

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday March 13 7:00pm	MASS AT 7:00PM Joe Garceau (10 th Ann.) ~ the family Maurice & Theresa Tellier ~ the family Paul Masse ~ Charles & Helen Trepanier
Wednesday March 14 8:00am	Robert Bechard ~ his wife Pauline & family Rejeanne Bracken (15 th Ann.) ~ Ernie & Mary Bracken Francis Beauregard ~ Lon & Beth Jeffrey
Thursday March 15 8:00am	Jamil Shamo ~ the family Donat Fillion ~ Georges & Claire Piche Carole Delisle ~ the Reaume family
Thursday March 15 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Pierre Cecile ~ Thomas & Mary-Lou O'Brien Joe Garceau (10 th Ann.) ~ Joyce, Deb, Marc Theresa Papineau ~ Bernadette Drogosz
Friday March 16 9:30am	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Leo Janisse & family ~ Len & Mary Jane Bisson Maurice Tellier ~ Charles & Helen Trepanier
Saturday March 17 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Tony Rossi ~ Rosaire & Martine & family Leon & Rita Roy ~ Gil & Lucy Roy

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

 Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare located at 1453 Prince Road needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help distribute Holy Communion to patients as they rehabilitate and convalesce. Practicing our Faith is an important component to the healing process. It takes less than 2 hours to make a difference in someone's life. Training is provided. If you are interested please call Marg Bryant 519-564-4005 to schedule a "Come and See" visit.

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY

Every Sunday starting at 8:15 am. Join us. 

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

MONDAY MARCH 12

- St. Vincent de Paul meeting, 7:00pm, Blue Room

TUESDAY MARCH 13

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14

- Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am-1:00pm, Church
- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
- Soup, 6:00pm, Hall : Stations, 6:45pm, Church

THURSDAY MARCH 15

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 17 & 18

- First Communion Mass meeting, Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 11:00am
- Youth Involved Mass, Sunday, 11:00am

VOCATIONS CHALICE ~ MARCH 10 & 11

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| 4:30 pm | Don & Maureen Gordon |
| 9:00 am | Meghan, Logan, Melanie Lauzon |
| 11:00 am | Bob & Nina Williams |

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Antony Kolenchery	Gayle Lepine
Sue Hofgartner	Jeff Powell
Mary Jo Battaglia	Gerald Quinn
Denise Deimling	Jeanne Setler
Meghan Lauzon	Marguerite Hewer

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

March 14th, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

March Parish Intention: Conversions to the Faith

Please sign up for 30 minutes of adoration using the sheet at the entrance of the church.

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 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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 11, 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.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATOR

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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Tom spat at his mother, scattering on the floor the food his mother had served him. He was angry with his mother, who once again had disapproved of his reckless gambling habit. It was not from weakness that she wept for the rest of the day. That night, she crept into Tom's room and sat on his bed. The son sensed her presence but didn't move. Neither did he speak.

The mother lovingly placed her hand on her son's head and bending down and lifting his head with both hands, she kissed him on both cheeks. Love for his mother flowed profusely into the hardened, stubborn heart of Tom. A warm sensation swept over him. His mother's tears melted him. At first, he felt ill at ease, uncomfortable, awkward and repentant. But the warmth of maternal love mellowed him. His eyes became springs of tears. His tears mingled with hers and in that great stream everything was washed away and purified. Getting up quickly, he knelt and embraced his mother.

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He has loved us, even when we were dead through our sins, made us alive together with Christ. Tom was 'dead' as a son. But his mother, who loved 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.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

Floor Coverings International 519-735-5515

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David Bombardier - 519-969-3939

Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial www.meladyfuneral.ca

Michael Sutton - Managing Funeral Director - 519-728-1500

FROM FR. ANTONY, continued

him with a great love, could not leave him in that state. She graciously, unsolicitedly, bent down to the miserable state of her son and made him alive once again as a son, infusing into him her tender, warm maternal love.

This is exactly what God did when He sent His Son to the world. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. The Son stooped down to our sinful state and elevated us to be God's children, infusing into us His own Spirit, the Spirit of love.

Love never condemns. We cannot love a person and condemn him at the same time. Love will confront and correct, but never condemn. Love will suffer with the beloved and for the beloved but will never give up the beloved. To what extent will love continue to correct, to suffer? As long as love is love and as long as love lasts. At times love will be tested and tried and it is in such moments that the quality of love is particularly tested. Love is thus made durable and precious by the qualities of patience and mercy. St. Paul's words in today's second reading are breathtaking: "God loved us with so much love that He was generous with His mercy: when we were dead through our sins, He brought us to life in Christ." God revealed Himself in Jesus. In Jesus, and especially in the suffering and death of Jesus, we get a glimpse of the extent and depth of God's love.

Jesus is the light of the world. And if we turn our backs on Him, we are the losers. Our ancestors preferred darkness to light. In the past we too have done the same. But the most important point is: What is our recent attitude? Love cures people: both, the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

A most remarkable kind of welcome... ~Marguerite Hewer
My dear Mother taught us that, if you make a person feel welcome, they'll want to come back.

A Port-au-Prince hostel was our Haiti mission group's "base" from where we made our way to Mother Teresa's Men's, Women's and Children's homes for the dying. A day in Haiti brings an intense series of powerful Holy Spirit moments. Prayer is the constant, needed companion, and, at day's end, a sharing in wonder, awe and humility, of the precious God-given "pearls" revealed to each of us.

