



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON
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June 28, 2020

Pastor's Pen

Good morning. I have been anticipating this day, when I would be able to welcome everyone back to our Celebration of the Eucharist. I am excited to again be able to celebrate Mass in person with the parishioners. I have kept you all in my prayers, and have prayed for this long awaited day. May we continue to pray for the day we will be able to celebrate in even larger numbers. Welcome!

P.S. I would like to thank all that have continued to make their offertory contributions during the covid. It has allowed us to keep up to our monthly financial obligations.

Regards, Fr Francis

Weekday Masses will resume this coming week, Tuesday evening @ 7:00 pm, and Wednesday to Saturday morning 8:30 am. Regular weekend Masses will resume on Saturday, July 4th @ 5:00 pm, and Sunday, July 5th @ 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Tuesday, June 30th 7:00 pm

Joyce Prevett
Offered by Suzanne Sutherland

Wednesday, July 1st 8:30 am

For Our Country and it's Leaders

Thursday, July 2nd 8:30 am

t Giovanni Bolzon
Offered by Lilliana Bolzon and Family

Friday, July 3rd 8:30am

t Francisca Verhoven
Offered by Our Parish Family

Saturday, July 4th 8:30 am

Our Southern Neighbors The USA

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we think about Christianity, the prophets and the 12 disciples may not be the first things that come to mind. Yet it was their bold, preserving faith that led to the spread of the Good News about God's Kingdom amid the persecution of Christians at that time.

Today's readings illuminate the critical role of God's messengers, and the hope and renewed lives their transformative messages promised to those who welcomed them. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals the great sacrifice and reward for his followers. As he instructs the disciples on their grueling mission, he tells them to bear their crosses in order to find eternal life. Jesus in effect stresses the greatest commandment—to love God above anything and anyone else.

It's a lofty challenge for us as Christ's followers today. Yet Jesus' message is about redemption rather than perfection. Welcoming him into our lives with our little acts of love and sacrifice matters—just as those who give even a little cup of water to his messengers will be rewarded.

While it may not be realistic for us to achieve the same level of sacrifice for God as his early messengers, God shows his love is merciful. We praise him for his redeeming messages. Thanks to the sacrifices of the courageous prophets and disciples, we can find life through our faithfulness to god.

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16

Psalm: 89

Second Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.37-42

Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web.

Visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or

www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass daily.



PLEASE READ.....

Before coming to church regardless of which Mass you choose, you are asked to take your temperature before leaving home. Temperature cannot exceed 37.5 degree's Celsius. We have a touchless thermometer available at the back of the church. The Diocese highly recommends the wearing of face masks. But the choice is yours. If you do not have a face mask, we will have some available.

When you arrive at church you will notice that things look a little different. When you arrive you will be required to register, name and contact info, incase there is a need for you to be reached at a later time. One of our volunteers will spray your hands with hand sanitizer. You will then be asked to wait until one of our volunteers can escort you to your seat. Available seats are marked with and "X" We will be seating from the front of the church first. Please be aware of the social distance rule of 6 feet apart. There will be a collection basket placed at the back of the church where you can drop your weekly offering. At this time collection will not be a part of the Mass. Until further notice, there will not be any singing as part of the Mass, to minimize the risk of spreading of germs. We will have a cantor that will sing as Father emerges from the Sacristy, signaling the beginning of Mass. Father will return to the Sacristy immediately following Mass. Our volunteers will escort all parishioners from the church. Exiting will begin from the back of the church. We ask that when you leave the Church you refrain from visiting outside, but return directly to your cars. Again we must exercise physical distance of 6 feet. At this time we are restricted to a total of 42 people including Father and volunteers, in the church at any Mass. You might want to consider arriving a few minutes earlier than usual as the entry procedures will take a little longer. At this time we only have access to one washroom. We ask if you are able to refrain from using, it would be appreciated.

I know this all seems very overwhelming. Please be assured that our volunteers are here to assist with this new normal. We will have a commentator for the first few weeks to walk you through any changes to the Mass. Your safety is most important, and it is our goal is to help you to feel comfortable returning to our celebration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If at this time you are not comfortable returning, we completely understand, and welcome you when you are ready. **WE NEED YOU**

We can put guidelines into place, but none of this is possible without your help. At every mass we will need a number of volunteers to assist with welcoming and registering our parishioners, seating our parishioners, directing traffic flow in and out of the Church and at communion, and sanitizing the Church following each Mass. At this time we are thinking that a minimum of 7 volunteers will be needed for each Mass.

If you are able to assist in any of these rolls, please contact Denise at dannett@dol.ca or at her personal phone number 519-384-9588.

With your help, we will be able to successfully resume our Celebration of the Eucharist, safely and as a Parish family.