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March 13, 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.



Please keep in your prayers

- ♦ the church listening with great attention to the voice of God
- ♦ those working to facilitate peace between the people of Ukraine and Russia
- ♦ those living with disabilities advocating for both justice and equality
- ♦ this assembly of the faithful seeking to make manifest the gospel in our day-to-day lives
- ♦ those who have died awaiting the full manifestation of God's glory
- ♦ Rev. Joseph Kannath, Mrs. Alice Chinnick Catechist, Rev. Russell (Rusty) Schantz, Mrs. Sue Orcsik Pastoral Worker, Rev. Anthony Eboh, Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski, Sisters of St. Joseph



"All of us must be saints in this world. Holiness is a duty for you and me. So let's be saints and so give glory to the Father."

Mother Teresa

News for all parishioners

This week at a glance

- ♦ Ministry workshop info – March 26 with Chris McConnell. This is for all those involved in ministry in our Family of Parishes, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, hospitality, sacristans, ushers, and so on. See bulletin for details to register.
- ♦ First Holy Communion dates can now be booked. Please fill out form on our website. Any questions, email or call Julie de Gouw for more information.
- ♦ Catholic Women's League Parkhill will be collecting clothing and canned goods to go to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank on Sunday March 20th.
- ♦ Donations for Easter flowers are now being accepted. See bulletin for more details on how to donate.
- ♦ Please pick up some additional information along with your bulletin this weekend: the Development and Peace booklet and the Synod Information sheet.
- ♦ Please make sure you read the bulletin carefully each week, as we are trying to reduce the number of announcements at Mass. If there is anything new coming up, the bulletin and website are the places to find all this information.

LENT

Ash Wednesday (March 2) marks the beginning of Lent for Christians throughout the world. Lent is the penitential season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday, in preparation for Easter. It is also the time for catechumens – those who have not been fully received into the Catholic Church – to prepare for the sacraments of initiation including Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The 40-day period of Lent culminates in Holy Week.

Holy Thursday is April 14; Good Friday is April 15 and Easter is April 16 & 17

We are able to resume with our monthly Take A Break program.

We are able to meet in the Sacred Heart Parkhill Parish Hall on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022. Our social will start at 10:30am followed by lunch at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 18th, as well as any dietary restrictions to either:

Tammy Vandersanden - tvandersanden@execulink.com
Lucy Hendriks - lulouhendriks@gmail.com
Anne Roelands - pandaroelands@gmail.com

Thank you and hope to see everyone on Wednesday, March 23.



Ministry Workshop



The table is a place of intimacy! Around the table we discover each other and Christ. Around this table we listen to stories, remember events and times of days gone by, and dream about what could be possible for us in the Light of Christ.

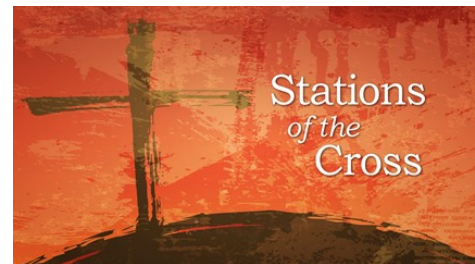
To grow in this intimacy with Christ, is to grow spiritually. The more we can learn about how to be around the table with Christ, to listen, proclaim, and serve brings us into a deeper relationship with God.

On Saturday, March 26, Chris McConnell will present for us a Ministries Workshop. This is an opportunity for all those who serve in ministry in our family of parishes, to come and deepen your faith, your relationship with God and others.

For some of us, it has been two years since we have served in ministry in our churches. **The afternoon part of the workshop will be a "how-to" and refresher for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Father Thom strongly encourages you to attend!**

Join us to learn more about discipleship on Saturday March 26, at All Saints church site, from 9 am until 2 pm. Lunch provided. Email Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone the office, 519-245-0644 ext. 26 to register. Everyone is welcome to attend!

High School Youth Opportunity



We are inviting all high school youth in our Family of Parishes to participate in A youth-led **Stations of the Cross** **Friday April 8th at 6:30pm** at All Saints Church site. Practice will be Monday March 28th at 7pm. Community Service hours available. Not been to church in a while?? We'd love to have you. Not been to Stations before? We'd love to have you. If you can join us, please contact Connie Vanderheyden@cvanderheyden61@gmail.com or call 519 614 3448



Employment Opportunities

LaSalle River Canard is seeking a *full-time Pastoral Minister*. The Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes and Windsor-Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes are *both seeking Business Managers*. Details are available at <https://dol.ca/employmentvolunteering>.



