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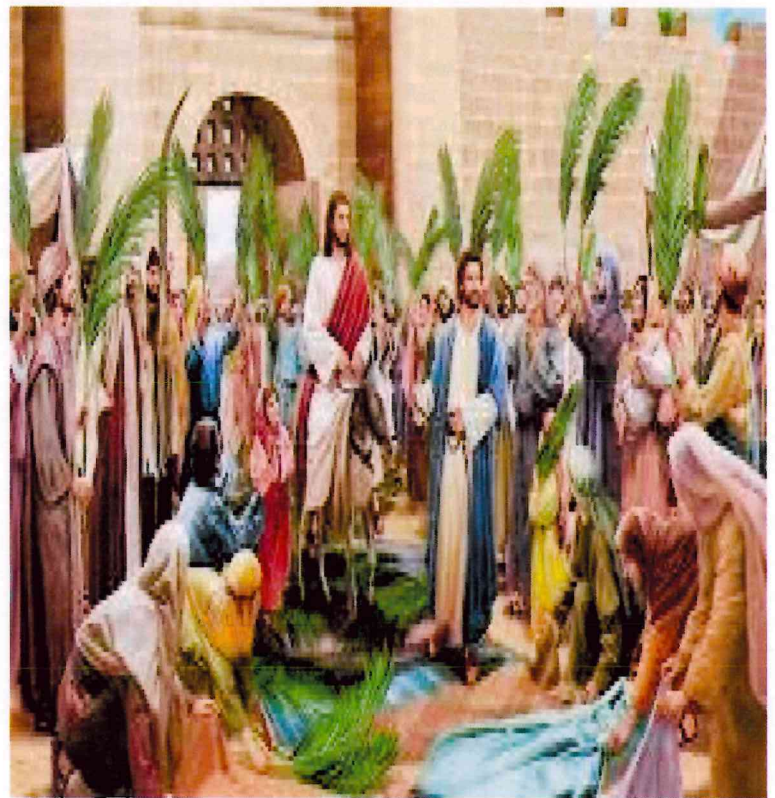
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April 2, 2023 Passion (Palm) Sunday



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, April 2

- ♦ those who will be asked to bear witness to their faith find comfort in the loving kindness of God
- ♦ those exercising stewardship of the world's resource find ways of sharing them justly and with generosity
- ♦ those feeling abandoned by the church seek solace and identification in the Suffering Servant
- ♦ our final days of preparing for the Paschal feasts set our hearts ablaze with the fire of God's love
- ♦ the young people of the world who are mobilizing and calling on world leaders to take concrete action to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change, which is rendering their present and their future increasingly uncertain
- ♦ those who have died sharing in Christ's passion come to the joy of the resurrection
- ♦ Rev. Eugene Roy, Catholic Elementary School Teachers, Ms. Francine Visser Pastoral Minister



At a glance ...

- ♦ The office will be closed on Thursday, April 6 from noon, until Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00am.
- ♦ Before heading out to weekday Mass, check the bulletin for an updated schedule!
- ♦ Deadline for donating "in memory of" Easter Flowers is today, Sunday, April 2.



Weekly Reflection

Reflection for Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Today's Second Reading took me back to my days of learning at St. Peter's Seminary!

While attending the seminary to obtain a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, all of us students would gather in the chapel to pray evening prayer, "Liturgy of the Hours", together. One of my favorite hymns sung at evening prayer was "Though in the Form of God" a hymn based on Paul to the Philippians 2.6-11. This is the scripture for Palm Sunday's Second Reading.

Today is Palm Sunday otherwise known as Passion Sunday. How interesting this Sunday has two names, but it is appropriately named. We begin the liturgy with palms greeting Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem upon a donkey being hailed with "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The reading of the Passion follows where Jesus is ridiculed, tortured and nailed to a tree to be crucified.

