

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Dec. 4 8:00am	4 th Degree K of C members, sick or deceased Special intention ~ John & Pauline Levesque Leo Campeau (27 th Ann) ~ Betty & Gerald Alexander & family
Wednesday Dec. 5 8:00am	K of C members, sick, deceased or in distress Nelson Caza (28yrs) ~ wife Kathleen & children Raymond & Terrance Power ~ Seamus & Janice
Thursday Dec. 6 8:00am	Larry Bracken (1 st Ann) ~ Valerie Delrue & family Lea Barrette (51 st Ann) ~ Lorette Barrette & family Rachel Trella ~ Godmother
Thursday Dec. 6 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE Russell Sauve ~ the family Norman & Jeanne Guilbeault ~ the family Mariam Kolenchery ~ Rita & Marr Huson
Friday Dec. 7 9:30am	Luc Mailloux ~ Maurice & Claudette Mousseau St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Edward & Madeleine Mailloux ~ Maurice & Claudette
Saturday Dec. 8 9:00am	MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARIAM KOLENCHERY Mariam Kolenchery ~ Moe & Rachel Peltier Patricia Stanley ~ John & Pauline Levesque Souls in Purgatory ~ a parishioner

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Monday, Dec. 24th, 4:30 pm (*Christmas Mass and Nativity Play*)
Monday, Dec. 24th, 7:00pm & 10:00pm
Tuesday, December 25th, 10:00am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Sat. Dec. 29th, 4:30 pm & Sunday, Dec. 30th, 9:00am & 11:00am

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, Dec. 31st, 4:30 pm & Tuesday, January 1st, 10:00am

THE ANGEL TREE
The "Angel Tree" will be up next week. For those who are not familiar, our "Angel Tree" is our opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones over the holidays. Bring your favorite angel and place it on the "Angel Tree". Remember to pick up your angel after the Christmas season.

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:

Floor Coverings International	519-735-5515
Hallmark Memorial - Hwy #3, Walker Rd	519-737-6158
Strong's Appliance Service Ltd.	519-728-2334
Melady Funeral Home by Arbor Memorial	www.meladyfuneral.ca
Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director	519-728-1500
David J. Bombardier, KCHS	519-890-9785

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

MONDAY DECEMBER 3
• CWL meeting, 7pm, Blue Room

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4
• All Day Confessions 8:30am - 10:00am; 2:00pm - 4:00pm; 7:30pm - 8:30pm
• Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm
• K of C 4th degree meeting, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5
• Staff meeting, 10:30am
• Youth Group, 3:30pm to 5pm, Hall
• Pastoral Council & Finance Committee meeting 5:30pm
• K of C 3rd Degree Meeting, 7pm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6
• Bingo every Thursday, 6pm, Hall
• Choir Practice 7pm, Church

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7
• First Friday Adoration 8:15am - 9:15am
• SJB Blessing of Advent wreaths mass
• SJB Advent Reconciliation 10am

SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 & 9
• Immaculate Conception Prayer of Consecration; all weekend masses

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

ADVENT ~ ALL DAY CONFESSIONS
Tuesday December 4th
8:30am—10:30am
2:00pm—4:00pm
7:30pm—8:30pm

ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS
ALL NIGHT COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGIL at Our Lady of Assumption Rosary Chapel, begins with the Mass on First Friday, Dec. 7th at 9:00 pm to Sat. Dec. 8th with the Mass at 7:00 am. All are Invited.

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 MASS SCHEDULE
TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 8:00 AM
FRIDAY 9:30 AM & SATURDAY 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 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 Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ. Let me begin by thanking you all for your sympathies and condolences and prayers upon the passing of my beloved mother. My family greatly appreciates all your support as we continue to grieve the passing of our mom. I thank God for the gift of my mom. She was everything to me, like any mom to her children. One of the sweetest memories of my mom growing up was, she was very protective of me. Being the youngest of eight in the family, it was so natural that she had a special love for me, even though my siblings were a little envious of it. I am sure, they eventually got over it. Disciplining the children with corporal punishment was very common those days. Each time my father disciplined me, my mom would always protect me from the corporal punishment. Please don't get me wrong, I wasn't too bad growing up....lol....

The last time I visited my mom in May, her dementia had grown worse, and there was absolutely no way I could help her recognize me, and my heart broke for her. However, it was consoling and comforting to know that she was still around, breathing. Once again, I am writing this message, sitting in our living room which is right across my mom's bedroom, and each time I look at her room, it triggers memories that are precious and at times I get emotional and teary.

I loved my mom to pieces. I don't know if it is the same with all the youngest children, but we had a very special and intimate relationship between us.

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 bought my mom everything she liked and kept her happy all her life. Each time I visited my mom, after my arrival into Canada, I had half of my luggage filled with the things she liked most. I will miss buying my mom her favourites, on my next visit to India and it really breaks my heart.

I am so grateful to God for the peaceful death of my mom. On Friday, November 16, mom showed some symptoms of discomfort and uneasiness. She threw up a couple of times and my sisters-in-law gave her a nice warm bath and before she went to bed, she asked for a glass of lemon juice. She then slept, never again to wake up. What a great way to go. May God rest her soul. I am sure my mom had been excited about her journey home, knowing that she will be able to celebrate her 89th Christmas with my brother after 18 years of his passing away and with my father after 14 years of his passing away.

We had the perfect weather on the day of her funeral. It rained heavy in the neighbouring towns, but my mom was fortunate to have the perfect weather for her funeral. My family is so grateful to God that we were able to give her a grand farewell with the support and presence of over 700 people, that includes 25 priests and over 125 nuns. God gave my mom 89 long years to enjoy and I am sure she enjoyed her life to its fullness. Even though our mom is no longer physically with us, she is with us in spirit and she will be with us in spirit, for the rest of our life. I love you mom. I love you to pieces. And I love you dearly mom. You will be greatly missed mom.

In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you pass away. Our hearts were almost broken. We wanted you to stay. But when we saw you sleeping, so peaceful, free from pain, how could we wish you back with us, to suffer that again. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

With kindest regards,
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

FROM MARGUERITE HEWER, PASTORAL & YOUTH MINISTER

Take heart, parents! The good seeds of faith we've tried to sow in our children's lives will take root. They'll show **great character** and we'll praise God!

My son and a band mate agreed to give a talk at a Christian Teens' retreat and met to work on their 'speeches'.

While driving, they flipped through radio stations at random. Music from their **favorite** band came with an announcement: **"Live in concert! Be the ninth caller to win tickets for you and 7 friends!"** They had no cell phone, but "happened" to be passing by a phone booth - a rare find on Riverside Drive. Chris parked the car, scrambled to find enough coins for a long-distance call, memorized the number, made a mad sprint to the phone booth and dialed repeatedly. Low and behold! Against all odds, he was the ninth caller, to win this "jackpot" of tickets!

I listened with matched excitement as he shared his story at home. But then, in a serious tone, he said: "There's only one thing Mom...the concert's the same weekend as the teen retreat."

I knew this conflict was **big** for a teen. Calmly as possible, I asked: "So what will you do, Chris?" His reply was instant. "Mom, I'm already decided. I know what that "win" was all about. Not only am I not going to the concert, I won't pick up the tickets."

He might have schemed a way out of the retreat for one night, but wouldn't *'touch those tickets with a 49-foot pole'* as they say, recognizing temptation in it's "too good to be true" package. We realized he must be doing something important to help make a difference for Jesus, such that the "dark side" would try so hard to throw him off track. We knew that, by God's grace, he chose the better path and in doing so, witnessed to us all.

Life's like that. Things will always "come up" when our hearts, (and kids) know we should place God first. Parenting is not easy. The world tempts - expects us- to compromise, follow the crowd, even to assist our kids in justifying the easy-out, rather than inspire them to stand in witness to what matters most. Parents, our best tool is persistence in prayer, knowing Who "The Victor" is—and always will be. Let's trust that good seed we've sown in our kids' lives will indeed come to fruition. And if some appear fallen away, let's keep praying, as St. Monica did for her "once-fallen" son, the great St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church!

Loving God, thank You for placing your Holy Spirit Gifts in our Children. Bless us with wisdom and courage as we guide them to You. Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



What a wonderful Christmas celebration we had this past Monday. The dinner was delicious and the Fun Band really put us into the Christmas spirit. The lucky winners were: Theresa Mullins for the Afghan; Germaine Drouillard for the Swag; and Rose Ann Marentette won the 50/50.

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month, where CWL members take part in bringing up the Offertory Gifts during Mass. This is a great way to promote and recognize the league to all Catholic women and to be visible in the parish. It is nice to see so many participate in this each month.

Ladies... Don't forget to sign up for the Advent Tea on Tuesday, December 11th, by calling Lee (519-728-3992) or Linda (519-728-2275) or at the December meeting (Monday, December 3rd).

AN EVENING WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

The Family and Youth Ministry outreach office is pleased to welcome Dr. Sri to spend an evening with us on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at Visitation Parish, Comber. Ticket information can be found at www.dol.ca/drsri.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

A WSO Christmas Tradition: Handel's timeless classic featuring four outstanding soloists and the WSO Chorus. Celebrate the Holidays with incredible music!

- FEATURED PERFORMERS:
Peter Wiebe, Conductor
Simone McIntosh, Soprano
Marjorie Maltais, Alto
Jean-Philippe Lazure, Tenor
Bruce Kotowich, Bass
WSO Chorus

Tickets are available by calling 519.973.1238 or online at www.windsorsymphony.com

December 8th, 7:30PM – Leamington Mennonite Church
December 9th, 7:30PM – St. Anne's Church, Tecumseh

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

LLOYD CLICKNER
SON OF
GORDON CLICKNER & KIM POULIOT

MEDIA CENTRE ~ PRAY MORE FOR ADVENT



Inspiring talks to help you prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. All you need to do is register online at praymoreretreat.org and you get 4 speakers and 16 audio & video during the period of Advent. **The Retreat is self-paced.** This means that you can participate wherever you are and whenever you have the time. If you need help, please do not hesitate to call us at 519-715-9406 or email us at bilirich@hotmail.com and we would be more than happy to help you.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARIAM KOLENCHERY



Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9:00am

This mass will be celebrated as an expression of our sympathy to Fr. Antony, from his Parish Family.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOME BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our Lady of Guadalupe depends on God to inspire good people to help provide the means to continue our program for new mothers in crisis. We hope you will help us. Please take a baby bottle home next weekend and fill it with change or bills or a cheque as the Lord inspires you, and return it to your parish within the next 2 weeks. For a tax receipt, provide your name and address (Revenue Canada Tax Registration #84260 0552 RR0001). Make cheques payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Home. For more information, visit www.ologhome.com. Contact us at 519-962-4861 or ldube3070@gmail.com for answers to questions.

Thank you for your generosity, and please join us in saying the following prayer:

"Thy will be done: Nothing more, nothing less."

May God bless you 100 fold!

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

FRIST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 2 ~ Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, PM / CYM

Dec. 3 ~ **Memorial of St. Francis Xavier**
Rev. Robert Champagne

Dec. 4 ~ Miss Janet Loo, Lit. Fac./ Dir. of Music

Dec. 5 ~ Rev. Dwayne Adam

Dec. 6 ~ **Memorial of St. Nicholas**
Rev. Robert Weaver

Dec. 7 ~ **Memorial of St. Ambrose**
Deacon Lyle Lalonge

Dec. 8 ~ **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	RENE TELLIER	JULIA GAGNON
LISA BOND	CARMEL LETTENBICHLER	DENISE NOËL
LUCILLE TELLIER	MIKE LANOUE	KEVIN DUCHARME
MADELEINE DUPUIS	JULIETTE RIVEST	PAUL DUCHARME
ALICIA DAVEY	HANY YOOSAF	BETTY ALEXANDER
JIM LIGHT	PAT BOWSER	ADRIAN RENAUD
MARI SCHROEDER	PAT BUTLER	ANGELA RICE
DIANE LAUZON	CECILE STRONG	LOIS & CLARENCE JANISSE
A.J. LALIBERTE	BETTY SIGRIST	DALE SIMMONS
LOUANNE HAMELIN	MIKE PRESTON	
MADALAYNA DUCHARME	JACKIE BARRETTE MOJESKE	

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 LAWRENCE BEZAIRE & JULES TREMBLAY MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Regular Offering	5,281.00
Regular Offering - Direct Deposit	425.00
Loonie & Toonie	240.50
Restoration Campaign	1,127.00
Restoration Campaign - Direct Deposit	78.00
Christmas	50.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	8,722.66

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!