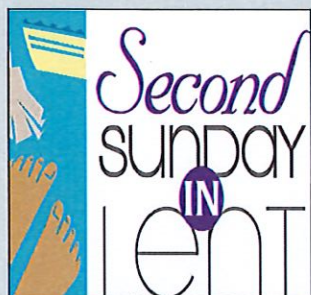




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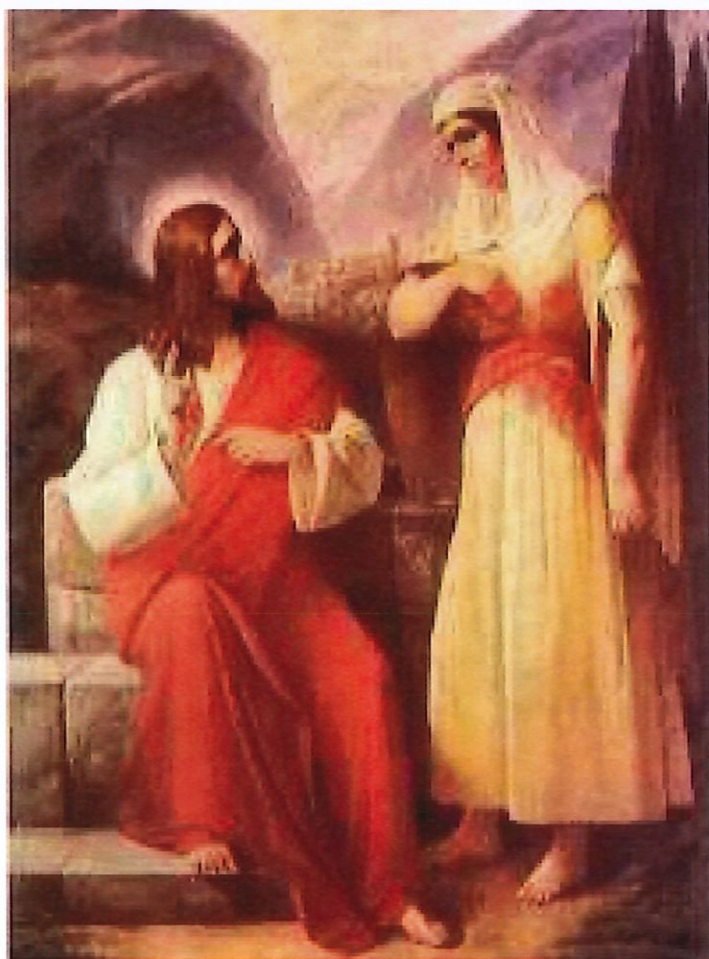


March 5, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent & March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 5

- ♦ the Church listening with great attention to the voice of the Father's beloved Son
- ♦ nations weighed down with poverty and violence seeking the ways of justice and peace
- ♦ those living with chronic illness and for those who care for them in their need
- ♦ members of this community bearing hardships for the sake of the gospel
- ♦ those longing to awake in the presence of God and for all who mourn their absence
- ♦ partners of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada round the world, who give hope, help and comfort to those afflicted by natural and human-made disasters
- ♦ Deacon Dominic Vu, Rev. Phil Guimaraes, Rev. Christopher Gillespie, Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith, Deacon Andre Dedecker, Mrs. Betty Hompoth Pastoral Minister, Deacon Victor Salazar



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 12

- ♦ Rev. Gerard Bedard, Rev. Joseph Kannath, Mrs. Alice Chinnick Catechist, Rev. Russell (Rusty) Shantz, Mr. Filipe Da Silva Pastoral Minister of Faith Formation, Rev. Anthony Eboh, Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski



At a glance ...

- ♦ For Lenten Missions available at other local parishes, please see the website.
- ♦ For the Lenten season, there will be Mass on Mondays at 6:30pm at All Saints Church. The Rosary will be prayed at 6pm before Mass.
- ♦ Share Lent materials and the Lent/Holy week schedule is available for you to pick up.
- ♦ Before heading out to weekday Mass, check the bulletin for an updated schedule!
- ♦ For Up-To-Date Changes and Cancellations, please contact the office to sign up for our messaging system, Flock Note.



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. Deadline is Sunday, April 2nd.

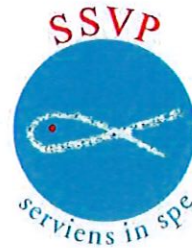


EASTER APPEAL - 2023

During the month of March, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Strathroy, will be collecting non-perishable items, which will be donated to the Caring Cupboard, Oneida, and the Women's Rural Resource Centre.

