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FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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

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**January 21, 2024  
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and  
January 28, 2024  
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, January 21*

- ◆ *ecclesial and world leaders that they heed the call to bring about reconciliation in war torn lands*
- ◆ *all Christian communities that joining together they will express their common faith in caring actions*
- ◆ *For a prompt and determined response on the part of all men called by Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven as priests*
- ◆ *present day disciples striving to change oppressive systems*
- ◆ *this family of parishes, enlivened by the Gospel to share their faith in word and action*
- ◆ *all who have died, that they be drawn toward the radiant face of Christ*
- ◆ *Rev. John Comiskey, Rev. Paul Kim, Rev. Paul Nicholson, Deacon Richard Heath, Mrs. Alexandria Fung Pastoral Minister to Families and Youth, Rev. Michael Dwyer, Ursuline Sisters of Chatham,*



*Please keep in your prayers .... Sunday, January 28*

- ◆ *Rev. Joe Montepeque, Mrs. Kathryn Heemsherk Pastoral Minister, Hospital Chaplains of the Diocese of London, Erika Eaglesham Pastoral Minister, Rev. Christopher Bourdeau, Rev. Sekar Raj, Mrs. Maija Wilson Campus Minister*



# *Reflection*

## **Reflection 3rd and 4th Sundays in Ordinary Time, January 21st and 28th, 2024**

Jesus says, “come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

What if Jesus walked into your workplace today and asked the same of you? How would you respond?

Our response might not require us to walk away from our place of employment or job, but what if the call was to change how we worked at that job or to change how we live our lives? By this I mean, do people see Jesus in us each and every day at work?

I can remember, many years ago, when someone from another church came knocking on the door of my house, to tell me that I was destined for hell unless I joined their church. Imagine my surprise when I recognized one of the women speaking these words to me, as the teller at the grocery store where I shopped. I could not just slam the door and walk away but rather, I needed to gently explain that I was a Roman Catholic and belonged to the church founded by Jesus more than 2000 years ago. To join her church, founded by a man a couple of hundred years ago, was not an option for me. I also needed to make sure that the next time I came face to face with the woman that I knew, I would still be able to talk to her.

Do people see us at work as the same person who attends Mass on Sunday? Are we superficial or fake in our faith out in the world away from church? Do we shy away from living out our Catholic faith in public afraid of what others may think?

The disciples called by Jesus did not hesitate to respond with their “yes”. They did not take time to think it through, weighing the pros and cons. No, they just got up and followed. Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Immediately they changed their lives and gave themselves over to Jesus.

“The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Jesus taught from the heart, this is how he lived, and he practiced what he preached. When John baptized Jesus, Jesus was filled with the unconditional love of his Father. As Jesus fulfilled his mission, he carried with him that love of the Father. This love filled him with an unconditional love for others. This love gave him the courage to speak on behalf of the Father. Jesus offers this love to all of us.

I know now that the words spoken to Jesus when he was baptized are words spoken to me and to all who are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Once I have accepted the truth that I am God’s beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister.





## At a glance ...

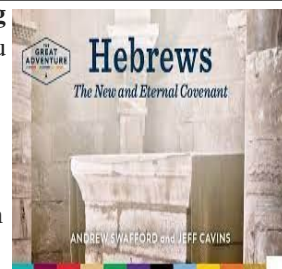
- SSVP will have their monthly collection at All Saints the weekend of January 27/28.
- There will no longer be announcements at weekend Masses, so please read the bulletin and don't forget to mark your personal calendars with any important dates or events you don't want to miss. **Sign up for Flocknotes to get the bulletin and any updates sent directly to you. See website.**
- **Each Tuesday morning at 10am a small group of parishioners join together in the Chapel, at All Saints, to pray The Holy Rosary.** Each week we pray a different set of Mysteries. Every month we focus on a particular need, along with prayers for our parishioners and our personal intentions. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. This usually takes about 40 minutes.
- Lenten Companion—reserve your copy on our website. More details in this bulletin.

