



**MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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

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December 25, 2022

Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord

& January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, December 25

- ♦ the Christian Community proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth
- ♦ global leaders and all people of good bearing witness to God's ways of justice and peace
- ♦ those weighted down in isolation, finding this season difficult and burdensome
- ♦ this assembly being strengthened at the Eucharist as we testify to the presence of "God with Us,"
- ♦ those who have died awaiting a place of eternal peace and for those who mourn
- ♦ Rev. Seejo John, Mrs. Julie de Gouw Pastoral Minister, Rev. Joseph Onome, Deacon Tim Raaymakers, Rev. James Roche, Institute of Secular Missionaries,



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, January 1

- ♦ Deacon Rudy Pflanzner, Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski, Rev. Frank Leslie, Deacon Gaston Mabaya, Deacon Gary Flewelling, Rev. Lawrence Pare



A Child's note to God

Dear God,

Thank you for my life. I don't tell you enough but I am so thankful for everything that I am blessed with.

Sam



At a glance ...

- ♦ Our Sacramental Prep program, "Go, Seek, Find", is in need of more leaders for the upcoming sessions from now until March 12 at all of our parish locations. First Communion prep will start at All Saints January 8 and run until March 12 after the 8 am and 11 am Masses each Sunday. If you can offer help in anyway, contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or call 519-245-0644 ext. 26 for more info.
- ♦ VOLUNTEERS—You are invited! Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Friday, December 30 from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the All Saints church site.
- ♦ Don't forget to pick up your 2023 Offertory Envelopes at each church site.
- ♦ *Exodus: Called to Freedom*, a ten-part Bible deadline is December 28. Check insert and website for more information.

From the office

The office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00am for the Christmas break.



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless, from all of us to all of you!



A heartfelt thank you for all the gifts, yummy treats, cards and best wishes left at the office for the Parish Team!

If we are not at our desks in the New Year, you will find us walking the halls working off the calories!



Angel Tree Campaign: Sacred Heart Parkhill

Thank you to the staff and students of Sacred Heart School, the Catholic Women's League, and the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish for supporting this year's Angel Tree campaign.

Working with Second Blessings and the Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank, your generosity has ensured that many in the community received a Christmas gift.



2023 Sunday Offertory Envelopes will be made available in the next week for West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes. Envelope numbers have been reorganized and therefore you may have a new number for 2023. Please do not use these envelopes until January to ensure your contribution gets posted correctly. Please call Olga at the parish office if you would like to have 2023 offertory envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Payment – PAP

If you are contributing to the parish through direct deposit (PAP), they will continue as usual into 2023. If there are any changes you would like to make to your contributions, please call Olga.

Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts can only be issued legally for contributions received in the current year. All donations must be received in the office by Thursday December 22 or in the collection on the weekend of Dec 24 & 25 to be eligible for a tax receipt for 2022.

***Please note: Donations received the weekend of Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2023, are deposited in the New Year, so please make sure to meet the deadline if you would like credit for your donation in 2022.

E-transfer/Pilenty Donations

Taking into consideration the Christmas Holiday season, please allow for the process time for your donations by E-transfer and/or Pilenty to be eligible for receipt.

Official Income Tax Receipts will be prepared in the New Year and distributed by the end of February 2023.

If you wish to change your method of donation to preauthorized payments (direct deposit) please contact Olga at the office at 519-245-0644 ext. #21 or email oferreira@dol.ca.

The parish office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd @ 12noon to Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at 9:00am



Thanks
for Your
Support!

happy new year 2023

Weekly Reflection

Reflection Christmas December 25, 2022 and New Year January 1, 2023

"So this is Christmas
And what have you done
Another year over
And a new one just begun."

I woke up this morning with John Lennon's Christmas song running through my head. The line that jumps out at me is "and what have you done." Yes, here we are celebrating another Christmas. Time goes by so quickly. Yes, I ask myself, "what have I done." Time to reflect on my year.

