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## January 30, 2022

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

*And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*

*For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.*

*Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord, would be fulfilled."*



PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES  
Effective January 8 & 9 weekend, our Sunday Mass times will be:

8:00am at All Saints Strathroy  
 9:00am at St. Charles Garnier Glencoe  
 10:00am at Sacred Heart Parkhill  
 11:00am at All Saints Strathroy \*livestreamed

*"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."*

*Mother Teresa*

Please keep in your prayers ....

- ♦ the Church seeking love above all else
- ♦ all those heeding the voices of the prophets
- ♦ men and women experiencing homeless
- ♦ this community finding our strength in word and sacrament
- ♦ the dead longing to behold the face of God
- ♦ Rev. Franklin Mizzi C.S.B., Mrs. Darlene Van Bakel Youth Ministry, Rev. Christopher Bourdeau, Rev. Sekar Raj, Mrs. Maija Wilson Campus Minister, Rev. Gilbert Simard, Mrs. Rachelle Leslie Pastoral Minister



# News for all parishioners ....

## This week at a glance ...

- ◆ If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or would like to join the Catholic church, the Rite of Christian Initiation will begin on February 3rd. For more info sign up on website.
- ◆ Alpha is coming! See the website or bulletin for more details.
- ◆ If you are interested in obtaining a Lenten book, fill in the form on the website or leave a message at the office. Cost is \$15. Deadline to order is February 15.
- ◆ If you missed the zoom meeting for Parents about the sacrament of Confirmation, Click the CONFIRMATION banner to access to Registration forms & sign-up for the Confirmation program - Questions, directed to Father Thom.
- ◆ Confirmation Volunteers are needed. Orientation meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 16 and 23; 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Looking for table leaders and kitchen help. Prep classes will start March 4th : Fridays 6pm-8:15pm starting with dinner for 7 nights (except for Good Friday) (A meatless option will be available.)
- ◆ Coldest Night of the Year: FFI in coordination with 37 Frank St. on Feb 26 – see website/bulletin for more details.
- ◆ Catch-up Baptism: any older children (4 & up) who haven't been baptized call/contact Fr. Thom/Fr. David.

Take the time and invest in your relationship with another **"Date Night with FFI"**.



On Feb 11, 2022 join Ken & Janelle Yasinski for their live talk and Q&A on Three Simple Words. "Please", "Thanks", and "Sorry" can build up relationships and create peace and joy in the home! This is a virtual presentation. Make a pre-valentine's date of it! 8pm-9:30pm. \$10 to register. Visit Date Night with FFI February 2022 - FFI - Family Catechism (famfi.ca) to register.

## From the Diocese of London

The Pope Francis Fund –

Application Process is Open

The Pope Francis Fund has opened the application process for grants to be distributed in 2022. Last year eight organizations received funding and this year a total of \$46,500 is available. Click here to see last year's recipients. The application process and criteria are at this link. Pastors are encouraged to announce the following at Masses over the coming weeks: "Organizations are encouraged to apply to the Pope Francis Fund for grants for charitable works that help the poor. Application details and criteria are available at [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca)." The application process closes on February 28.



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## Veritas Lecture Series

Our next speaker is Christian Harvey, whose lecture is entitled, "Criminalizing Others for our Comfort: Confronting our Systemic Exclusion of Those Experiencing Homelessness and Marginalization." This will take place on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM. To register for this lecture click here. The Veritas Lecture Series engages speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore the depth of human experience and to articulate the truth – the fullness of humanity – to which we aspire. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition welcomes and embraces this exploration as a participation in the common good that enhances the world we inhabit. For more information or to register for each webinar, go to [www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas). A poster is available at this link.

## Come and See Virtual Weekend - February 11 to 12

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a virtual discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provide spiritual help for discernment and offer the opportunity for prayer and reflection. Please contact Fr. Danny Santos at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) for more information or to register visit our website at [www.dolpriest.ca/registration](http://www.dolpriest.ca/registration).

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS  
SUPPORT!



All Saints Knights of Columbus Council held a fundraising campaign for the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation at all Masses on the weekend of January 8-9, 2022. Your generosity enabled us to collect \$683.00. With an additional \$100.00 from our General Funds, we will be able to send enough for the purchase of four (4) chairs to the Foundation.

To all who donated, thank you for your selfless and gracious support.