In the second reading, Paul is writing to the Philippians explaining who Christ Jesus was. Paul tells us Jesus had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, and became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death - and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion. Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth - even those long ago dead and buried - will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

This reading from Paul, in between the Palm and the Passion, reflects on both the Palm Sunday liturgy and the Good Friday liturgy. The evening office of the Liturgy of the Hours, traditionally have always reflected on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus making the canticle "Though in the Form of God" a perfect companion to the prayer.

As Lent draws to a close, remember you are not looking out for your own interests but of those of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Jesus Christ and humble yourself. Therefore, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. If you get a chance, look up the hymn, "Though in the Form of God" in the CBW #687 or listen to it on You Tube. Enjoy!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister.



All Saints, Strathroy-Week of April 4-7

Thu Apr 6, 7:00pm Mass - Holy Thursday

Good Friday Liturgy Apr 7 at
11:00am and 3:00pm



Good Friday Meatless Soup Lunch
after the 11:00am church Liturgy, April 7,
at All Saints Church site, Parish Centre

Please come out and enjoy our soups, served with buns and beverage.

Free-will offering accepted, with all donations going to L'Arche and St. Joseph's Hospice, London.



Pots of soup will be gratefully accepted at the kitchen door by the CWL ladies between 10:00-11:00am, in the parish centre. Please mark your pan and lid with your name and phone number.

Good Friday ' Poor Man's Meatless Soup Lunch
After the 11:00am church Liturgy, April 7,
at St. Charles Garnier Church site, Parish Hall

All welcome to enjoy a variety of meatless soups, served with a bun & beverage.

Free-will offering accepted, with donations going to Glencoe St. Vincent de Paul.



The Knights of Columbus, Strathroy Council, would like to thank everyone who came out to the Fish Fry last week. It was a huge success! Thank you!



**Our next Take a Break Day will be on
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

Coffee Social at 10:30 followed by lunch provided by the CWL at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 10th and indicate any food restrictions.

Hope to see you and your kids on the 12th.

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Share Lent Collection

Thank you for your generosity with the annual Share Lent Collection. There is still time to make a donation. Please make cheques payable to your particular parish (i.e. Sacred Heart, St. Charles Garnier, All Saints).

If you have already made a cheque payable to Share Lent Development and Peace, it will be forwarded and you will receive the Income Tax Receipt from them directly.

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Week of April 4-7

Tue Apr 4, Reconciliation 5:45pm,
6:30pm Mass

Harry & Nettie Rops
- Joseph & Johanna Minten
Helene & Gary Scheib - Konrad Scheib
Special Intention for Lydia Dahms
- Candace Schiestel



St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Week of April 4-7

Wed Apr 5, 5:45pm Stations of the
Cross & Reconciliation/ 6:30pm
Mass

Albert Matthys - Loretta & Family
Dianne Copeland - Rich & ML
DePelsmaeker
Mike Drouillard - family
Gizele Fournier - Marc Fournier
Harry Mezenberg - David Skipper



Good Friday Liturgy, April 7, 11:00am

CWL NEWS—St. Charles Garnier

Next general meeting Wed. April 19, at 7:00pm in the parish hall.



' Sisters in Christ ' - Faith , Service & Social Justice CWL memberships welcome - contact Shirley G. (519)852-0394.

Help Save the Environment - ' Milk Bag Mats ' Program - donate used milk bags - collection box at church entrance. Clean, flat bags will be cut into strips then woven into mats which are delivered to third world countries & community homeless.



CWL NEWS—All Saints

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm in the Columbian Room. Come out and join us in welcoming back our President, Pauline de Jeu!



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

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Development and Peace—April 2

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share
Lent 2022!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada
thanks you for supporting the People and
Planet First campaign with your Share Lent
donation. Thanks to your generosity. This
will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia,
Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to
place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate
online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are
working to build a world of peace and justice.



