

PLEASE NOTE

The morning Mass on Tuesday, May 1st has been moved. Please join us for the Mass of Anointing at 7:00pm instead.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday May 1 7:00 pm	MASS OF ANOINTING ~ 7:00 PM Stéphane Bilodeau (1 st Ann.) ~ the Bilodeau family Peter & Charlene Neuert ~ the family Andre & Mike Broucaert ~ Therese & Colette
Wednesday May 2 8:00am	Aurella Lanoue (2 nd Ann.) ~ Mike, Robert, Marie Monique Godbout ~ Roger & Linda Bellaire Jeannine Robinson ~ Dan & Yvonne Vickerd
Thursday May 3 8:00am	Roland Poisson ~ his wife Annette Int. of Hélène Chauvin ~ Robert & Madeleine Labbé Henri St. Pierre (31 st Ann.) ~ Annabelle, Lorette & family
Thursday May 3 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE Isabelle Quenneville ~ Marr & Rita Huson Donat Fillion ~ Don & Bernice Robert Theresa Papineau ~ Bernadette Drogosz
Friday May 4 9:30am	Jerome Best ~ Pam Trepanier In thanksgiving ~ Dan & Yvonne Vickerd Rita Laforet (4 th Ann.) ~ Dennis & Marie Laforet
Saturday May 5 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Special Intention ~ Robert & Madeleine Labbé Stéphane Bilodeau ~ Mary Hargreaves

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, May 4th**

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

Please join your Parish family in praying that everyone may have better access to Palliative Care. This cross-Canada initiative is supported by the Canadian Catholic Council of Bishops and is being led by the Catholic Women's League. These 12 hours of continuous prayer will take place from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Friday, May 4th. Please consider spending some time in prayer on this pressing issue. Sign-up sheets are available in the main entrance of the church.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE**TUESDAY MAY 1**

- Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
- Mass of Anointing, 7:00pm, Church
- Prayer Gathering after Mass, Church
- K of C 4th Degree Meeting, 7:30pm, Hall

WEDNESDAY MAY 2

- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm CANCELLED
- Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
- Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- K of C 3rd Degree Meeting, 7:00pm, Blue Room

THURSDAY MAY 3

- Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
- Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church
- Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall

FRIDAY MAY 4

- 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care, 7:00am-7:00pm, Church
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:15am-9:15am, Church
- Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 5 & 6

- First Communions, 4:30pm & 11:00am Masses
- Wedding Anniversary Blessings, All Masses
- Crowning of Mary, All Masses
- Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish, Tecumseh. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary, call the parish office, or use a sign-up form available at the entrances of the church and drop it into the collection basket. Responses are required by May 18, 2018.

St. Simon & St. Jude Parish

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm
Closed between 12:00pm & 1:00pm

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 9:30 am

Saturday 9:00 am
Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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,

Let me begin by reminding you about a tradition we began last year in our Community. We dedicated 10 days in May for a special devotion to Mary, Our Mother, by praying the Rosary at the Grotto, as a Parish Community. Since then, many from the Parish suggested that it would be nice if we did it for the whole month of May and we, as a Parish Pastoral Council, thought that it would be a wonderful opportunity for us to witness to our faith.

Everyone needs a mother. Not just because we draw our life from their flesh, but because Mothers and Fathers have distinctly different roles. We turn to our mothers for comfort and to our fathers for protection. The Catholic Church teaches us that we should turn to Mary as a true Mother. We should come to her for comfort and support. Imbibing inspiration from this teaching of the Church, I am hoping that as many as you can, will be able to join us for this special devotion to Mary, Our Mother, all through the month of May. We will gather at the Grotto every day at 6:30 pm and pray the Rosary Mysteries of the Day. Each day's Rosary has been dedicated for a special intention. All those 31 intentions are connected either to our Parish Family or to our individual families.

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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

I would like to remind you once again that it will be a great opportunity to witness to our faith. It is important to stand up for what we believe in life. We believe in Mary, our Mother, and her unique role in the whole history of salvation. She has played a vital role in our Faith life and Faith Formation. This gathering, besides being an opportunity to show our devotion to Mary, will also serve as a tool to attract families and friends to Mary, our Mother. I am sure people who walk by or drive by, will be inspired by our public devotion to Mary and who knows if some wouldn't be touched by it and come back to faith and Church.

Let me avail myself of this opportunity to thank Richard & Denise Bilodeau, John & Pauline Levesque, Bob & Madeleine Labbe, Don & Yvonne Vickerd and Deacon Don & Rita Hamelin, for their willingness to lead us through the devotion. We are truly blessed to have committed people like them in our community. My special thanks to Melanie Brissette, our Administrative Secretary, for beautifully laying out the intentions of the daily Rosary in a Calendar format. Well done Melanie.

As I conclude my message, I am requesting you my dear Brothers and Sisters to make a conscious attempt to make it, as many days as you can, to these days of special devotion to Mary. I would greatly encourage you my dear friends, to invite your family, especially the children and introduce them to this pious devotion in the Church. I pray God's blessings upon you all through the powerful intercession of Mary, Our Mother.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL & YOUTH MINISTER, MARGUERITE HEWER

Chances Are, You Were Prayed for Today
Our parents taught us that, to say a "little prayer" can go a long way to help many. We made the sign of the cross if we heard a fire truck, ambulance or police siren, asking God to be with both the victims and rescuers. Over the years, in a changing society, my "little prayer" list has grown. Since the tragedy of 9-11, when I see or hear a plane, I pray for its safe and gentle landing. At mealtime grace, we ask God to bless every person who laboured that we might eat. That affects a whole lot of people! Every Farmer, Labourer, Truck Driver, Mechanic, Food Processor, Packager, Grocery Store Clerk, Cashier, Maintenance person...We **trust** that God will bless a multitude, with one little prayer! And **faith** tells us, that our Loving God, Who amazingly weaves all things together for the greater good, Who provides that we might receive and share, indeed knows every soul who helped make His gifts possible. Do you see a senior or teenager, walking alone, someone using a walker, riding a bicycle in the cold? Ask God to bless that person. Waiting at a railroad crossing? Pray for the train passengers. They would never know someone was praying for them in that moment, but what miracles our Heavenly Father's hands might construct with that little building block prayer!