This collection will take place in the Narthex beginning on Saturday, March 4th up to Saturday, April 1st.

Thank you for your generous donations!



Development and Peace

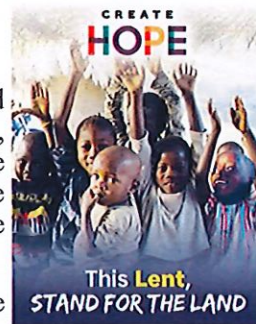
Week 2: March 5

The courage to Create Hope

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.



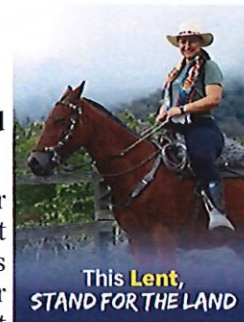
Week 3: March 12

Colombia: defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.



Weekly Reflection

March 5th 2nd Sunday of Lent and March 12th Third Sunday of Lent 2023

Have you ever gone on vacation to a place that was so perfect, you just wanted to stay there forever? Have you ever been so at peace mentally and spiritually that you wished you could keep the peace of mind you have obtained indefinitely? I, for sure have!

In the Gospel from Matthew, Peter experiences the transfiguration of Jesus, and wants to set up dwellings and stay there permanently. How wonderful for Peter to be in the presence of Jesus, Moses and Elijah! Peter does not understand the purpose of the transfiguration or the appearance of Moses and Elijah. Yes, Peter thinks this is absolutely perfect and wants to remain there forever.

Into this perfect moment on the mountain top, God speaks and says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Now we know the purpose of the mountaintop experience. The disciples hear God telling them that Jesus is his Son and they are to listen to him. In other words, they need to take Jesus seriously.

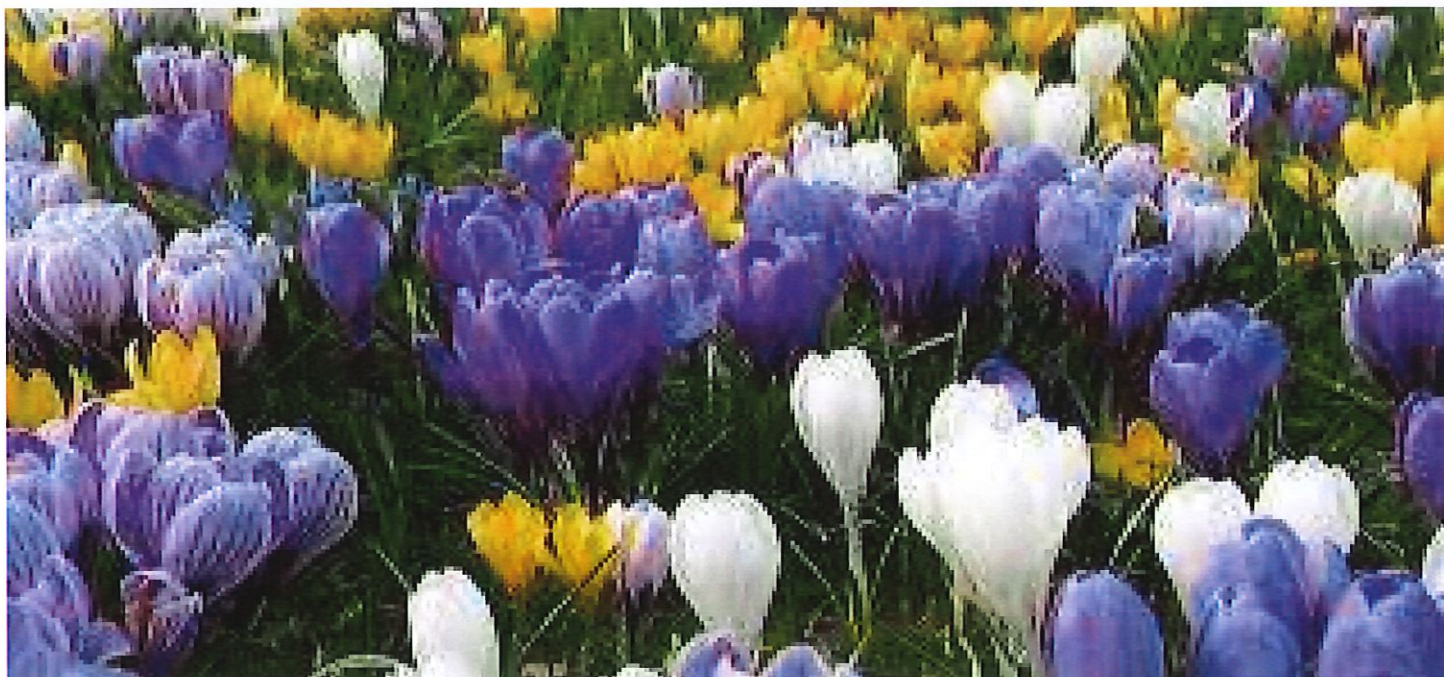
Like Peter, our "mountain top" experiences give us a feeling of goodness, wonder and awe but the purpose of these mountain top experiences is not just about a feeling rather though, what we can take away from these experiences. Many graces can be found in these moments. These moments are God given and are for us to see that we too are the beloved of Christ. I find myself thinking back, especially in times of prayer, to a time when I knew I was having a mountain top experience, and re-living the wonderful feelings I felt. I now know, that feeling was actually grace being given to me.

Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up the mountain, so they could have a glimpse of him in his glory. Unfortunately, they would not see him in his full glory again until after he had risen from the dead.

We cannot stay in those mountain top moments pondering the past experiences we have had. Yes, those times lift us up and affirm our faith. Perhaps these moments are meant to give us a glimpse into life everlasting with Jesus.

Like a favorite photograph that evokes memories of a special event or time in our life, we do not focus only on that picture. If we did, we could remain stuck in time and fail to move forward. Our spiritual life is much the same. We can't stay on the mountain waiting for more wonderful experiences to happen to us. Formation is necessary for spiritual growth. Continue to seek out God, strengthen your relationship with Jesus in prayer, read faith-based books, read scripture daily and pray about what you read. However, our discipleship will be most complete if we will keep our spiritual eyes open to see the glory that more often manifests itself in our daily lives. The daily grind is where we live. Let us find the glory that is present even there.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of March 6 – 17

Mon Mar 6, 6:00pm Rosary, 6:30pm Mass
Special Intention for Lucius Joseph
– Triesman family



Tue Mar 7, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Thu Mar 9, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass
Leonel & Maria Teresa Goncalves – Family
Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda
– Teresa Salgado
Josef Sitar - Family
Antonio & Iria Silva - Margarida Milhomens
Maria Ines Azevedo - Emmanuel Furtado
Luis Couto - Eduarda Couto

**Fri Mar 10, 9:30am Mass with OLI School/
7:00pm Stations of the Cross**
Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash
– Joe Nash
Mary & Gerry Derks – Family
Jeff LaMantia - Judy & Bob LaMantia
Natalia, Jose & Joe Andrade - Jina Andrade
Manuel & Luisa Alcaldinho - Family
Pat Howe - Larry & Mary MacDonald

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Mon Mar 13, 6:00pm Rosary, 6:30pm Mass
Special Intention for Heather Minten – Kaitlyn Mathieson

Tue Mar 14, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Thu Mar 16, 6:00pm Via Sacra / 6:30pm Mass
Arthur Macedo - Family
Manuel Gomes - Zulmira & Family
Francisco DaPonte e defuntos das familias DaPonte e Rocha
– Judite DaPonte
Em honra a Sao Jose e Sao Judas Tadeu - Amelia Carvalho
Manuel & Isolina Pereira - Family
Olivia, Angela & Alda Aguiar - Family

Fri Mar 17, 9:00am Mass/7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Delfim Desa – Family
Holy Trinity, Our Lady & St. Joseph - Jina Andrade
Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families
– Estate
Patricia Howe - Anna Linklater
Brendan & Carol McGahan - Margaret Adams
Special Intention for Josephine Moir - Margaret Adams

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Weeks of March 6 - 17



Tue Mar 7, 6:30pm Mass
In Thanksgiving - Margarida Pontes
Owen Horlacher - Konrad Scheib

Thur Mar 9, 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Fri Mar 10, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

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Tue Mar 14, 6:30pm Mass
Josef Sitar – Family
Tony Bax - Sacred Heart CWL

Thur Mar 16, 9:00am Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

Fri Mar 17, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of March 6 - 17



Wed Mar 8, 5:45pm Stations of the Cross/6:30pm Mass

Josef Sitar – family
Manuel & Jesuvina Antunes - Antunes family
Jake Van Bilsen - David Skipper

Fri Mar 10, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hours with Adoration

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Wed Mar 15, 5:45pm Stations of the Cross/6:30pm Mass

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families - Estate
Special Intention for Agnes Benoit - Pat Kelly

Fri Mar 17, 6:30pm Liturgy of the Hour with Adoration



Check out our Diocesan website for latest news, upcoming events, employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.dol.ca for all your information needs with respect to the Dioceses of London.