News for all parishioners

All Saints, Strathroy

Week of March 15-18

Tue Mar 15, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
- NO MASS



Wed Mar 16, 9:00am Mass

Delfim Desa - Family
Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan
Tony Bettencourt - Bobbie & Jerry Vens
William & Sheila Moir - Margaret & Jim Adams
Fred Overdulse - Maria LeBlanc

Thu Mar 17, 6:00pm Stations of the Cross - 6:30pm Mass

Serafim Salgado & Isabel Miranda - Family
Horacio Duarte e Em honra a Sao Jose - Carminha Duarte
Alzira Catojo - Lucia Martins
Fernanda e Manuel Almeida - Margarida Milhomens
Ilda Meirinho - Mario Meirinho
Vitor Jesus Lopes (7th day Mass) - Rose & Henry DaPonte

Fri Mar 18, 9:00am Mass – 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families
– Estate
Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen Ferguson
In Honour of St. Joseph - Maria da Silveira

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Week of March 15-18

Tue Mar 15, 6:30pm Mass – 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Bernard & Kunigunde & Family
Klawun - Konrad Scheib
Jack Johnson - Anne Heffernan
Theresa Schenning
- Jim & Tammy Vandersanden



Thu Mar 18, 9:00am Mass – 9:30am Stations of the Cross

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

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Wed Mar 16, 5:45pm Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm Mass

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes
– Antunes Family
Nicole Pow - Rich & ML Depelsmaecker
Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families - Estate



Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change

Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds.

In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.



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ALPHA

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 West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes. 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. Alpha is held on Thursday evenings for eleven weeks including one weekend session. Our next Alpha will be held in the spring and dates will be announced shortly.

For more information contact Ruth Alcaininho at ruth.e.dino@hotmail.com.



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.



Weekly Reflection

2nd. Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

I remember taking the kids to Disney World many years ago, and experiencing terror and fear while participating in some of the attractions. You just never knew what was going to jump out at you or from where it would come. Seemed like there were special effects everywhere we turned. Trying to be “brave” for the kids was sometimes a challenge as I usually reacted in a way far worse than they did! It didn’t help either, that each time we returned to the theme park, even though I knew what was coming, my reactions or rather, my fear, still got the better of me! For those of you who have been to Disney World, you would have to admit, they have got special effects down pat.

There are many things in this world that I will never understand, how Disney comes up with all those special effects for one. I have a list of questions about life that I would like to have God answer, but I am sure that on the last day, all things will be made perfectly clear and all my questions and insecurities will pass away.

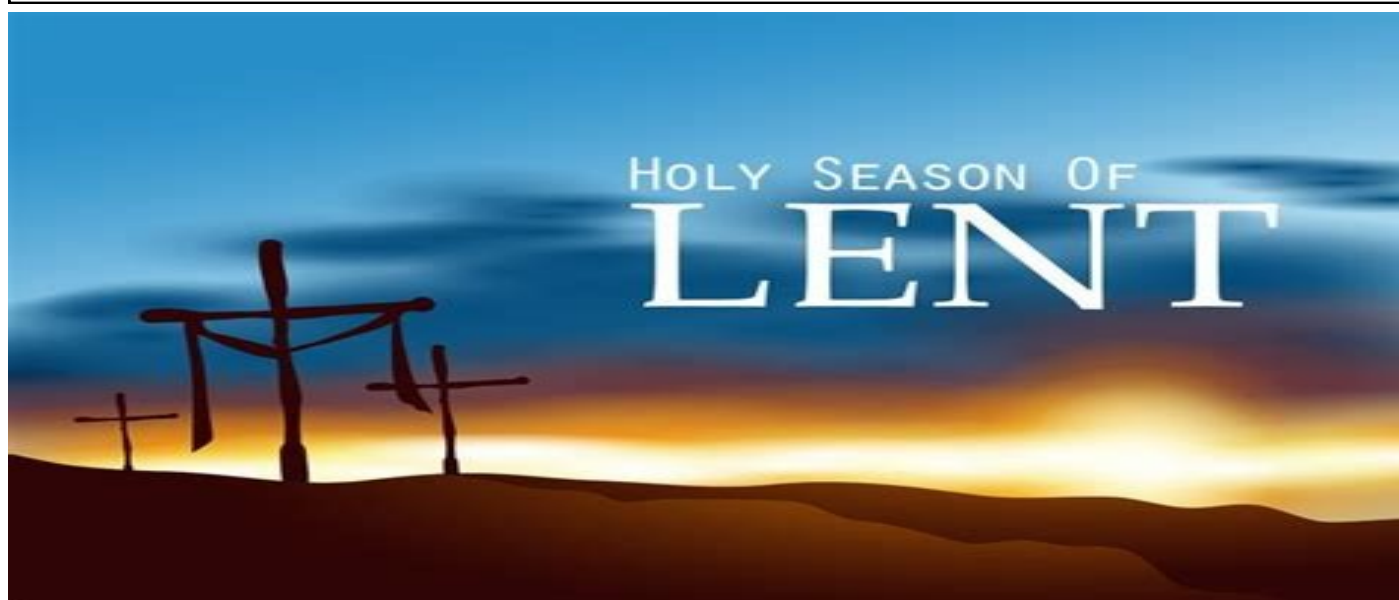
In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus takes Peter, James and John, up the mountain to pray. Little did they know what they were about to experience. What a sight it must have been to see the appearance of Jesus face change and his clothes become dazzling white! This was no “special effect” but the real thing! As if this wasn’t already enough, Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Jesus! How wonderful to see the glory of Jesus! A taste of heaven perhaps?