More than ever, our society needs prayer. Let's pass on the "say a little prayer" habit to our children. Their little "lights" of prayer might help overcome darkness that seemed impossible for some to find their way out of. Did you know that in some cloistered convents, religious Sisters pray all day before the Blessed Sacrament - for us! It's believed that, where prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is available, communities become safer. In scripture, Abraham alone prayed to save an entire society (Gen. 18:16-33).

Imagine, one day, being seated in an airplane, knowing you will be held in prayer, by people in every community you pass over! This is the kind of world we can build, with our habit of "little" prayers. Our parents were right. By God's grace, saying a "little prayer" can make a big difference in someone's life. Prayer is powerful and far-reaching. It's the best gift and costs nothing to give. It is said that one candle does not lose its glow by lighting another. Prayers keep us going, can heal, bring inner and outer peace.

I believe that, when we cross that great "veil" of all-knowing; among all the marvels Jesus promised us about Heaven, we will be joyfully surprised by two things: first, the souls who prayed for us without our knowing and who, by those prayers, affected great things on our journey, and second, the souls, lined up to thank us for those "little" prayers we offered, with amazing stories of how God used those simple acts, done with love, for the greatest good! Every "little prayer" is time well invested!

Count on my prayers for you, dear St. Simon and St. Jude family!
~Marguerite



Mass of Anointing
Tuesday, May 1st, 7:00pm
St. Simon and St. Jude Church



Please know that the Mass of Anointing is open to everyone. We would greatly appreciate it if you could bring people from your family and neighbourhood who are sick or facing surgery.

Everyone is welcome!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Mark your calendar....

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care – Friday, May 4th, from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Sign-up sheets available at main doors of the church.

Rosary at the Grotto – Monday, May 7th at 6:30pm, followed by our general meeting at 7:00pm. We honour Mary as Our Lady of Good Counsel.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, June 16, 2018 Madonna House will mark 35 years of presence in Windsor with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Dabrowski at Immaculate Heart Parish at 10:00 am. All are welcome. A light repast will follow down in the Church Hall.

WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

invites you to join us for the **MOTHER'S DAY MARCH & SILENT VIGIL**
Sunday, May 13th, 2018
Immaculate Heart Parish
2153 Parkwood Ave, Windsor
2:15pm - 4:45pm
Refreshments will be provided.

Tina Louise Greco from Up About Down, the Windsor/Essex Down Syndrome Association, will be speaking and sharing experiences about how Down syndrome has touched the lives of her and her family of six. The Greco's welcomed their fourth child, Vincenzo, to the world in 2011 but not before being informed 5 months into the pregnancy that the baby had Trisomy 21 as well as heart defects indicative to this chromosomal diagnosis. What started off as a terribly frightening reality blossomed into a wonderfully glorious gift.

SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY
Every Sunday starting at 8:15am. Join us.



Rosary at the Grotto

St. Simon & St. Jude Grotto
Daily from May 1 to May 31
at 6:30pm
Rain or Shine
(bring an umbrella)
We will be praying the
Rosary mysteries
of the day.



YOUTH GROUP CANCELLATION

Please note that Youth Group has been cancelled for Wednesday, May 2nd.

"A NIGHT TO SHARE" FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting "A Night to Share" fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House located at Metropolitan Hospital. The event is to be held Saturday, May 12, 2018 at St. Simon & St. Jude Hall at 5:00pm. The evening will include a cheese bar, hors d'oeuvres, shrimp, dinner and music. There will be plenty of raffle prizes, silent and live auctions, and two wheelbarrows of spirits to be won. Tickets for the wheelbarrows of spirits are \$5 each or a book of 5 for \$20. Tickets for the event are \$100 and all net proceeds from the evening will go to RMHC Windsor. To purchase tickets for the event or for the wheelbarrows, or to make a charitable/prize donation please contact Mike Kovacs at 226-363-0603, mkovacs@cogeco.ca or call the K of C office at 519-728-2828 and leave a message. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

5th Sunday of Easter

- April 29 ~ Rev. Peter Keller
- April 30 ~ Rev. Benjamin Huyge
- May 1 ~ Rev. Zbigniew Rodzinka, C.S.M.A.
- May 2 ~ **Memorial of St. Athanasius**
Rev. Thomas Janisse
- May 3 ~ **Feast of Sts. Philip and James the Apostles**
Rev. Matthew Bedard
- May 4 ~ **Memorial of Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis**
Rev. Daniel Bombardier
- May 5 ~ Rev. Richard Bester

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	A.J. LALIBERTE	CARMEL LETTENBICHLER
LISA BOND	LOUANNE HAMELIN	JACKIE BARRETTE MOJESKE
LUCILLE TELLIER	LINDA LEE CASSIDY	MIKE LANOUE
MADELEINE DUPUIS	LUCILLE ROY	JULIETTE RIVEST
ALICIA DAVEY	MADALAYNA DUCHARME	HANY YOOSAF
JIM LIGHT	STEPHEN ILJANICH SR.	
MARI SCHROEDER	RENE TELLIER	
DIANE LAUZON	THERESA BEAULIEU	

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.