The older I get, the more connected I am to my faith. As a child, Christmas meant Santa Claus, presents of course, lights on the tree, visiting the city to admire the shop windows décor, going to midnight Mass Christmas Eve, and not being able to sleep with the anticipation of what was to come Christmas Day. Now, as an adult, Christmas is about hope. The hope for what I know is to come. Life everlasting, a Saviour who will return, hope for a world that at times seems hopelessly lost. Hope that this year, I will truly be able to live out my call to discipleship without judgement, fear, or anxiety. Hope that this year, I can trust God and rely totally on him and not myself.

Hope is a wonderful thing! Hope gives us a reason to believe. Hope gives us purpose. Hope is optimistic. Hope is joy!

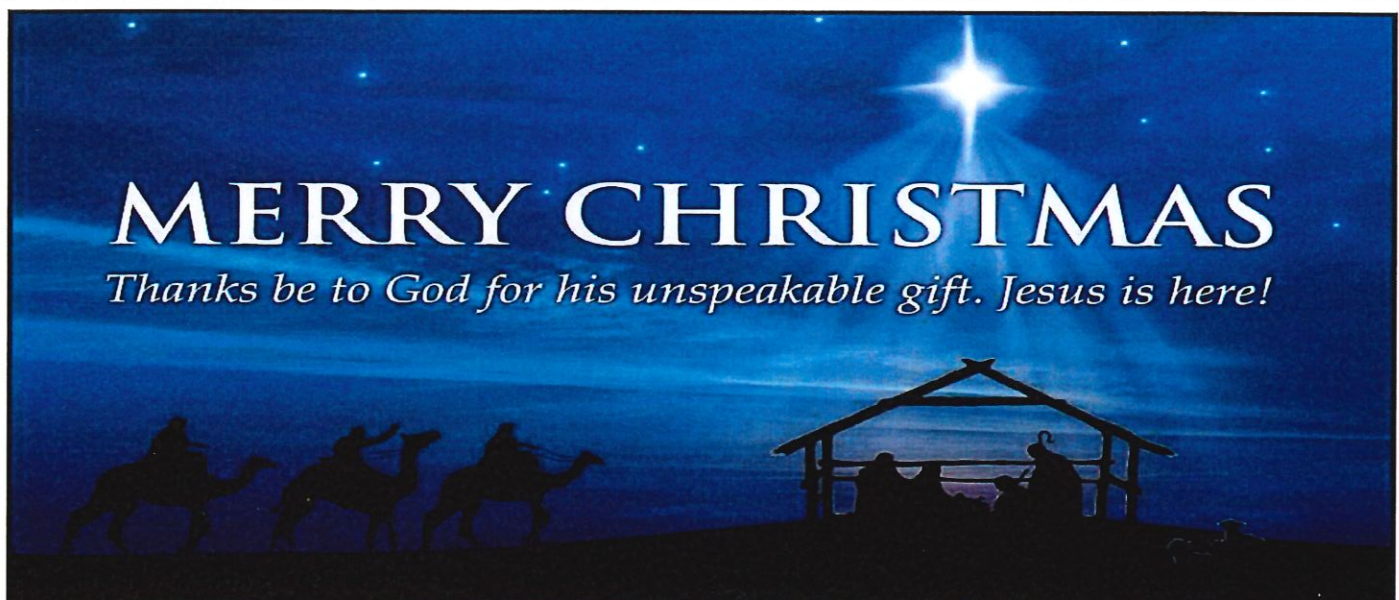
As I read through the readings for the Christmas Masses, the Letter from Paul to Titus, (Titus 2.11-14), spoke directly to my heart. "Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds." Saint Paul says "while we wait for the "blessed hope" and the glory of God. This blessed hope is Jesus himself!

Paul goes on to say, Jesus has told us, we will become "heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3.4-7), because we have been saved through the water of "rebirth and renewed by the Holy Spirit."

