

MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday May 8 8:00am	Leonard Trepanier ~ Alice Reaume Diane Bellaire ~ Roger & Linda Bellaire Sylvain Dubois (1 st Ann.) ~ Rodrigue Dubois
Wednesday May 9 8:00am	Joseph ~ Shaji Shima T.M. Joseph ~ Shaji Shima John George (22 nd Ann.) ~ Pete & Denise
Thursday May 10 8:00am	Ernie Bezaire ~ Doug & Joan Bechard Leonard Trepanier ~ Mary Hargreaves Jackie Mojeske ~ Mom & Dad
Thursday May 10 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASONS LAKESHORE For someone seeking employment ~ a parishioner Jeannette Castanier (3 rd Ann.) ~ Rose Mary Castanier Nil Desmarais ~ Madeleine Desmarais
Friday May 11 9:30am	Louise Catton ~ Pam Trepanier Léonard & Germaine Goudreau ~ Robert & Madeleine Labbé Helen Tetreault ~ Lise Lamar
Saturday May 12 9:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Chance Gauthier ~ Mark & Barb Gauthier Jamil Shamo ~ the family

SLEEP WALK
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to serving those in need. The Sleep Walk campaign is an appeal for donations to allow the purchase of New beds and New mattresses for the poor. The demand exceeds our supplies. The Sleep Walk envelopes can be used for donations for new beds. We sincerely thank you for your financial support.
Please drop the envelopes in the Sunday collection baskets and make cheques payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Every donation is appreciated and we thank you for joining us in our Mission ... "To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with Love, Respect, Justice and Joy."

EXPLORING DEATH, GRIEF AND MOURNING SEMINAR
Monday, May 14 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Caboto Club
We invite you to join us for an evening of hope and healing. This compassionate program with renowned grief specialist Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt will outline practical touchstones that can assist you as you mourn the death of someone in your life. To register please visit <https://www.familiesfirst.ca/dealing-with-grief>.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

- Floor Coverings International 519-735-5515
- Lanoue Insurance Brokers Ltd. 519-728-1432
- Strong's Appliance Service Ltd. 519-728-2334

Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial www.meladyfuneral.ca
Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director - 519-728-150
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE
MONDAY MAY 7
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
• CWL Meeting, 7:00pm, Blue Room
TUESDAY MAY 8
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
• Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm, Church
WEDNESDAY MAY 9
• Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am-1:00pm, Church
• Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hall
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
THURSDAY MAY 10
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
• Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church
• Bingo every Thursday, 7:00pm, Hall
FRIDAY MAY 11
• Marian School Mass, 9:30am, Church
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 12 & 13
• Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30pm
• Sunday, Happy Mother's Day

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration


May 9, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

May Parish Intention:

Mothers and the Sanctity of Life

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

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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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

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Organist Loma Cameron-Price

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FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Our First Communion celebrations for this year come to an end this weekend. We had 52 children who made the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion from our community this year. I am sure; it was a moving experience for the children, as they encountered Jesus for the first time through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion and for their parents who made themselves available since January, to journey with their children in their faith formation. Children always look for visible and tangible examples to follow and parents are the first ones they look at as role models in life. It is the unique responsibility of the parents to make sure that they are being exemplary models for their children to follow, especially in faith life. Even though the First Communion celebrations come to an end this weekend, I would like to gently remind the parents, to kindly take the time on weekends to bring your child back to Church and continue to support them in their faith journey and faith formation.

On this occasion, I am so pleased to acknowledge the outstanding generous help of our Catechists with the preparation of these Sacraments. They have been assisting the First Communicants continued...

INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

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

ANONING 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

with Reconciliation and Communion classes and retreats since January. Mere words are not enough to thank them for the amount of time and energy they have spent for these children and for our community as well. Thank you my dear Catechists for being so generous with your time. Our thanks go out to Debbie Baldi, Sharron Haskell, Holly Kovacs, Ginny Light, France Minnis, Linda Prestyko, Rita Levesque and Stacy Light. We are truly blessed with your presence in our community. I gratefully acknowledge the commendable leadership of Marguerite Hewer, our Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry and the assistance of Sue Hofgartner, the Pastoral Minister, with the First Reconciliation and First Communion celebrations in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate and thank the Music Ministry in our parish family under the guidance and leadership of Linda Bellaire, the Choir Director and Lorna Cameron-Price, the Organist. Music Ministry is a vital part of the Liturgy as it adds more life and vigour to the celebrations. We are truly appreciative of Linda Bellaire for all that she does in the area of Music Ministry, especially with children's choir. Linda has a unique way of making the children feel special with their talents and that keeps them coming back to the Music Ministry. My special thanks to the entire choir for their melodious singing at the liturgical celebrations. I would like the Congregation to know that they gather every Thursday at night in the Church for choir practice, to ensure excellence in Music Ministry. Thank you for being so generous with your time.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,
In so many areas of life we have no choice. Think about it. We didn't choose our gender. We didn't choose our siblings. We didn't choose our race or place of birth. But, we can and do make choices and we certainly have the ability to make many loving choices. We can choose to love in everything we do. We are able to love others because we have first been loved by God. Loving others flows naturally from our deep belief in God's love for us.

