



# ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON  
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**My dear parishioners,**

Welcome, as we go forward each weekend we are seeing more and more parishioners returning for weekend Mass. I would like to thank those that have committed to volunteering their time, to ensure everyone's safety. The parish office remains closed, as we await further instruction from the Diocese.

If you would like to have a Mass said for your intentions, please contact Denise, and she will arrange.

If you have any questions or concerns, Denise, our parish secretary can be reached at dannett@dol.ca or her personal cell phone 519-384-9588.

At this time, there will be no regular confession times on the weekends. So, if anyone likes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please give me a call and I will make arrangements.

Regards, Fr Francis

**Tuesday, August 18th 7:00 pm**

† Theresa Foubister

Offered by Mary Lois Levesque

**Wednesday, August 19th 8:30 am**

† Imelda Lassaline

Offered by Luke & Carol St. Pierre

**Thursday, August 20th 8:30 am**

† Margaret McCallum

Offered by Rich & Margaret Holmes

**Friday, August 21st 8:30am**

† Catherine Verberne

Offered by John & Theresa Lammers

**Saturday, August 22nd 8:30 am**

† Giovanni Bolzon

Offered by Lilliana Bolzon and Family

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The silent adoration of the infant Jesus by the Magi is one of the purest prayers in the New Testament. These men put aside everything in their lives to travel across the desert to kneel down and pay homage to Jesus. They bring him precious gifts and ask nothing for themselves.

In contrast stands the disruptive Canaanite woman in today's Gospel who comes to Jesus shouting and demanding that he cast out the demon which oppresses her daughter. Jesus says nothing. "he did not answer her at all."

The woman's tune changes upon hearing Jesus say that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. She kneels before him and says a prayer of abandonment: "Lord help me." Now she no longer demands favours from a wonder-worker Jesus, but places her self at his feet. It is a moment of vulnerability and conversion.

What does this mean for us? Like the foreign woman and the foreign wise men, we can come to Jesus, not to make him hop to our agenda, but rather to bow before him. We are puny; Jesus is awesome. Praise and worship are the stance of faith. Our right relationship with Jesus is to pay him homage and to humbly beg, "Jesus, help me."

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First Reading: Isaiah 56.1,6-7

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Romans 11.13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

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Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web.

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Effective Friday, August 14th, The town of Petrolia has implemented a bylaw requiring the wearing of face masks in all public in door spaces.