

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Tuesday February 20 7:00pm</b>	<b>MASS AT 7:00PM</b> Peter Lajoie ~ Jean & Florence Barrette Donat Fillion ~ Andy & Terry Barrette Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners
<b>Wednesday February 21 8:00am</b>	Roland Poisson ~ his wife Annette Anne Marie Galloway ~ the Eplen family Int. of Robert & Madeleine Labbé ~ John & Pauline Levesque
<b>Thursday February 22 8:00am</b>	Eugene Girard ~ Mr. & Mrs. Pat Lanoue Stéphane Bilodeau ~ the Seguin family Mary Anne Marchand ~ Rick, Jodie, Cassandra, and Madison Marchand
<b>Thursday February 22 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE</b> Russell Sauve ~ the family Thérèse Daigle ~ a parishioner Gisèle Messier ~ a parishioner
<b>Friday February 23 9:30am</b>	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Safe travels ~ parishioners Gerald St. George ~ Roger & Juliette
<b>Saturday February 24 9:00am</b>	Marie Mulhall Deneau ~ her daughter Ted Peltier (30 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) ~ Moe & Rachelle Peltier Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Parishioners

**MEDIA CENTRE**  
**Good Reading for Lent:**

C002: "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly  
C020: "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren

**Start LENT 2018 on the right foot.** These two books are excellent for LENT, a forty-day spiritual journey, reading a chapter a day. It will help you answer life's most important questions; Who am I? Who is God? What on earth am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? What are my unique talents and abilities? What happens when I die? Also, if you haven't read **C026 Rediscover Catholicism** this is another good book for Lent. **Remember GOOD BOOKS or MEDIA are food for the soul.** If you need advice to search for a good resource or help using the Centre, please do not hesitate to call us at 519-715-9406 or email us at bilorich@hotmail.com and we would be more than happy to help you.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
The K of C needs more members as our population ages. Please consider joining us. For more info, please contact the K of C office and leave a message at 519-728-2828.

**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20**

- Parish Office closed
- Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church
- Prayer gathering every Tuesday, 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21**

- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
- Soup, 6:00pm, Hall : Stations, 6:45pm, Church

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22**

- School Stations of the Cross, 1:00pm
- Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church
- Choir practice every Thursday, 7:00pm
- Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23**

- School Lenten Reconciliation, 10:00am

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24 & 25**

- First Reconciliation Mass meeting, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Council 2775 Belle River**

**Meeting reminder**  
Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>. General membership meeting 7:00pm Blue Room.

**Soup and Stations Lent 2018**  
Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Soup served in the hall at 6:00pm. Stations in the church at 6:45pm. Please bring soup donations to the hall by 5:30pm.

**Church Cleaning March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Come join us on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at noon before Holy Week. We plan to clean all pews and floors in the main church and the choir areas.  
*Thank you for helping to clean God's House.*

**EVANGELIZING THE SECULAR WORLD**  
On Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB., CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, will speak on "Evangelizing the Secular World: Are we telling our story in the right way?" The talk will take place at St. Anne's Parish, Tecumseh. Admission and parking are free, with discussion and refreshments to follow.

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# ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tuesday – Friday 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed between 12 pm & 1 pm

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES**  
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday 9:30 am & Saturday 9:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 9:30 am - 10:30 am



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
February 18, 2018

**MISSION STATEMENT**

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE IS A VIBRANT, LIFE-GIVING, CHRIST-CENTERED PARISH COMMUNITY THAT IS GENEROUSLY AVAILABLE AND CHALLENGING IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

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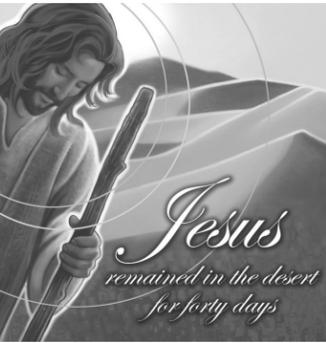
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**FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY**



*Jesus remained in the desert for forty days*

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ, Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Holy One. How can the Holy One, the Son of God, be tempted? The temptation of Jesus is mind-boggling. What sense can we make of it? Last Sunday we were left with the question: Who can forgive sins? The obvious answer is: God alone. Jesus is God and so He forgives sins. This places Jesus at the opposite and distant pole from humanity. Today we have Jesus at our pole, one with us. **The one who forgives sins is subject to temptation!** These two truths of faith are essential to understand the mystery of Jesus - God and Man.

Jesus' power to forgive sins and His radical solidarity with humanity are two essential dimensions of His personality, and precisely His personality as the Saviour. Jesus is fittest, so to say, to meet adequately, and more than adequately, the needs of man, to be man's Saviour. Man is a sinner. continued...

**INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**  
Please call the office to register and make an appointment with our Pastoral Minister - Sue Hofgartner

**ANointing OF THE SICK**  
This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament please call Fr. Antony. We offer a communal Anointing Service in the spring and fall.

**MARRIAGE**  
Couples desiring to marry please call the office and contact Fr. Antony. Arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

**FROM FR. ANTONY, continued**

A sinner stands in need of forgiveness and only God can forgive sins. Hence we perceive the divine nature of Jesus. Jesus became human, human like us in everything, but sin. "He Himself was tempted and suffered" (Heb 2:18). Jesus became one with humanity. Jesus' temptation is a consequence of His solidarity with humanity.

God is faithful to His covenant - His friendship - with us even to the point of being tempted and dying. The Eucharist is the renewal of the faithful love-relationship of God, of Jesus, with us. This Lent, what response shall we make to the radical love of the Tremendous Lover? As long as we live in this world we cannot be without tribulation and temptation. As it is written in the book of Job, "The life of man upon earth is a temptation" (Job 7:1).

No man is so perfect and holy as not to have temptations, and we cannot be wholly free from them. Yet temptations are often very profitable to a man, although they be troublesome and dangerous: for with them a person is humbled, purified and instructed. All the Saints have passed through many tribulations and temptations and have profited by them.

Let us reflect on two questions as we begin our Lenten Journey:

- 1. What practical steps shall I take for self-renewal during this Lent?**
- 2. What are my frequent temptations and what do I do about them?**

**I WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED AND FRUITFUL LENT!**

With kindest regards,  
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

**FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**

**A New Heart This Lent**

The story he shared could have been mine. He sat with his wife in a classy restaurant on their anniversary, enjoying all the finery of the place, when a young father and his three children were seated nearby. Slightly annoyed, he thought: "Why would he bring those kids *here*?" They weren't even that well dressed and were fidgety and whiny-especially the youngest. Their father didn't even seem to notice. This ruined the atmosphere for the older gentleman. Irritated, he walked over to the father to make it known he had paid good money to enjoy a special evening out with his wife and would appreciate it if he could get his kids to settle down. The young father seemed awakened from a daze and apologized for his children. He said he should have gone straight home with the kids after a long day, but they needed to eat and this was the closest place on their way home from the hospital where their Mom had just passed away.

The older gentleman shifted from irritated, thinking his "perfect evening" was ruined by this man and his children, to humbled and thankful that he still had a wife to celebrate life with. He called this his paradigm shift. His new way of thinking, from the lesson he learned that night from Jesus, in this beautiful, hurting family.

Heavenly Father, this Lent, give me a new heart, a new way of thinking. A way to see things through your eyes. Help me remember that the person who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mom who worked nine hours that day, rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help me remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind me, Lord, that the scary looking man, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help me remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles, blocking shopping progress are savouring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind me each day this Lent, that of all the gifts you give us, the greatest is love. It's not enough to share that love with those I hold dear, but open my heart to all humanity. Let me be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love. In other words, come, live in me, Lord. Blessed Lent, St. Simon and St. Jude Family!

"Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of Peace." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

DIANE REAUME	CLAIRE RUGGABER	RENE TELLIER
LISA BOND	A.J. LALIBERTE	THERESA BEAULIEU
LUCILLE TELLIER	LOUANNE HAMELIN	MAY DUROCHER
MADELEINE DUPUIS	DONALD POISSON	CARMEL LETTENBICHLER
ALICIA DAVEY	LINDA LEE CASSIDY	JACKIE BARRETTE MOJESKE
JIM LIGHT	LUCILLE ROY	MIKE LANOUE
SHAELYN POISSON	MADALAYNA DUCHARME	JULIETTE RIVEST
MARI SCHROEDER	STEPHEN ILIJANICH SR.	
DIANE LAUZON	RICHARD HARGREAVES	

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE TO HAVE SOMEONE'S NAME ADDED OR REMOVED

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY RENE PARENT, MICHAEL BLAIS AND VICKI O'BRIEN. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Our Catholic Women's League is hosting the first "Parish Lenten Soup & Stations" on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Soup will be served at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall, and Stations of the Cross will be at 6:45pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome!

**World Day of Prayer** is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Woodslee United Church, at 11:00am.

**CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM COLLECTION**

As you may know, the federal government recently changed the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Now, applicants must make an attestation that their core mandate and beliefs are in keeping with the Government's position on certain matters, including the supposed "right to access safe and legal abortions."

In a letter dated 5 February, Bishop Fabbro publicly took a stand against this position, saying that we will not be bullied into even the appearance of collusion. Therefore, no parishes or offices of the Diocese of London will apply for grants from the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

The fact remains that our young people deserve a chance to gain the skills and experience that the Summer Jobs Program was intended to provide. Bishop Fabbro has asked that we take up a collection this month. The funds raised will offset the loss of federal grants so that we can still offer programs such as our Catholic Christian Leadership Camps and Vacation Bible Camps, as well as hiring summer interns.

**The second collection on February 24<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup> will be taken for this purpose.** Cheques should be made payable to St. Simon & St. Jude Parish and marked "summer jobs." Thank you for your support of this initiative.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> for the Family Day holiday. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE  
FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

**Prayer & Fasting** At the conclusion of his Angelus address Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Father invited the entire Church to observe the Friday of the first week of Lent, i.e., Feb. 23,

as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. The Bishops of Canada have received a letter from the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, which speaks "of the deep desire of Pope Francis that all the Church be united with him in this day of prayer."



**SOUP AND STATIONS**

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup at 6:00 pm in the hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm in the church.  
February 21<sup>st</sup> Host: Catholic Women's League.

**FLU AND COLD SEASON ~ DIRECTIONS FROM THE DIOCESE**

If you are not feeling well, check your symptoms before coming to church and running the risk of exposing your fellow parishioners to your illness. If you experience symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting, you may have the flu. To help prevent the spread of germs, cough into your elbow or a disposable tissue, and wash your hands frequently.

**RUNNING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY  
Good Shepherd Parish Mission  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

What if the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus (the Paschal Mystery) isn't something that Jesus went through years ago, but something that we're all invited to live every day? Using the metaphor of a marathon, we will be challenged to run our own Paschal Mystery, teaching us to look at life through the lenses of Jesus' experience on the cross. Presented by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson. His passion for narrative theology expresses the yearning of 2,000 years to connect our life stories with the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through storytelling, poetry, and humour, Dr. Nelson-Johnson challenges us to enter more deeply into the mystery of grace, the mystery of spirit, the mystery of God. For more information visit [soulplayonline.com](http://soulplayonline.com).

**WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**SAMUEL ZELENY**  
SON OF DANIEL ZELENY & RACHELLE (LEVESQUE)  
**JULIAN WLOCZANKO**  
SHEM WLOCZANKO & NICOLE (STRONG)

**TRAVELLING VOCATIONS CHALICE ~ FEBRUARY 17 & 18**

4:30 pm: Volunteers needed  
9:00 am: Gil & Lucy Roy  
11:00 am: Rosaire & Martine Bourgoin

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

REGULAR OFFERING	3,446.58
<b>REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT</b>	425.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	237.00
INITIAL OFFERING	10.00
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	140.00
<b>RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT</b>	80.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	5.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	115.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$4,458.58</b>



Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- February 18 ~ Deacon Jose Viveiros
- February 19 ~ Rev. Ross Bartley
- February 20 ~ Rev. Mark Poulin
- February 21 ~ Rev. Mark Maloney
- February 22 ~ **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**  
Deacon Larry Lamphier
- February 23 ~ **Memorial of St. Polycarp**  
Mrs. Chrisandro Skipper,  
Campus Minister
- February 24 ~ Rev. Rodrigo Tagnines