**It's that time of year to start preparing for our next bible study!** We invite you to join us in January to study the 8 week Ascension Press *Hebrews*:

*The New & Eternal Covenant.*

Do We Realize How Richly We've Been Blessed?

Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith, but its highly refined theological concepts can be difficult for even the most seasoned Bible scholars to unpack.



**All Saints  
Wednesdays 7-9 pm**

**Sacred Heart  
Mondays 7-9 pm**

**St Charles Garnier  
Thursdays 2-4 pm**



**Our Family of Parishes Confirmation information meeting for all Confirmation Candidates and their parents, will be on:**

**Thursday, February 8th, 2024  
7:00pm, in the Parish Centre  
All Saints church**

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** [WPCU] is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18-25 in the northern hemisphere). Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly-organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: **"You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself."**



## CALLED BY NAME

-- a program to promote vocations to the priesthood  
will begin in our parish in two weeks. Let us pray for vocations.

### Qualities Desired in a Candidate For Priesthood

He is:

1. One who considers a personal relationship with God as an important part of life.
2. One who has an ability and willingness to talk about his faith life.
3. One who has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives.
4. One who is willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church.
5. One who is recognized as being approachable.
6. One who enjoys life, people, and has a sense of humor.
7. One who has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages.
8. One who recognizes the importance of the Church.
9. One who forms and maintains healthy relationships with both men and women.
10. One who feels good about himself, has average to above average intelligence, and has good physical, mental and emotional health.



**If you wish to have the bulletin sent directly to your inbox, or to get any last minute updates or changes happening across our family of parishes, please go to our website and sign up by clicking on the button above. It's that easy! Never miss another bulletin or update again.**



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**



**Remember that  
you are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.**  
*Ecclesiastes 3:20*

### Mass times:

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>All Saints, Strathroy</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sacred Heart, Parkhill</b>
<b>12noon</b>	<b>All Saints, Strathroy</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>All Saints, Strathroy</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe</b>

## **All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of Jan 23—Feb 2**

Confession times: Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45pm

### **Tue, Jan 23, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Special Intention for Joe Nash & reposed soul of Frances Nash – Joe Nash  
Pauline de Jeu - Mark & Nancy Walters  
Robert Meyer - Nancy & Mark Walters  
Francisco Da Costa - Deolinda e Agostinho Pereira



### **Wed, Jan 24, Mass 9:00am**

Frank Ferguson - Mary Ellen Ferguson  
Delfim & Jonathan Desa - Maria Desa  
Francisco DaPonte - John VanHeeswyk  
Special Intention of Rob Chodowicz - Margaret & Jim Adams  
Special Intention for Bella Watters - Margaret & Jim Adams  
Doreen Martin - Suzanne Murray

### **Thu, Jan 25, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm (Port/Eng)**

Francisco e Idalina Couto - Ofelia Paiva  
Joao e Rosarinha Arruda - Jose e Gilda Viveiros  
Denny Couto - Angelina Almeida  
Modesta DaPonte - Vanessa DaPonte  
Antonio, Maria, Artur e Andy Arruda - Connie & Joe Arruda  
Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda  
- Teresa Salgado

### **Fri, Jan 26, Mass 9:30am with OLI school**

Special Intention for Michael Bodsworth  
- Eric & Virginia Hogervorst  
In Memory of Thomas Simpson  
- OLPA Board & School Community  
Angelo Brum & Deceased Family - Liliana Brum  
Maria Bartoch - Agnes Nicol  
Antonio & Conceicao Farpelha & Deceased Family  
- Liliana Brum  
Frank Zwinkels - Maria Zwinkels

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### **Tue, Jan 30, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm**

Francisco Da Costa - Katie Ketelaars  
Jose Moniz - Laudalina Moniz  
Carlos Camara & Souls of Purgatory - Madalena Camara  
Olivia, Angela, Alda; Manuel & Isolina Pereira - Pereira family  
Helio Mendonca, Deceased family & Friends - Maria Mendonca  
Francisco Pedro & Deceased family – Evelina Pedro