# News for all parishioners ....

## All Saints, Strathroy Week of Feb 1-4



**Tue Feb 1 – NO MASS**

**Wed Feb 2 – NO MASS**

**Thu Feb 3 – 6:30pm**

Isabel Miranda - Family

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Pais e Sogros de Agostinho e Deolinda Pereira

Special Intention for Pedro Cano(birthday) - Parents/Siblings

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

**Fri Feb 4 – 9:00am**

**FIRST FRIDAY followed by Adoration for one hour**

Frank Zwinkels - Maria Zwinkels

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho

Delfim Desa - Family

John Hartman - Anne & Brian Jones

Manuel & Luisa Alcadinho – family

Terezinha Picanco - Anna Garcia

## Sacred Heart, Parkhill Week of Feb 1-4



**Tue Feb 1 – 6:30pm**

Fr. Matthew George

- Louis & Lucy Hendrikx

Laura Wilson - Jim & Tammy Vandersanden

**Thu Feb 3 – NO MASS**

## St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Week of Feb 1-4



**Wed Feb 2 – 6:30pm**

Bruce Nutt

- Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

Barb Reycraft - Rich & ML DePelsmaecker

Andrew Kustermans - Brian & Joanna Simpson

**Fri Feb 4 – NO 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!**

*Have you ever wondered what life is all about? Why are we here? Does my life have meaning?*



Discover the answer to these questions and more by joining the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes online Alpha!

Alpha explores life and the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal setting. Make new friends, ask questions and have fun!

Each week, the Alpha session begins with a short presentation followed by small group discussion.

Visit our website [www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca](http://www.westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca) and click on the Alpha banner, to fill out a registration form.

Sessions begin Thursday February 3, 2022 from 7-8:30 pm and conclude on Thursday April 21st. There will be no session on Holy Thursday April 14th. A Prayer Weekend will be held on Saturday March 19th from 9am to 1pm.

For more information contact Ruth Alcadinho at [ruth.e.dino@hotmail.com](mailto:ruth.e.dino@hotmail.com).

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

*Dear God,*

*Here's a poem. I love you because you give us what we need to live. But I wish you would tell me why you made it so we have to die? Daniel*



*If you wish to receive the weekly bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our parishes, please email the office at [allsaints@dol.ca](mailto:allsaints@dol.ca) and ask to be put on our list for Flocknotes. Let us know your name, email and which parish you belong to. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.*



FEB. 5  
11AM-3PM

LIVE ON FRANK STREET  
OR JOIN US VIRTUALLY  
ON THE  
#STRATHROYCNOY  
FACEBOOK GROUP

**coldest  
\*night**  
OF THE YEAR

**FRANKFEST**  
IN SUPPORT OF THE COLDEST NIGHT WALK FEB. 26

FEATURING  
**A HOMLESSNESS  
CONVERSATION**  
FROM THE MIDDLESEX HOMELESS  
ACTION COMMITTEE  
INCLUDING A Q&A

PLUS  
FOOD, 37 FRANK TOURS, MUSIC  
AND MORE

# *Weekly Reflection*

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022**

The gospel reading for today, Jesus not being accepted in his home town, sure resonates with me.

Many years ago, when I was 48 years old and 50 was looming on the horizon, I decided I needed to make a change in my life and get in shape. I looked in the mirror one day and realized I did not want to look as I looked then, for the rest of my life. Was the change easy? I thought it would be. I was so wrong! The change took effort, lots and lots of effort!

Being a busy mother of ten, finding time for myself was a challenge but I eventually figured it out and after two years of hard work, the results were evident. I could move, especially dance, without getting out of breath., my clothes fit, I had energy, I enjoyed how I ate and I had a positive outlook on life. Still though, there was something missing.

It is to be expected when someone undergoes a great change in their life, that people notice. For example, a great weight loss; people are initially concerned that perhaps you aren't well but then congratulate you on your efforts. They inevitably also want to know how you did it? How did you accomplish such a change. They don't want to hear, well this was hard work, no they are looking for the easy way out, for a simple easy to achieve solution that they too can apply to their own lifestyle.

After my conversion in the Holy Spirit, I knew I was changed never to be the same again! Remember, I knew something was missing? Well that something was someone; Jesus!

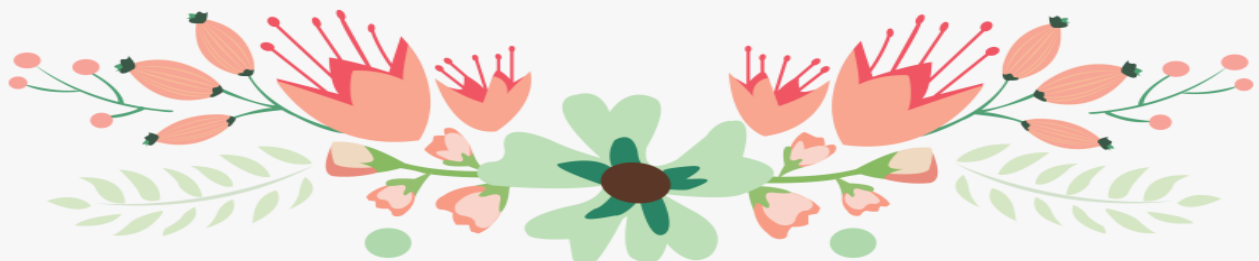
I began attending daily Mass, read scripture every day, listened to praise and worship music, gave up my useless magazine subscriptions, and found JOY in my heart like I had never felt before. I also returned to the sacrament of Reconciliation, spent time reading faith-based books, and I learned life was not about me!