From the dazzling brightness to a cloud surrounding them and a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” The disciples must have been so overwhelmed. No wonder they remained silent and told no one of the things they had seen. What does all this mean? God gives us light to see him but the question is, what do we do with that light? Do we see the presence of God in our life? God gives us the ability to hear him in our hearts but do we listen? As we strive to discover God’s presence in our daily lives and, perhaps, open our hearts to God with our Lenten resolutions and commitments, let us not forget this one: taking time and space apart for prayer is essential to growing in our relationship with God.

Putting myself in this situation, I can visualize the dazzling bright white that the disciples would have had the opportunity to experience. It must have been so beautiful to see Jesus transfigured! The conversation Jesus had with Moses and Elijah though, was about how Jesus would accomplish his exit from our world. The precursor of things to come.

I know God says to me, “you are my chosen, and with you I am well pleased.” The problem is not in the hearing, but in the believing. Pray this Lent, to be transformed, to believe the words of God we hear in our hearts. Sit quietly and listen without speaking to God. No special effects needed. No need to be scared of the unknown. Just sit and enjoy the quiet. All things will be revealed in due time!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



Pastoral Team/Staff

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Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

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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 or send an email to jdegouw@dol.ca.

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



Save the Date!

**30 Year Ordination Anniversary
Father Thom Blondin
May 1, 2022**



"Serve the Lord, your God with all your heart and with all your soul"

You are cordially invited to

Mass of Thanksgiving Celebrating

Fr. Thom's 30th Anniversary to the Priesthood.

Sunday, May 1, 2022

11:00am Mass at All Saints Church Site, Strathroy

Followed by

Dinner/Reception

At the Portuguese Canadian Club, 375 York Street, Strathroy

12:30 to 1:30pm Cocktails

1:30pm Dinner

Entertainment by Midlife Crisis

Tickets: Adults \$60.00

Children: \$25.00 (12 & under)

Cash Bar

For tickets and to rsvp please call the parish office

(April 4 -25) at

519-245-0644 Ext 21

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

Catholic Women's League Parkhill will be collecting clothing and canned goods to go to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank on Sunday March 20th.



There will be collection baskets at the back of the Church for this collection.

Sacred Heart CWL Parkhill will be holding their **March meeting on Thursday March 17th** following **9:00 a.m Mass and Stations of the Cross.**

Please come join us in the Parish Hall for this meeting.

Lent

A Child's note to God

*Dear God,
I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in
church. Is that ok?*

Sylvia



"Having Patience with yourself. " Lenten Retreat

"During Lent, we can make many good intentions, yet the 40 days to Easter shows we don't always live up to our best intentions. That is why it is necessary we have Patience with ourselves, so we can continue the process of becoming the best version of ourselves which is to become the saint we are called to be. Since saints were human too, we can see in their example how to grow spiritually and in that process to be patient with ourselves. Patience is part of the humility we need to make the spiritual journey. This retreat will focus on increasing your Patience with yourself and so strengthen you for the long haul in the spiritual journey."

This Lenten retreat led by Father Steve Eckert will include presentations, private reflection, group sharing and Mass. It is open to both men and women. The retreat begins with dinner on Sunday at 5 pm and concludes with lunch on Tuesday. Cost includes a standard room in the St. Joseph's building (suites not available) and meals. Check-in on Sunday at 3 pm. COST \$250 per person - Pay by March 14th (1 week before) e-transfer directly to hfrh@dol.ca

Dietary meals are available.

Register by completing the registration form <https://hfrh.ca/upcoming-retreats> or email Caroline Dupuis at littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com



From the Diocese of London

Development and Peace - Share Lent

In addition to emergency support for the people of Ukraine, Development and Peace is undertaking their annual Share Lent campaign to support the global poor. An example of the work they are doing is Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change. Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion. Watch the video at www.devp.org/lent/act.



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Duc in Altum - A Men's Discernment Group for Men ages 17 to 35

Vocations London in participation with the St. Peter's Seminary Vocation Committee is excited to announce the re-launch of our virtual men's discernment group titled Duc in Altum (Cast into the Deep). For those who are not aware, Duc in Altum is a virtual bi-weekly event that includes prayer, a talk, and an opportunity for discerners to spend time with our seminarians. This is for any man who is still discerning their vocation. If you know of anyone interested, please invite them to send me an email message at vocations@dol.ca and we will make sure they are included in the mailing list. Information about our first event is included in a graphic at this link that can be printed as a poster or used as a web graphic. Let us continue to pray for an increase of vocations in our diocese.

"Having Patience With Yourself"

A Lenten Retreat with
Fr. Steve Eckert

March 20 - 22, 2022
Holy Family Retreat House
121 Victoria St, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

Please e-mail Caroline Dupuis
for other details and for registration:
littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com

Easter Flower Donations



We will be collecting donations again this year to help offset the cost of Easter flowers in each of our parishes.

Please send an envelope with the name of your loved one clearly written on the outside and your name or envelope number. All names will be posted on the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parish website on Easter Weekend.

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



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