



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON

EST. 1867 HOLY ROSARY (1867-2007) ST. ANNE (1866-1974)

Weekend Masses Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

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January 31, 2021

Welcome

The church is closed to public Masses until further notice. Father Francis will continue to celebrate Mass daily in private. We are happy to accept your intentions for these Masses. Please contact Denise to make requests.

Fr. Francis is available to hear confessions. Please contact him to arrange a time. 519-882-2057, ext 21

We are happy to announce that we can now accept donations by e-transfer. The church email address is: stphilippet@dol.ca

We thank you for your continued financial support, for our parish.

God bless you all and stay safe.

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended to, and includes, Easter Sunday.

Sunday, January 31st,

Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, February 1st,

Intentions of Our Catholic Educators

Tuesday, February 2nd,

† Bob McDonald

Offered by Juliette McDonald

Wednesday, February 3rd,

Intentions of Father Francis

Offered by Holy Rosary CWL

Thursday, February 4th,

† Ollie Gudz

Offered by Mat & Jean Gudz

Friday, February 5th,

Family of Zephie Boere

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Saturday, February 6th,

For the Safety of All Frontline Workers

Sunday and Daily TV Mass on the Web.

Visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or

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

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

A note from a parishioner.....

I would like to take a moment to extend my sincerest **Thank you** to Fr. Francis, for his daily reflections. In these most difficult times, I am so happy to be able to stay connected to my faith community through these reflections. I so much appreciate your continued prayers and dedication to our parish. God Bless.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Surely the only unclean spirits that you and I ever encounter are found in movies like "The Exorcist." Scary perhaps, but not real—which is why such movies are safely enjoyable. Modern people like us know there is no such thing as being possessed.

Sadly, though, there is. Maybe not by demons that will make our heads spin around or cause us to attack strangers. The unclean spirit that possesses us is familiar and much more subtle.

The unclean spirit that controls us is none other than ourselves. Not our true self, made in God's image, but the deformed self that is greedy, dissatisfied, always demanding more, no matter what the cost or who has to pay it. Yet the spirit's yawning, inner emptiness will never be satisfied, no matter how hard we work to fill it with the endless shiny things in our world.

But all is not lost.

There is someone who speaks with authority whose voice can tame the deafening clamour of this unclean spirit and liberate us from ourselves so that we can be ourselves.

Jesus teaches, "Be silent, and come out." And we should listen. We should be silent. Silence is the path through the unclean spirit's endless demands. Through silence we can come out and be free in the presence of God.

Patrick Gallagher

Toronto, ON.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday has been celebrated since 1926 as a universal parish encounter to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. This liturgical event reminds all baptized Catholics of their responsibility to share in the global missionary work of the Church through Eucharistic celebrations, prayers and collections.

"In this year marked by suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: 'Here am I, send me.' (6:8)"

Parishioners of the Diocese of London have always generously supported this universal collection as mandated by the Holy Father for it promotes our unity as a human family enabling the life-giving presence of missionaries and of the Church among the suffering and the poor.

Donations to support the missions of the Holy Father are still needed and greatly appreciated in mission churches that do not have the means to sustain themselves, especially through this pandemic.

Help us ensure Pontifical Missions get the support they need. Please send your mission support and donations to our parish and become a missionary disciple today! Please clearly mark on your cheque that funds support World Mission Sunday

Please Give as generously as you are able.

King's University College

King's University College still Accepting Applications for Fall 2021! If you want to continue your journey in Catholic education, King's is still accepting applications for fall 2021. You can get more information at:

<https://www.kings.uwo.ca/future-students/admissions/>.