Some people readily accepted the change in me and congratulated me on my new life in the Spirit. Others were suspicious and even turned on me with an attitude of "who do you think you are?" and "aren't you one of us?"

Why is it so hard to share a spiritual encounter? It is not easy to be open about it but this is what we are called to do. We can't keep Jesus and what he does for us a secret. The news is too good! There is too much joy! I had people say to me, I don't know what happened to you but the change is good! Keep up the good work, keep doing what you are doing! There were some people who asked me about my conversion and what that took. Some did not want to hear that as a cradle Catholic, I had discovered Jesus. There were others too, who said "I want what you have" and were open to conversion.

Contrary to popular belief, life with Jesus is not always easy. We are, after all, human. As with any relationship, it takes work and commitment on our part, to keep the relationship alive. There is one thing though that I am certain of, all things are possible with God! Life is so much better with Jesus and I wouldn't want it any other way!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



### Pastoral Team/ Staff

**Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22**

**Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23**

**Deacon Henry Tomaszewski**

**Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26**

**Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21**

**Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0**

**Marg VanderBurg, Secretary ex. 24**

*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

### From the office ...

Please note that the office will continue to be closed and staff will be working remotely until further notice, as per directives from the Diocese. Please leave a message or email and staff will be back to you as soon as they possibly can.

In an emergency, call 519-245-0644 and dial 9 for immediate connection to a priest.



2022 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are available for All Saints, Strathroy and St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe. As per the Sacred Heart Parkhill Finance committee, parishioners are reminded to call Olga if you would like to have offertory envelopes for 2022.

\* Please DO NOT USE old 2021 envelopes



### Pre-Authorized Payment—PAP Users

If you are contributing your donations to the parish through direct deposit (PAP), they will continue as usual into 2022. If there are any changes you would like to make to your contributions or would like to start on PAP, please call Olga at the office, ext. 21.

### Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can only be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. Official tax receipts will be prepared in the New Year and distributed by the end of February 2022.



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### Office Hours

*Monday to Friday 9-4 (temporarily closed)*

### 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 or send an email to [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca).

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/**11:00 am**

\* 11:00 am will be livestreamed each week

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday **10:00 am**

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**May 1, 2022**

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

**Fr. Thom Blondin**

**More details will follow**



Greetings to West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes:

It has been a while since I have done an update on what is happening at 37 Frank Street Youth Centre in Strathroy. For those who do not know us, we are located on Frank Street in Strathroy. We are a division of YFC/Youth Unlimited Strathroy. "Frank's" is a safe place for youth, whether they are in need or not, to come in and simply hang out. We have board games, a small library, free wifi and of course the biggest draw...free food as well as reasonably priced food for purchase.

There have been a few changes in our opening hours to accommodate teens after school. Our daytime hours are Tuesday to Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and we have been able to finally open Frank's Cafe - Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

We have four churches in Strathroy that each take a week and bring us prepared food and groceries for that week. With this food and other donations, we have been able to serve over 1300 meals to the homeless, hurt and hungry in the Strathroy area. Ladies from All Saints CWL have been looking after the second week of the month for us. It has been greatly appreciated.

Last spring I applied to the Pope Francis Fund for a grant to purchase items to help out when we are able to open our emergency shelter. We were approved and now have bed frames, mattresses, bedding and other room accessories ready for use.

This past Christmas we were able to give five families and their children a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings. We were also able to give their children presents that many would not likely have received for Christmas. One older youth we brought meals and gifts to was so overwhelmed with emotion as we were able to give her something she was never expecting. To see the tears of joy and thanks in her eyes is something all of us will never forget.

*"Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, you do unto me,"*

Another family with younger children was so happy with the food and gifts to give to their children, they were wondering how they would be able to even provide a gift to each of their children at all. They were so grateful for the kindness extended to them.

We have other stories of youth who have come into our centre who are in need of immediate care. We were able to provide them with emergency backpacks that contain toiletries, gift cards, an emergency sleeping bag, a tent, non perishable food and more. We are also working in close contact with Josh Smith, the Community Navigator for our area. If there is something we cannot assist the youth with, Josh can. He has been an incredible asset to our community.

On February 26, 2022, we are holding the CNOY (The Coldest Night of the Year) to raise awareness of homelessness, hurt and poverty in our community. We are also getting teams and walkers to join in a 2 or 5 km virtual walk in Strathroy. Money raised will help assist us at Frank's with the centre operating costs and to continue to help the hurt, homeless and impoverished youth right here in Strathroy-Caradoc. We need your help as homelessness and hunger is a big issue right here in our community.

**This is where all of you come in....Please consider starting a team, joining a team or donating to someone that is walking for 37 Frank Youth Centre. You can go to <https://cnoy.org/location/strathroy> or give me an email and/or call and I can guide you through this process.**

*"Alone we can do little, together we can do much." – Helen Keller*

Colleen Wiendels, Volunteer, 37 Frank Street Youth Centre

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