Pastoral Team/ Staff office:519-245-0644

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22 (Sabbatical)

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 VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*

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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



EDGE - Youth in Grades 5-8 are invited!

Please join EDGE on Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Sacred Heart Church site, in Parkhill. We will continue with our series learning about the sacraments.

Come out for a night of games, snacks, and fellowship as we explore the sacrament of baptism.

For more information, please email edgewmcfp@gmail.com.

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Sacred Heart, Parkhill

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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



Lent

Revenue & Expenses December 2022

	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$110,648.99	\$ 25,220.15	\$ 15,857.23
Expenditures	<u>\$ (74,924.55)</u>	<u>\$ (15,551.25)</u>	<u>\$ (10,452.25)</u>
Surplus	\$ 35,724.44	\$ 9,668.90	\$ 5,404.98

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From the Diocese of London

Come and See Weekend

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to an in-person 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, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary. Friday, March 17th to Sunday, March 19th, at St. Peter's Seminary. Please get in touch with Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca for more information. To register, visit our website at www.dolpriest.ca/registration.



Service Days for Teens

The Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry office is offering a Service Days for high school students during the March Break holiday, one in the Windsor and one in London. During these days the teens will complete at least 10 hours of community service that they can use as a part of the 40 hours they need to graduate from high school. Thursday, March 16 for the London region (8:30am-8:00pm). Once your teen is registered, Christine Coyle will send more information about locations, drop off & pick up times and the liability forms that must be signed by parents/guardians needed to participate. For more details and for teens to sign up, please have them go to <https://dol.ca/service-day-for-teens>. Spots are limited!

Family Free Skates

The Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry office will be hosting a free skate on Wednesday, March 15 at Carling Arena from 1:00-2:00pm (London and area). There is no cost to these family fun skates. Please note: Children must wear helmets at all times. To manage numbers for this event, please encourage families to register at: <https://dol.ca/deanery-family-events>. Once people are registered Christine Coyle will send out more details.

King's University College March Break Open House

All are welcome to explore and discover learning opportunities at King's University College on Saturday, March 11, noon – 4:00pm.

Start your day at King's in the Daryl J. King Student Life Centre with opening remarks at noon followed by tours, academic and student support services booths as well as meeting our Campus Ministry team. There will be special seminars on living

CCCB Video Series for Lent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will be releasing a new video series for Lent 2023. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22), Journey through Lent will offer an introduction to the Season and reflections on Gospel readings of each Sunday in Lent. The short videos will be posted on the CCCB website. Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released in English and in French. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

NOTE: We will NOT be having Take A Break in March.

Our next Take a Break Day in Parkhill, will be on Wednesday, April 12th.



All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

Our General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 700pm in the St. Columbian Room. Let's wear some GREEN in honour of St. Patrick!

Don't forget that there are Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent.



St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Next general CWL meeting Wed. March 22, 2023 at 7pm - in parish hall.

CWL Memberships Welcome - ' Sisters in Christ ' Faith, Service & Social Justice - contact Shirley Gilliland (519) 852- 0394



Lenten Reconciliation (Confessions)

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

Penance and Prayer in Every Parish



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The Diocese of London has set Wednesday, March 29 as the day of Confession.

There will be a priest at all church sites during this day as follows:

All Saints church site

2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm

Sacred Heart church site

4pm – 7pm

St. Charles Garnier church site

4pm – 6pm and following Mass – 8pm

Al-Anon Meetings

You are welcome to attend Al-Anon meetings, every Tuesday at 1:30pm at All Saints church site, in the St. Angela's room, in the lower level.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Upcoming Spring Events

Monthly Youth Night

Feb. 19th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

All Saints Church Site

Mar. 19th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

All Saints Church Site

Apr. 16th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church Site

May. 21st - 6:30 to 9:00 PM

All Saints Church Site

Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally

Toronto - March 4th

Bus from Strathroy

Skating at

West Middlesex Memorial Centre

Public skating for the family

March 19th - 1 - 3 PM

Spring Dance

Details to follow

Apr. 21st

A Year in a Day - Summer Kick Off

Details to Follow

June 3rd



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. Please join us at the following meetings at All Saints church site, Columbian Room.

Wednesday March 8th, 7PM

Any questions, contact:
wmsyouthministry@gmail.com

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



Sunday, March 19—WMSYM Youth Mass @ 11am, at All Saints church site - volunteers needed!

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Family Free Skate
Sunday, March 19th - 1pm-3pm
West Middlesex Memorial Centre
Strathroy

** this is a West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes sponsored event for all parishioners & families*



CALLING ALL YOUTH ages 17-21 for a fun retreat weekend!

COR 37 (Christ in Others) retreat will be held this March 24-26 at St. Patrick's school in Dublin, ON. This is an exciting opportunity to gather in faith with other youth.

For more information or to register please contact:

Gerald and Veronica Kolkman by email: gkolkman310@gmail.com or by phone at 519-347-2689



The West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Tom Ketelaars, for his presentation on Mental Health held February 9th at All Saints Church site. Forty people were privileged to hear Tom speak and we look forward to more presentations of this nature in the near future.



West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 1 & 2

Regular weekend Mass times at all Church sites



Monday of Holy Week, Mass of Chrism, April 3

All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration where the Holy Oils used in the administration of the sacraments are blessed.

Monday, April 3, 7:00pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London.

Holy Thursday, April 6

at All Saints Church site

*Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until
10:00pm.*



Good Friday Liturgies, April 7

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

All Saints Church site

11:00am

3:00pm

Sacred Heart Church site

3:00pm

St. Charles Garnier Church site

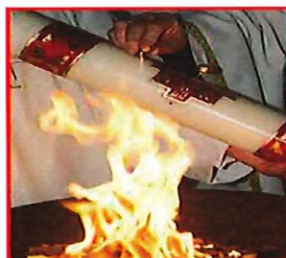
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Holy Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil Liturgy

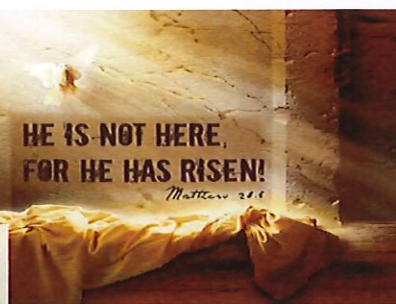
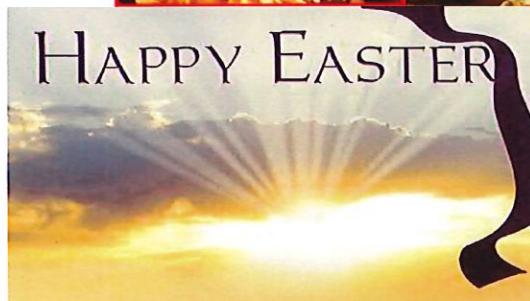
at All Saints Church site

8:00pm



Easter Sunday Masses, April 9

*Regular weekend Mass times
at all church sites*



Romeiros

There is a traditional pilgrimage in Sao Miguel, Azores Island, which dates to the 16th century, to 1522 when a very powerful earthquake and consecutive seismic activities shattered the city of Vila Franca do Campo. The first pilgrims started off after the earthquake to ask for God's protection against further natural disasters and to atone for their own and every other inhabitant's sins.



Ever since, every year for a week during the months of February and March, the male population of Sao Miguel, set off on their pilgrimage around the island in groups of 30 to 200. They visit over 100 churches and chapels on their way, while praying and singing religious songs. Their dress code is strictly defined and so is the role of every individual in the group. They are all wearing a checkered shawl on their backs, a colourful scarf, a rosary around their neck, and holding a special walking cane which they always put down on the ground before entering a church or a chapel.

The pilgrimage takes one week, during which the men are walking from dawn till dusk, with no food, only to retire in the evenings into the houses of local hosts, where they are given a meal and a place to sleep.

To remember and carry on the tradition, there is a group from our family of parishes that walk from All Saints Cemetery to the church on Palm Sunday. Chanting the religious prayers and songs, wearing the appropriate attire, the group arrive at the church in time to attend the 11am Mass and gather following the Mass to share a meal together in the church hall.

Anyone interested in joining the Romeiros this year, please contact:
Joe Garcia 519-245-4604.

Practices will be held on:
Sunday, March 19 and 26 at 3pm at
All Saints church site in the parish
hall.



St. Patrick's Day Social



Friday, March 17th, 2023
6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Church Site,
Parkhill
For Stations of the Cross

Followed by
A Social at
7:00 pm
Parkhill Leisure Club
176 Broadway St., Parkhill



All are welcome.
We hope to have a
nice evening out with
other members of our
West Middlesex
Family of Parishes