As baptized persons we are called to bear witness, with our life through our words and actions, that Jesus is alive and present among us. We do this beautifully through acts of love.

Have you felt God's presence through the kindness of a stranger? One of the beautiful ways to express God's love in our daily lives is through the term known as *Random Acts of Kindness*. May I share with you some of the most recent acts of kindness I have personally experienced from others?

- The anonymous person who cleared the snow from my car at the end of a work day.
- The staff member who prepares the table each day for lunch.
- Witnessing a stranger pick up the garbage they did not leave.
- The person who unexpectedly purchased my order at Tim Horton's.
- The friend who offered encouragement and a hug when I needed it the most.
- The kind soul who let me have the closest available parking spot.

Sometimes our routines, school, work, family and life's demands capture too much of our time and we fail to focus our attention on the needs of others. Become aware of these sacred moments we often experience from unexpected persons and places. Remember that we serve our God through service to others, and we need to gently remind ourselves to sharpen our alertness to the needs of others.

This week, look for opportunities to show love. Choose to be last instead of first. Make a concerted effort to be kind and gentle in your conversations. Offer a ride to someone without a car. Sit with a sick neighbour. There are endless opportunities. Allow God's blessings to pour out more blessings. Imagine the world we can create if we regard one another as more important than ourselves or as equally important as ourselves. Knowing God's love, may we always accept it, be transformed by it and offer it to everyone we encounter. This is what Jesus did throughout his life. Not only did he teach about God's love, but he lived God's love. May God give us the grace to see each other with a heart large enough to love the way Jesus taught us.

Sincerely,
Sue



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Monday, May 7th - Rosary at the Grotto at 6:30pm, followed by our general meeting at 7:00pm.

Next weekend, May 12th & 13th is CWL Sunday. Please pick up your sash before Mass begins if you are bringing up the Offertory Gifts.

Thought for the Week: "Our talent is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift back to God"

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS ON RETREAT

During the month of May, the priests of the Diocese will be on retreat together. There will be two sessions: May 7 to 11 and May 28 to June 1. Please keep our priests in your prayers. Prayers for priests are available at both entrances of the church.

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

CARTER MARTINUZZI

SON OF BRANDON MARTINUZZI & JESSICA (NANTAIS)

HUDSON DELAURIER

SON OF JUSTIN CHAPMAN & GABRIELLA DELAURIER

JAIDE BEAUGRAND

DAUGHTER OF JIMI BEAUGRAND & SHELBEY (ANDERSON)

TESSA RAMSEY

DAUGHTER OF KAREN RAMSEY

MEDIA CENTRE

MONTH OF MAY: MOTHER OF GOD

The message of Mary is the message of the Gospel, to repent and believe the Good News. The message of Mary is conversion to her Son by saying "yes" to God's invitation. That is the path to true peace. Her response to the Angel "I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your Word" (Luke 1:38), proposes to every man and woman the new way of living called the Christian life.

The Media Centre has books about Mary, Mother of God in section B. We have over 45 books dedicated to Mary such as B005 Hail Holy Queen, B026 Champions of the Rosary, B027 My Heart Will Triumph and many more. You can also find a DVD concerning the life of Mary such as DVD039 The Song of Bernadette and DVD042 Full of Grace.

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 us at bilorich@hotmail.com and we would be more than happy to help you.

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.



Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine's

19th Annual Shrine Sunday

Sunday June 10 at 3:00pm in Merlin

- Bring your family to pray the Rosary and visit the Shrine
- Come early and visit the various religious theme trails
- Bring your lawn chairs
- Groups bring your banners and join the procession
- Fourth Degree Knights are invited to attend in full regalia
- Dinner will take place after the Shrine Mass at Visitation Parish in Comber, tickets are \$25.00 and must be pre-ordered
- For more information contact Maurice Janisse, 519-728-3044

"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

6th Sunday of Easter

- May 6 ~ Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood
- May 7 ~ Rev. Gary Ducharme
- May 8 ~ **Memorial of Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine**
Rev. James Mockler
- May 9 ~ Rev. Gerry Campeau
- May 10 ~ Rev. Terrence McNamara
- May 11 ~ Brothers of St. Louis
- May 12 ~ Rev. Richard Janisse

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 ILIJANICH 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.

Offertory Collection

April 29, 2018

Regular Offering	6,083.85
Regular Offering - Direct Deposit	445.00
Loonie & Toonie	354.75
Restoration Campaign	1,190.00
Restoration Campaign - Direct Deposit	78.00
Easter	20.00
Total Deposit	\$8,171.60

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!