### **Wed, Jan 31, Mass 9:45am with SVDP school**

Pauline de Jeu - Jim & Margaret Adams  
Special Intention of Diego Romeiro - Jim & Margaret Adams  
In Thanksgiving for our Parish Priests - Rose Sinclair  
Harry Van Bommel - Jerry & Bobbie Vens  
Marion & Bill Cochrane; Bert & Cathy Vens & deceased members of the families - Jerry & Bobbie  
Susanne Walker – Rosary Group

### **Thu, Feb 1, Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm (Port/Eng)**

Manuel & Ana Meirinho - Maria Quadros  
Manuel Fernandes - Vanessa DaPonte

### **Fri, Feb 2, Mass 9:00am followed by Adoration**

Francisco Pinheiro & in Thanksgiving to Santo Braz  
- Piedade Pinheiro  
Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho  
Special Intention of Vicki Rosedale  
Special Intention for Alan Payne - Jim & Margaret Adams  
In Honour of the Holy Spirit - Jina Andrade  
For Peace in the World - Maria Zwinkels

## **Sacred Heart, Parkhill** **Weeks of Jan 23—Feb 2**

Confession times: Tuesdays 5:30– 6:15pm

### **Tue, Jan 23, Mass 6:30pm**

Luigi, Maria & Luisa Facchina - Family  
Souls of Purgatory - Margarida Pontes



### **Thu, Jan 25, Mass 9:30am with school**

For the reposed soul of M. Michielsens  
For the reposed soul of W. Michielsens  
For the reposed soul of A. Michielsens

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### **Tue, Jan 30, Mass 6:30pm**

Emile & Irene Masschelein - Family  
Bill Boere - Family

### **Thu, Feb 1, Mass 10:30am at Craigweil**

**Fri, Feb 2, Mass 9:00am followed by Adoration**  
Pierina Portiello - Margarida Pontes

## **St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe** **Weeks of Jan 23—Feb 2**

Confession times: Wednesdays 5:30– 6:15pm

### **Wed, Jan 24, Mass 9:30am with school**

Doreen Charron - Rich & ML DePelsmaecker



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### **Wed, Jan 31, Mass 6:30pm**

Belmira Machado - Rich & ML DePelsmaecker





## From the Diocese of London

### Cursillo! Are You Interested?

From the London and Area Cursillo movement: Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins on a Thursday night through to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend. Day one: we look at ourselves, Day two: we consider God's love for us. Day three: we consider the world around us and how we can be a Godly influence to those around us. All who make the weekend find a deeper joy in their faith, their Church, and their community around them. Need something to boost your faith and spirit? Consider joining us on February 1-4, 2024 for the men's weekend, or Feb. 8-11, 2024 for the women's weekend. Call Eileen and David Sleightholm, your diocesan contacts at 519-524-9400 for more information.



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### Job Opportunities

The Diocese of London is seeking a Director of Fundraising and The Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes has a Parish Communications position available. Details for both are at [www.dol.ca/employment](http://www.dol.ca/employment).

Check out the Diocesan website for news, articles, employment opportunities and so much more. Go to [dol.ca](http://dol.ca)

## Shrove Tuesday



**JOIN US SHROVE TUESDAY FOR A  
PANCAKE DINNER  
AT ALL SAINTS, STRATHROY  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**February 13, 2024**

**4:30pm to 7:00pm**



ADULT-----\$15.00

CHILDREN (under 12) \$5.00

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE

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### St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

2024 CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: It's time to renew your membership for 2024. Contact any CWL member for more information.

