



# ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

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

**Welcome. "A few updates below"**

**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.**

**The collection for St. Peter's Seminary, which was postponed due to COVID-19, will take place next weekend, i.e. Sept.5/6.**

**The Parish Assessment, which was suspended by the Diocese from April 1 due to COVID-19, will resume from September 1.**

Regards, Fr Francis

**Tuesday, September 1st 7:00 pm**

† Theresa Foubister

Offered by Theresa & Gerard Franz

**Wednesday, September 2nd 8:30 am**

† Jeannette Bourque

Offered by the Parish Family

**Thursday, September 3rd 8:30 am**

† Imelda Lassaline

Offered by Juliete McDonald

**Friday, September 4th 8:30am**

Deacon John Lammers

Offered by Friends

**Saturday, September 5th 8:30 am**

† Emile & Elizabeth Strydonck

Offered by the Estate

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all want to belong. Today's readings are about belonging to God. How do we belong to God? To belong to God is to love. Jesus shows us that love is at the very heart of those who belong to God.

Jeremiah is a reluctant prophet who cannot ignore God's call "like a burning fire shut up in my bones." His only answer is "yes" and he belongs to God.

Jesus belongs to God. He is firm in his mission to serve the poor, the rejected and the voiceless, even to the point of losing his life. There were followers of Jesus who sought to stop him because they were afraid of losing their lives. Fear is the opposite of love. fear is exclusive. Belonging is inclusive.

Jesus was single minded in his purpose to love and create belonging. He berated those who sought to stop him. Our culture claims that we can protect ourselves by excluding others. Our culture promotes fear and exclusion as the way to preserve life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to belong to God by letting go of fear. What fears do we have to leave behind to belong to God? Are we willing to allow God to entice us and change our behavior? In today's Eucharist, let us pray that our way of life is an imitation of God who is love.

Anthony Chezzi Sudbury, On

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First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

Psalm: 63

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

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