The dictionary defines hope as, a noun, "a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen." Does this define hope for you? It most certainly does for me if you insert Jesus into that definition.

And so, this is Christmas followed closely by another New Year. New beginnings, new chances, new hope! My prayer for you all, is that you experience the peace, love, joy and hope that the birth of Christ brings to us all. May this coming year be a good one without any fear!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Dec 27—Jan 6, 2023

Tue Dec 27, Mass 6:30pm

Neil Hanrahan – Agnes Nicol

Gary McLinchey—Doreen McLinchey

Fri Dec 30, Mass 9:00am

For all the souls in Purgatory

~ ~ ~

Thu Jan 5, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Pais e Irmaos de Gilda Viveiros

Francelina Nogueira - Family

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Germana e Guilherme Costa - Connie e Joe Arruda

Leonel & Maria Teresa Goncalves—Family

Gil, Joao Carlos, Natalia Tavares e Pais - M. da Luz Gouveia

Fri Jan 6, Mass 9:00am / followed by Adoration

Special Intention - John VanHeeswyk

Laurindo Carvalho, Deceased Family & Souls of Purgatory

– Amelia Carvalho

Todd LaMantia - Bob & Judy LaMantia

Jeanette Cybulski - Bob & Judy LaMantia

Special Intention of Mary Hoefnagels

Natalia, Jose & Joe Andrade - Jina Andrade



Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Weeks of Dec 27—Jan 6, 2023



Thur Dec 29, Mass 9:00am

Gary McLinchey

– Anne Cadman & Bill McLinchey

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Tue Jan 3, Mass 6:30pm

Special Intention for Anna Paul

- Candace Schiestel

Josef Sitar – Family

Gary McLinchey, Fred Fursman & Rick

Hodkinson – Parkhill Sacred Heart Intercessory

Prayer Team

Brendan McGahan & Steve Soetemans - Parkhill

Sacred Heart Intercessory Prayer Team

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Weeks of Dec 27—Jan 6, 2023



Wed Dec 28, Mass 6:30pm

For all Living & Deceased

Parishioners of West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes

~ ~ ~

Wed Jan 4, Mass 6:30pm

Josef Sitar - family

Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes - Antunes family

St. Charles Garnier: Dear men of our Catholic faith;

I am writing this brief letter to introduce as well as remind you about the Knights of Columbus and our duties as Catholic men 18 or over.

The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, coming from many places, nations, backgrounds, and stages in our lives, but we are all of one faith.

It is a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living where service and charity are at the heart of the Knights of Columbus, founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and under privileged families.

They are devoted to mutual aid through an internal insurance system, to the promotion of the Catholic Church, and to social welfare through community voluntarism and charitable public works.

No matter what stage you are in your life, we are all on a journey together. Join us as role models in a world that needs men who lead, serve, protect and defend.

"In service to one, in service to all for the greater glory of God"

If you are interested in joining this catholic group of men, if you are looking to give back to your community through a faith based organization, please consider joining. The rewards are great and the time requirements are what you can fit in to your busy life.

Please contact either of the following:

Rod Papak

Pope Paul VI Council, Thamesville rpapak@rogers.com

John Smeenk Fr. Ladislaus Council

Blenheim jsmeenk@xplornet.com

Chris Heil St. Raphaels Council

Ridgetown heil.christopher.t@gmail.com



Mental Health and Wellness Speaker

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting:

Mental Health & Wellness Information Session

Wednesday January 25th at 7:00pm

at All Saints Church site, Parish Centre.

Guest Presenter: Tom Katelaars, CYW, and Senior Manager in Children's Mental and Developmental Health

For more information, please contact Ruth Alcadinho, 519-871-6249. All are welcome!



Pastoral Team/ Staff office: 519-245-0644

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. Christian Amogu, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Deacon Jim Vandersanden

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*

**messages can be left at the office for both Deacons*

We will host Take a Break on the second Wednesday of each month: mark it in your calendar.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023



If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us.