**Next CWL general meeting Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 7pm in parish hall. ALL ladies welcome!**

SAVE THE DATE : Saturday April 6, 2023 10 am - St. Charles Parish hall. WORKSHOP: Compassionate Community Care, CCC - Being With Volunteer Visitor / Patient Advocacy Training, sessions. Follow - up to our earlier Guest Speakers: Kathy Matusiak Costa, ( CCC ) and Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, ( EPC ) . More Info to follow, contact Shirley Gilliland, CWL President ( 519 ) 852- 0394

FUTURE EVENTS : Lenten Retreat - February 17, 2024, World Day of Prayer - March 1, 2024,



### All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

**Tues. Feb. 6th, - 1:30pm General Meeting. This will be an election meeting; please make plans to attend!**

First Regional meeting for 2024 is Sat. Jan. 27th, (9:30-noon) at St. John the Divine. Please text/leave message for Shelley at 226-919-7059 if interested in attending (for rough idea of numbers). We will carpool from the church parking lot. Meet at 8:15, leaving at 8:30. Regional meetings are for getting information from Diocesan level to a Parish level. All members are welcome!

We will again host a Valentine's tea for all the women of our Family of Parishes on Sunday Feb 11th, 2-4pm. Any CWL member wishing to help, please contact June Benn at 519-615-1266. Wear your reds and pinks! All ladies from our Family of Parishes are invited.

Plan on joining us for the Coldest walk on February 24. More details to follow.



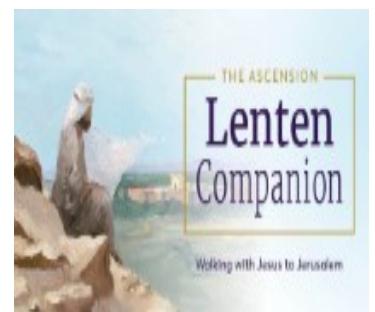
### Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

Catholic Women's League Membership renewal time is once again upon us. Contact a CWL member for more information.



**God wants to give you more. How will you respond this Lent?**

This Lent, experience deeper peace and healing as Fr. Mark Toups immerses you in Christ's final journey to Jerusalem, inviting you to reflect on Jesus' suffering and death, and inspiring you to celebrate in his resurrection.



During this Lent, you will fall in love with Jesus, learning to see with his eyes and love with his heart. More than just a journal, *The Ascension Lenten Companion* will guide you, day by day, to an encounter with the person of Christ and help you arrive at Easter transformed by God's love.

**Reserve a copy using the form on our website, phone or stop by the office to purchase. Book is \$15.**

**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*



The Knights of Columbus from **All Saints church**, will have their annual Wheel chair collection the weekend of **February 10/11, 2024**. There will be a second collection at All Saints church Masses on that weekend.

The Knights of Columbus from **Sacred Heart, Parkhill** will have a second collection on **January 27/28** weekend.

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### **Office Hours**

***Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm***

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

*5:30—6:15pm Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church*

*5:30—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church*

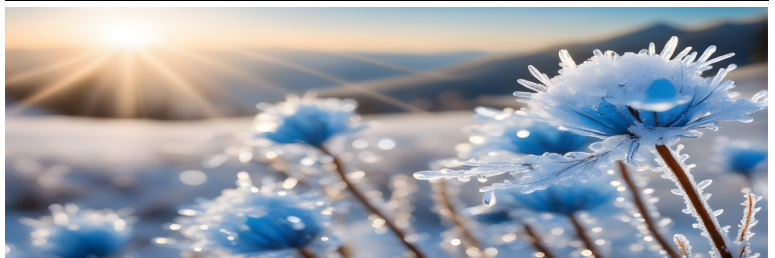
*4:00—4:45pm Saturdays at All Saints church*

*Also by appointment, or just ask a priest anytime.*

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please contact Julie de Gouw ([jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or 519-245-0644 ext. 26), at the office to arrange a baptism.*

**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 December 2023**

	All Saints	Sacred Heart	St. Charles
Revenue	\$103,404.74	\$ 39,171.17	\$14,854.76
Expenditures	\$ 64,559.28	\$ 21,072.58	\$12,830.56
Surplus	\$ 38,845.46	\$ 18,098.59	\$ 2,024.20

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