Strathroy Right to Life Dinner

April 15 @ All Saints Catholic Church, Strathroy
We are pleased to announce an amazing speaker for
the Strathroy & District Right to Life's
dinner and Silent Auction (April 15) -
Suzanne Flier is the Executive Director of Fresh
Start Support Services.

Fresh Start supports families in a safe housing
community and through community programs.
Items for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at
the church, in the afternoon, on the day of the
dinner

We hope to see many of you .

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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 before 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



Revenue & Expenses February 2023

	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$ 43,592.00	\$ 7,130.11	\$ 7,807.20
Expenditures	\$ 38,317.92	\$ 11,736.63	\$ 7,516.51
Surplus	\$ 5,274.08	\$ (4,606.52)	\$ 290.69

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

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule



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

****Incense will be used***

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

11:00am

Holy Saturday, April 8

****Incense will be used***

Easter Vigil Liturgy

at All Saints Church site

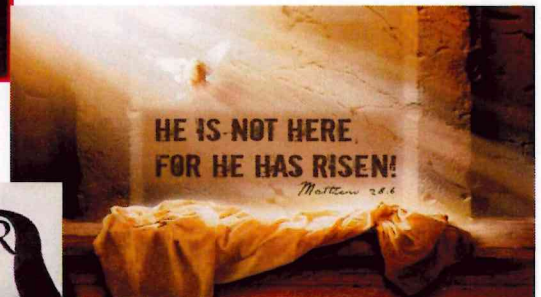
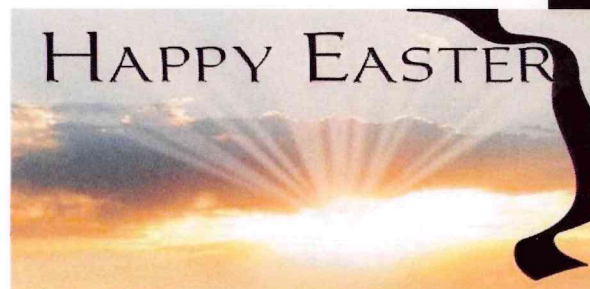
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Easter Sunday Masses, April 9

Regular weekend Mass times

at all church sites



Feast of Divine Mercy

Everyone is invited to come out to celebrate this important feast day, the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16th, 3:00 pm at the Divine Mercy Garden in Sylvan...32481 Sylvan Rd, North Middlesex.

Jesus so wants us to know of His inconceivable mercy...He wants to pour out an ocean of mercy on those who come to Him! This is what Jesus said to St. Faustina:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

(Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699)

If you cannot receive the sacrament of Confession on Divine Mercy Sunday, you can receive Confession shortly (a week) before or shortly (a week) after Divine Mercy Sunday; it does not have to be on Divine Mercy Sunday. Going to Mass on Sunday to receive Holy Communion certainly disposes our hearts as Jesus asked. Jesus wants us to come to Him! He wants to give us "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"! What a gift!

Please join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together at the 3 o'clock hour. As this is outdoors, please dress accordingly for the weather, bring your rosaries and your lawn chairs, blankets for warmth. There will be light refreshments and fellowship following prayers.



West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes A Time of Remembrance Prayer Service Sunday, April 23, 2:00pm All Saints Church Site, Strathroy



There are many special days during the year in which we remember our deceased loved ones and Easter is no exception. As Easter approaches, the pain felt because of the loss of a loved one intensifies. Therefore, we are offering a time to give comfort and hope to celebrate the lives of our departed loved ones during the Easter season as we celebrate the greatest feast, The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A "Time of Remembrance" prayer service and blessing of candles will take place on Sunday, April 23rd, at 2:00pm for all West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes at the All-Saints Church Site in Strathroy. Families who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently or in the past few years, are invited to the service. Please call the parish office to mark your attendance. A candle will be provided in memory of your loved one, in which we ask that you submit their name at the time of registration.

For more information, please call the parish office at 519-245-0644.

*Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to Stay.
Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of Faith. Grief is the Price of Love.*