


MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday February 27 7:00pm	MASS AT 7:00PM Rachel (Goddaughter) ~ Carlo & Debbie Baldi Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Beatrice Barrette (28 th Ann.) ~ Francis & Jeanne Barrette
Wednesday February 28 8:00am	Pierre Cecile ~ Dan & Yvonne Vickerd Dan Reaume ~ the Reaume family Mary Anne Marchand ~ Rick, Jodie, Cassandra, and Madison Marchand
Thursday March 1 8:00am	Bill Snyder ~ Wayne & Kathy Harcus Dennis Bisson & family ~ Len & Mary Jane Bisson Joseph Langlois (9 th Ann.) ~ Francis & Jeanne Barrette
Thursday March 1 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Janine Godbout ~ a parishioner John Labadie ~ Ron & Sue Barrette George Deschaine ~ his daughters
Friday March 2 9:30am	Luc Mailloux ~ Charles Desmarais Deceased family members ~ Mable Rivait St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
Saturday March 3 9:00am	Joe King ~ Donna Mae Harding Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Christopher Leduc ~ Marieanne Knapp

EVENTS AT A GLANCE
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 • Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church • First Reconciliation Retreat, 6:30pm, Hall • Prayer gathering every Tuesday, 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28 • Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall • Soup, 6:00pm, Hall : Stations, 6:45pm, Church • K of C 3rd Degree meeting, 7:00pm, Blue Room
THURSDAY MARCH 1 • School Stations of the Cross, 1:00pm • Living Stations Rehearsal, 3:40pm - 5:00pm, Church • First Reconciliation Retreat, 6:30pm, Hall • Choir practice every Thursday, 7:00pm • Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall
FRIDAY MARCH 2 • School Lenten Reconciliation, 10:00am
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 3 & 4 • First Reconciliation Mass meeting, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am • Wedding Anniversary Blessing, All Masses


KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AWARDS
King's University College has a number of Awards and Scholarships for students who are entering, or wish to enter, studies at King's and are a parishioner in the Diocese of London. Contact Student Financial Services at studentfinance@kings.uwo.ca or 519-433-3491 ext. 4319 for more information. The 2018 - 2019 application deadline is March 15.

**FIRST FRIDAY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
 We encourage you to come spend time in prayer and adoration each month during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers of Divine Mercy, which take place on the first Friday of each month, from 8:15am until 9:15am.
This month: Friday, March 2nd

Introducing our New Parish Website
www.stsimonstjude.ca
Features include

- Daily Lenten Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron
- Daily Mass Readings
- Calendar of Parish Events
- Parish Bulletin
- Forms: Registration, Pre-Authorized Payment, Sacraments
- Teen Section : videos and articles updated frequently
- Faith Section : articles from the National Catholic Register, videos from Rome Report and Word on Fire updated frequently
- Media Center Inventory

Coming Soon : St. Simon & St. Jude Parish Facebook page!

 **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.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

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David Bombardier - 519-969-3939

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 9:30 am
Saturday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9:30 am - 10:30 am



2nd Sunday of Lent
February 25, 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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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Greetings to you my dear Sisters and Brothers. Let me share with you a message I received from one of my friends. It really fits into the Season of Lent. It reads like this;

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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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

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in our Parish was a huge success and I want to thank you for your presence and generosity. The event attracted over 260 people and I have been getting excellent reviews about the event. More than responding to the invitation of the Parish Staff, it was a great witness of our solidarity with the less privileged in our community. It is a Gospel Value to open our eyes and see the needs of the poor, the struggles they go through to make both ends meet and act on it. I am sure our gesture of goodwill will bring many smiles to the less fortunate in our community. As we are being grateful to God for the financial security we enjoy, we also have a social commitment to those who lack security and basic comfort in life. I have been privileged to witness the magnanimity and good will of our community and I want to thank you once again for being supportive of our initiative to reach out to the needy. I am so grateful to our Parish Staff for their help in the kitchen. The event has raised \$2500.

On another note, it is my pleasure to inform you that our Parish website has been updated. It enables us to see all the activities and the schedules associated with the Parish ministry and helps us serve the people better. Please do make use of the website and be informed of the variety of activities and events in our Parish. A lot of hard work has gone behind this task and I want to thank Melanie Brissette, the Parish Secretary, for her time and creativity. She was very conscientious in designing it and it looks very professional. This is no surprise to us, because that is the quality of her, since she began her work with us. Thank you Melanie for sharing your talents with our community.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,
As you know we are in the midst of preparing our candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is also a great time for all of us to continue to grow in our understanding of this Sacrament. Children teach us so much. I learned a powerful lesson about forgiveness several years ago from my son Dieter that continues to shape my understanding of forgiveness.