Tammy Vandersanden - tvandersanden@execulink.com
Lucy Hendrikx - lulouhendrikx@gmail.com
Anne Roelands - pandaroelands@gmail.com

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!



**New members
Volunteers**

Come Join Us - St. Angela's Room,
All Saints church site (downstairs)

3rd Monday at 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

**Our first meeting of the New Year is
Monday, January 16th, 2023**

Contact: Gwen Waeijen – gwenwaeijen@hotmail.com

Your donations are always greatly appreciated!

*e-transfer – ssvpallsaints@gmail.com
(Income Tax Receipts provided)

Door collection is last Saturday/Sunday every month
after Mass at All Saints Church site.

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St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Email: sacredheart@dol.ca

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site

Tuesday after Mass 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.



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

Strathroy and District Right to Life, invite you to hear Alex Schadenberg, from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, to speak about MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying), on **January 27, at 7:30 pm at East Christian Reformed Church.**

All are welcome!



Revenue & Expenses October 2022

	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$105,889.62	\$ 17,020.95	\$ 12,723.29
Expenditures	\$(44,833.69)	\$(11,768.28)	\$(9,263.48)
Surplus/ Deficit	\$ 61,055.93	\$ 5,252.67	\$ 3,459.81

Thank you for supporting the work of Christ, through his Church



From the Diocese of London

Open Masses resume at St. Peter's Seminary

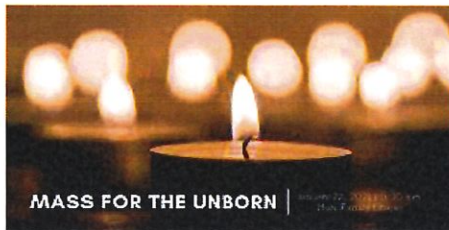
Open Masses on Sundays. We are pleased to announce that every available Sunday, the Seminarians at St. Peter's are experiencing parish life by visiting parishes in the London area. Open Masses at St. Peter's Seminary, 1040 Waterloo St., London: Jan 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Feb 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM; Mar 4, 2023 at 11:15 AM.



Pope's Video for December: For Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

The Pope's video for December invites us to pray "that volunteer non-profit and human organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international co-operation." Volunteerism. Commitment. Coordination. These are three key words of The Pope Video for December. Pope Francis reminds us that "Being a volunteer who helps others, is a choice that makes us free (...). It means being artisans of mercy: with our hands, with our eyes, with an attentive ear, with our closeness." The video and more information can be found at www.thepopevideo.org.

Mass for the Unborn



A Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica with the Rosary commencing at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro presiding.

All are welcome to attend.

Hospitality Ministry

The mission of the hospitality ministry is to provide a welcoming environment of love, acceptance, comfort, support, care, and unity for visitors, members, guests, and friends in order to enhance their worship experience, and encourage discipleship.

Hospitality is a form of outreach to all those who come to our churches for any reason.

There are many ways to do this. For example, greeting those who come to us for Mass on the weekends. But hospitality does not begin and end with the Sunday Mass experience. Hospitality and welcome, is needed for all the events we organize in our parishes. As we begin our sacramental preparation programs, volunteers are needed to greet people, answer questions, give directions, provide refreshments, and to be networkers by talking to those who come to us.

Those who extend hospitality to others are the face of welcome in our parishes and are eager to be of service to others! If you fit this description then we have a mission for you!

Contact Julie de Gouw, jdegouw@dol.ca or 519-245-0644 for more information.



All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

All the members of the CWL wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and everything good for the New Year!

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, then meeting to follow in the Columbian room 7:00pm.



St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

2023 New Year wish to ALL for Personal & World Peace. God's Blessings- Faith, Hope & Love

Next CWL meeting Wed. Jan.25,2023 @ 7pm – parish hall. Discussion new year's directives, budget, fundraising & events.

New Membership still open, share Sisterhood & Fellowship!



Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

Dec. 25th, 2022 – Christmas Dinner working with the North Middlesex Ministerial Association at the Parkhill Community Centre.



Employment Opportunities

The Diocese is seeking an Administrative Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishop and the Moderator of the Curia. St. Peter's Seminary is seeking a Part-Time Cook. All details can be found on the Diocesan website.



First Communion Preparation Dates for 2023

For those children who have completed the in-person First Reconciliation preparation program, registration is now up and running on our website at www.westmiddlesexatholic.dol.ca

Contact jdegouw@dol.ca for more information.



First Communion Prep Dates (5 weeks long)

ALL SAINTS

OPTION A: January 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5 after the 8 am Mass

OPTION B: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5 after the 11 am Mass

OPTION C: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after the 8 am Mass

OPTION D: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after the 11 am Mass

ST CHARLES

OPTION E: Feb 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 after the 9 am Mass

SACRED HEART

OPTION F: Feb 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12 after 10 am Mass

West Middlesex

Catholic Family of Parishes

Senior Youth Ministry



We are very excited to invite you to our senior youth group! We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Join us from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for faith filled fun with friends.

FOOD ✦ FUN ✦ FAITH ✦ FRIENDS

January 15, 2022, St. Charles Garnier Hall

Ages: Highschool and up

Cost: \$5/evening or \$50/year

Please contact us with any questions or for more information:

Lucia Lilbourne (519) 878-3173 or Stacey Landstra (519) 854-3920 or email:

wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

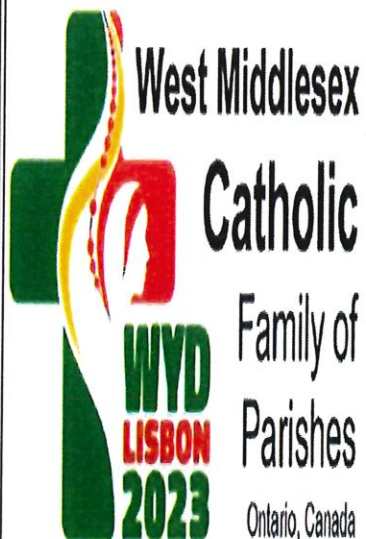
We are looking for volunteers!

Our West Middlesex Senior Youth Ministry is looking for some more volunteers for 2023 to help plan, organize and run youth events. If you have already been or would like to consider being part of this great ministry, please join us at the following meetings at All Saints Parish.

Wednesday January 11, 7PM
Wednesday February 8th, 7PM
Wednesday March 8th, 7PM

If you have any questions, please contact us.
wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

Lucia Lilbourne 519-878-3173 Stacey Landstra 519-854-3920



World Youth Day Group Meeting

Youth & Parents please join us for
Registration night

When: January 8th 7PM

Where: All Saints Parish

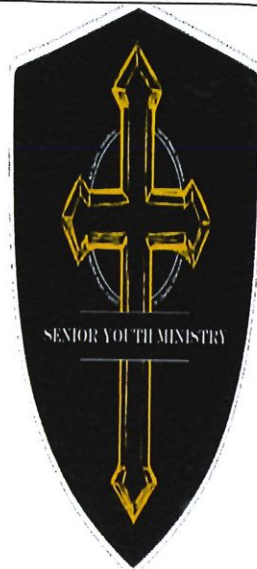
Bring: Deposit cheque of \$500

*Please check expiry dates on passports (March 2024) & personal travel insurance coverage

West Middlesex

Catholic Family of Parishes

Senior Youth Ministry



We are very excited to invite you to our WMSYM
Winter Fun Day January 15 2023!!

Youth ✦ Fun ✦ Day

Meet at All Saints parking lot for 12:15, 12:30 departure. We will head to Boler mountain for a fun filled afternoon of skiing/snowboarding. Once finished at Boler Mountain we will be heading to St Charles for pizza dinner & our 6:30-9PM monthly WMSYM meeting.

Ages: Highschool and up

Cost: \$40/lift ticket & \$40/rental package

Deadline: Please RSVP by January 5th so we can reserve as a group

If you are interested, please contact us for more information, a list of what to bring and information on where to get your waiver.

Lucia Lilbourne (519) 878-3173 or Stacey Landstra (519) 854-3920 or email:

wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

****If you are interested in volunteering for this fun filled youth day, please let us know****

****If you are interested in donating toward the youth fundays or retreats please let us know****

New! Teen Study Information Night

Are you wondering how our Catholic Faith fits with the bigger discussions happening in our culture right now? We are very excited to announce that West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes will sponsor a teen study on Catholic social teaching. The program that we will be using is Ascension's Connected: Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation. This engaging 5-session study introduces sound Catholic teaching on creation, life, race, poverty, and the family.'

The study will be geared towards young adults, grade 9+. The study will begin January 28th and held on each Saturday following Mass with a pizza dinner. The study will end on February 25th. **But first, we need volunteers.**

Christmas Flowers 2022 ~ Donations in Memory of...

Doug Gilliland
John Hartman
Jeff LaMantia
Deceased Members of Devet and Hendrikx Families
Ana Rosa A. Antunes
Manuel Antunes
Jesuvina Antunes
Avelino Assuncao
Maria Rosa
Ermelinda Antunes
Julio Assuncao
Jack Costa
Renaldo Pessoa
Roger & Maria Cosyns
Kyle Gerber
Mary & Carl Gerber
Don & Eleanor Branchflower
Jeffery Brooks
Claire Lamb
Deceased Members of Hubert & Johanna Gubbels
Deceased Members of Minnema Family
Deceased Family of Peter & Wendy Lenders
Manuel & Mariana De Sousa
Manuel Gomes
Gary McLinchey
Deceased Members of Royackers & Van Geffen Families
Cleo & Ardina Gubbels
Matthew Gubbels
Deceased Family of Ed Hadbavny
Harold & Dana Pennell & Deceased Family
Helen Sharina
Nick Fragassi
Carlos Camara & Deceased Family
Helio Mendonca
Clifford & Mary Harper
Bruce Harper
Bernard & Evelyn Mulville
John Rondelez
Deceased Members of Ferguson & Vince Families
Laurindo Carvalho
Deceased Family Members of John & Josie DeGroot
Harry, France & John Verboort
Joanne Gallant
Jeronimo Gomes
Deceased Members of Kustermans & Terpstra Families

Robert Rivard
Deceased Family of Jack Leyten
Joey Van Riel
John & Lucy Vander Vloet
Laurie Van Riel
Conny & John MacIntyre
Deceased Members of Mader & Paiva Families
John Paiva
Monica Vickers
Betty Kelly
Deceased Family of Diane Hogan
Hector Emery
Ray Emery
Deceased Family of David Skipper
Ross Wilson
Adrian Rombouts
Pat Stapleton
Mary Trudell
Maureen Breda
Deceased Family of Cathie Fursman
Deceased Family of Andre & Magda Godts
Bert Oliver
Bert & Cathy Vens
Bill & Marion Cochrane
Ben Rops
Phil & Doris Blondin
Bert & Irene Drouillard
MaryJo Garcia
Deceased Family of Jose & Neusa Marques
Frances Nash
Deceased Family of Arnold & Kia van den Heuvel
Deceased Members of Quenneville Families
Deceased Members of Roose Families
Deceased Members of Moniz Families
Deceased Members of Schaeken & Kustermans Families
Deceased Members of Aarts & Denys Families
Carl & Mary Gerber
Carol Ann Gerber
Deceased Family of Minnie Campbell



Bishop Fabbro's 2022 Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have much to be thankful for this year. As we look back on the last two Christmas seasons when we had to close our churches and opened them but only with very limited capacity, we appreciate even more the gift of being able to gather in our churches and celebrate our faith together.