In the slums of "Sans Fil" we encountered a large gathering of people; not labouring by the sweat of their brow, not in tattered clothing, pulling donkey carts or peddling goods, but meticulously groomed, in their "Sunday Best" outside a humble church. Haitians keep the Sabbath holy, even in their constant need to earn food. After Mass they gather, seemingly not wanting to leave, even with rugged miles to walk home. They laugh, share stories, continue to sing. Disappointed, we thought we had missed Mass. But this group happily announced we had not. They were waiting for the next Mass. Their church was filled to capacity.

Unlike the patient Haitians, we thought we'd squeezed our way into the church to stand at the back, to keep an early commitment at the hospice. (Although the nuns would have welcomed us anytime.) The echo of metal chairs scraping the church floor sounded like trumpets as parishioners, in every section we passed, quickly stood to offer their seats. Seats they arrived early for. Like their parents, children waved us to their seats and sat on the sanctuary steps. Their Pastor embraced our Priests, inviting them to concelebrate Mass.

Lest we should invite danger while travelling we were asked to lock our wallets in the hostel safe each day. Our Priest held any small money we needed. Pockets empty, we looked to each other at offertory to see if any had something to give. That's when children quietly appeared. One little angel gently tapped my arm. I saw Jesus in her concerned, loving gaze. Her open palm offered her own two "goudes" (less than half-pennies). These children, the poorest of the poor, hoped to spare us any shame of having nothing to offer Jesus. Humble tears fall as I recall this God-moment. From their parents, children learned to welcome, not as strangers, and share what little they had. Even what might have fed them that day. Hospitality with dignity is Haiti's specialty, honour, and greatest lesson.

Our beautiful Haitian brothers and sisters regarded us as family, saw to our needs (without us asking) welcomed **as best they could** - as **Jesus** would - without speaking a word of our language. After Mass, our Priests tearfully embraced. A most holy experience, of Jesus' agape love, in the most humble of churches. Truly a foreshadowing of heaven.

My Mom was right. A warm welcome, be it ever so humble, makes one want to return.

Heavenly Father, may we at St. Simon and St. Jude continue to welcome with the warmth of your heart! God Bless you, dear SSSJ family! **"For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."** said the Lord. Prayerfully yours, Marguerite.



DAY OF CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30am to 10:30am, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. St. John Paul II

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die.

Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. St. Thomas Aquinas



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Each year the Catholic Women's League offers bursaries for post secondary students in our parish. The application and criteria can be found at the entrance of the church, as well as at the high schools. Please review the criteria and submit your application ASAP.

Marie Rose Place

318 RANDOLPH ST., WINDSOR
(519) 253-1383, marierose@mnsi.net
Please pre-register by phone or e-mail at least a week in advance. Thanks!

Thursday, March 22, 1 – 4pm

Grace at the Movies: "In the Bedroom"

This film shows us what happens when grief blocks forgiveness. It reveals that much of our life's suffering is caused by inner violence and rage. We've all experienced the symptoms that hold us hostage: revenge, brooding, bitterness, stubbornness. Only forgiveness leads us to freedom.

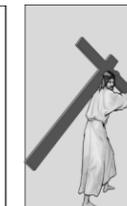
Facilitators: Janine Rocheleau snjm and Joe Quinn csb
Suggested offering: \$10 includes snacks

Thursday, April 5, 1 – 4pm

Grieving Well

This presentation will look at grieving and its two parts, your grief journey and recovery as well as honouring your loved one's life and memory. Both are essential. With the death of her husband Ruth Ann did the hard work of honestly facing the grief process. It is the lessons that she learned personally, as much as her experience as a social worker, that inform the content of the workshop. The workshop will be offered once a month over three months. You may come to one session or all three. Each will build on the one before with new information, discussion questions and experiences. It is meant to help those who come, to move forward on their healing journey. Dates are: April 5 and May 3.

Facilitator: Ruth Ann Wilhelm
Suggested offering: \$15 per session includes snacks



SOUP AND STATIONS

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup at 6:00pm in the hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm in the church.

March 14th Host:
First Communion Parents & Candidates



LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by Our Youth

Sunday March 25, 2018

7:00 pm in the church

MEDIA CENTRE ~ GOOD VIEWING FOR LENT

- DVD021: The Passion of Christ
- DVD034: Killing Jesus
- DVD036: The Bible Epic Series
- DVD042: Full of Grace

LENT 2018 view a DVD. These four DVD's are excellent for LENT. They will help you to relive the passion of Jesus just before we enter Holy Week and witness the Death and Resurrection of the Son of God.

P.S. 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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS ~ MARCH 4, 2018

REGULAR OFFERING	6,696.54
REGULAR OFFERTORY - DIRECT DEPOSIT	445.00
LOONIE & TOONIE	311.16
INITIAL ENVELOPE	20.00
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/SHARE LENT	135.00
RESTORATION CAMPAIGN	420.00
RESTORATION - DIRECT DEPOSIT	78.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	5.00
EASTER	20.00
HOLY LAND - GOOD FRIDAY	20.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	5.00
SUMMER JOBS	65.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$8,220.70



Your continuing generosity
Thank You is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

4th Sunday of Lent

- March 11 ~ Mrs. Joan Robinson, Pastoral Worker
- March 12 ~ Rev. Gerard Bedard
- March 13 ~ Rev. Joseph Kannath
- March 14 ~ Mrs. Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister
- March 15 ~ Rev. Russell Shantz
- March 16 ~ Sister Magdalena Vogt,
Pastoral Minister /Hospital Chaplain
- March 17 ~ **Memorial of St. Patrick**
Mrs. Mary Jean Home, Pastoral Worker

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