Several years ago, as we routinely do, my husband and I were having a coffee together in the morning. We know how little things can build up in a relationship and eventually lead to frustrations, arguments or anger. Tension was building in our relationship and I cannot even recall the issue, but the lesson I learned is deeply ingrained.

To briefly explain, I was walking through the landing between our living room and our kitchen one morning, a location where my husband could hear my voice, but not see my face, and I made a careless comment. In my frustration, as I was passing through the landing, I rolled my eyes in disgust. Well, my son, Dieter, who was nine years old at the time, saw my eyes roll and said aloud, "That wasn't very nice mom." And my husband, then responded, "What wasn't very nice Dieter?" I was exposed! Caught in my human frailty. So, I motioned with my hands, to our son Dieter, to keep quiet. He chose not to keep quiet and clearly expressed to my husband that I had rolled my "eye balls" as he described it.

Later, my husband and I discussed this situation, and I know I was clearly in the wrong and responded poorly. My husband and I cleared the air and moved on. However, I wasn't finished with this issue with our son. I thought I would use the opportunity to teach him a few things. I spoke to him privately and began discussing the concept of "adding fuel to the fire" and how I wished he would have kept quiet, and it is necessary sometimes to remain silent. At nine years of age, with wisdom beyond his youth, my son responded to me with the following comment - "No mom, I was right, because by telling Dad the truth, now he can forgive you!"

Wow! I was so humbled! This was a very powerful message for me. God spoke to me through my son and his message was loud and clear. I needed to make some changes. The connection between forgiveness and the truth was made perfectly clear. I could feel the Holy Spirit's gentle challenge through this life experience. We are gifted with glimpses of God's glory and grace and truth. Most often the experiences go deeper than words can convey.

Ultimately, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is about restoring relationships, especially our relationship with God. When I look back on where God has taken me, I notice how he has used so many family, friends and mentors to do his work in my heart.

May we live our lives in such a way that no matter where we are or what we do, God's glory shines through.

Sincerely,
Sue



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

If you are a woman who wants to be united in prayer and fellowship and who believes that ALL life is sacred, irreplaceable and in need of respect and protection, from conception to natural death, then the CWL is for YOU!! CWL does not only stand for Catholic Women's League, it also means you are Called, Wanted and Loved! If you are between the age of 16 and 106, it's never too late to join. Call Elaine (519-728-1050) for more information.

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 2nd, and the next general meeting is Monday, March 5th, 7:00pm.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

All parishes. All priests. All day.



DIOCESE OF LONDON www.dol.ca/day-of-confessions

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21st, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus.

Confession times in our parish are: 8:30am to 10:30am, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and 7:30pm to 8:30 pm. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers a schedule of confession times for other parishes, as well as information about Lent, Day of Confessions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

ONLINE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

In response to information provided by local practitioners, changes have been affected to the diocesan website. The webpage for Marriage and Family Life has been enhanced, with a broader focus including a section for Natural Family Planning full of links and resources. The webpage also includes a wonderful video from Pope Francis offering tips for married couples.

Please see <https://dol.ca/marriage>



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 28th Host: Eucharistic Ministers

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP FABRO ~ SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

As your Bishop, I ask that you generously donate to the Share Lent Campaign in your parish in order that CCODP can continue to support projects that will better the lives of people in different parts of the world. This year, I also invite you to consider becoming a year-round contributor to the work of CCODP by pledging a monthly contribution. Those who wish to learn more about the 2018 campaign and Share Year-Round monthly giving can visit the CCODP website at www.dev.org and www.dev.org/shareyearround.

Please make cheques payable to St. Simon & St. Jude Parish.

RUNNING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Good Shepherd Parish Mission

March 4th, 5th, and 6th 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

REGULAR OFFERING	5,973.25
REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT	1,795.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	315.20
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/SHARE LENT	319.00
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	40.00
RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT	861.66
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	100.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	625.00
SUMMER JOBS	20.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$10, 049.11



Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated!

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.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

2nd Sunday of Lent

- February 25 ~ Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.
- February 26 ~ Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- February 27 ~ Rev. Pio D'Oria
- February 28 ~ Deacon Steve Cartier
- March 1 ~ Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister
- March 2 ~ Rev. John Pirt
- March 3 ~ Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevicius