Mark Toups guides you on a rich, sensory journey through Advent that is both practical and encouraging. This year, once again experience deep spiritual formation and growth, finding yourself changed from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day.

**Books can be ordered through our website [www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca](http://www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca). Look for the banner and fill out the form and ways to pay the \$15.00.** If you have no internet access, you are welcome to call Julie de Gouw to order your book. **Books must be pre-ordered! Deadline to order is November 17!**

A book study will be organized via zoom for those interested. Videos will be available on the website for those who wish to study independently.

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**Office Hours**

**Monday to Friday 9-4**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site  
4:00—4:45pm Saturday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church site  
5:45—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church site  
Also by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.*

**Sacrament of Marriage:** *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE  
WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am

Hello everyone our next Take a Break Day will be on Wednesday, November 17th at the home of Lucy Hendrixx--1584 Elginfield Drive, Parkhill We will start with a social at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by Monday, November 15th with how many will be coming as well as if you have any dietary restrictions.



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***A Child's note to God ...***

*Dear God, My turtle died. Is she there with you?  
If so, she likes lettuce. Susie*



## From the Diocese of London

### World Day of the Poor

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 14, 2021 marks the fifth World Day of the Poor, which was established by Pope Francis in 2017. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in your parish promote awareness and work hard to help address the needs of those who are poor. We invite you to learn more about the SSVP in your parish/area and discover how you might be able to assist them in their work. Consider making a donation so that they may respond to the needs of others. You can donate directly to your local Conference or Particular Council. A reminder there is always a need for donations of clothing and used items if there is a SSVP store in your area.

### 'Come and See' Discernment Weekend at the Seminary

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men age 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood from November 19 to November 21. This in-person weekend at the Seminary offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Please contact Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca for more information, or go to [www.dolpriest.ca/registration](http://www.dolpriest.ca/registration) to register. Since this is an in-person event, proof of double vaccination status will be required.

### Holy Family Retreat House - Winter Rates and Self-Directed Retreats

Looking to get away by yourself or as a small group? Holy Family Retreat House, located in Oxley, Ontario, is offering private, small group or self-directed retreats at a reduced cost for the winter season (November 1 to March 31). Visit [www.hfrh.ca](http://www.hfrh.ca) for info on retreat guides, accommodations and pricing, or contact the retreat house for further information at 519-738-6136.



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### Marriage Conference

Take part in FFI's Annual Marriage Conference on the evening of Saturday, November 20th. This year, the conference experience is reconfigured as a virtual event accompanied with the option to join a 'watch party'. Well-known and highly captivating podcasters Mike & Alicia Hennon, founders of the Messy Family Project, will speak on being Intentional Families, and will follow with a lively Q&A session. Visit <https://famfi.ca/events/marriage-evening-november-2021/> to register or find out more. This event is a fantastic opportunity to build a marriage and connect with other couples.

### PRAYER TIME

Fr. Steve will be available for confessions and have the church open for private prayer, on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm and Thursdays from 11:00am-12noon, at the All Saints church site.



NO PRAYER TIMES - NOV 9 or NOV 11



Fr. Steve will have Adoration available on:

**Wed, November 17th &  
Wed, December 15th  
9:00pm to 10:00 pm  
at All Saints church site**

Available especially for those who cannot attend during the day. All are welcome!

## Remembrance Day

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### In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

lest we forget