There is reason for joy and hope this year as we gather to celebrate Jesus' birth. He was born of the Virgin Mary, dwelt among us and gave himself for us that he might redeem us from our sins and "purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:14). Having encountered Jesus

We are thankful for Pope Francis' visit to Canada at the end of July. He came on a penitential pilgrimage to apologize to Indigenous people and help heal the intergenerational wounds suffered because of the residential schools.

We are thankful for the many listening sessions which occurred in our diocese, and which were included in the worldwide consultation for the upcoming Synod of Bishops. The pope's desire is that we become a synodal Church and that these conversations be an ongoing part of our journey, listening to one another, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and discerning how God is calling us to move forward together.

We completed the activation of our Families of Parishes, all 31 of them. It was an enormous project that extended over several years and required vision, hard work and many sacrifices of our priests, pastoral teams, administrative staff, and parishioners. I am deeply grateful to all of you. This new model will give greater stability to our parishes as we seek to serve our people in the years ahead. Becoming a missionary Church that forms disciples of Jesus is a long-term commitment. Nevertheless, it has been encouraging to see the progress we are already making.

ourselves and experienced the joy he gives us, we strive to be a joyful people "zealous for good deeds". We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers, with those who are poor and disadvantaged and with Indigenous people on the path of healing and reconciliation.

"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). This proclamation of the angel to shepherds is the Christmas message. Our God has come to save us. His love forms us to be disciples of Jesus who go out proclaiming to the world this good news of great joy.

Bishop Dabrowski and I will be united with you especially as we celebrate the Eucharist at Christmas. We wish for you and your families the joy of the Gospel. May we know in our hearts that Jesus came to be love for us, so that we can be love for others.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, CSB

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

The Diocese of London: *being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus*



...Coming in 2023

Sharing your faith...

Alpha creates a space for you to invite the people you love; a friend, a family member or colleague, to ask questions and explore the hope of Jesus, maybe for the first time.

Sharing your faith can be scary! The Life Shared Series is a three part series designed to encourage and equip everyone in the church to share their faith! We will have these videos posted to our parish website in the near future and you are invited to watch at your leisure. You are also invited to join us in person to watch the 3 week series together, take part in some small group discussion, prayer and action for a moment of invitation!

Sessions are January 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:00pm at All Saints Church site, in the Parish Centre. Sign up will be provided on our website in the near future.

<https://westmiddlesexcatholic.dol.ca/>

Next Alpha Course: at the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes

Begins: Wednesday February 1st to Wednesday April 19th, 2023, for 11 weekly sessions every Wednesday. A weekend Prayer Day forms part of this course and is scheduled for Saturday March 25th from 9am to 4pm. (No session on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd).

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.

Offered both In Person and Online: Visit our Parish website for more information and registration.

If you have taken Alpha before, and would like to be a Host or Helper on our team, please register online. Any questions, please contact:

Ruth Alcadinho, Alpha Co-Ordinator 519-871-6249

DISCOVER THE SOURCE OF
TRUE FREEDOM IN

Exodus

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
TIM GRAY



Dates – Times – Location

Starting in the new year

Monday Evenings from 7-9 pm
All Saints Parish Strathroy

OR

Tuesday Evenings from 7-9 pm
Sacred Heart Parish Parkhill

Cost – Registration

Please register through the Parish
Website

Cost: \$40 per person
(includes a study workbook)

For More Information

All Saints: Garth or Joni Anderson
519-247-3063

OR

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When God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and into a life of freedom as his people, it was the defining moment in Israel's history. *Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than just seeking to free his people from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free his people from the far more dangerous grip of sin.

Presenter Tim Gray explains how the Exodus story is not just Israel's story but our story as well, because it reveals who God is and who he calls us to be. Discover the divine purpose behind the plagues of Egypt and how God's law reflects his love and concern. Learn the keys to authentic freedom and how a proper understanding of Exodus can illuminate one's understanding of the Christian faith.

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