

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Tuesday Dec. 11 8:00am</b>	Roy & Josephine Murphy ~ relative & friends Norbert Ducharme ~ Simon & Gaynor Mariam Kolenchery ~ Moe & Rachel Peltier
<b>Wednesday Dec. 12 8:00am</b>	Deceased members of the Donahue & Lalonde Families Souls in Purgatory ~ a parishioner Peter (82yrs) Maria & Mariska (85yrs) Svarckopf ~ Mike, Robert & Marie
<b>Thursday Dec. 13 8:00am</b>	Nin George(7 <sup>th</sup> Ann) Pete & Denise Trotechaud Rita Crosby (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann) ~ Angie, Rick & Cody Paul Bisson ~ dad, mom & family
<b>Thursday Dec. 13 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Bernie Strong ~ his wife Ursie & family Arthemise Marentette ~ Madeleine Desmarais Intention of Lucy Roy ~ husband Gil
<b>Friday Dec. 14 9:30am</b>	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Ray & Theresa Rivait ~ the family Larry Bracken ~ the family
<b>Saturday Dec. 15 9:00am</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Doug Denomey ~ Leo LeBoeuf Mariam Kolenchery ~ Sue Hofgartner

MASS SCHEDULE	
<b>CHRISTMAS MASSES</b>	
Monday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 pm ( <i>Christmas Mass and Nativity Play</i> )	
Monday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm & 10:00pm Tuesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00am	
<b>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	
Sat. Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 pm & Sunday, Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00am & 11:00am	
<b>FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	
Monday, Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> , 4:30 pm & Tuesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 10:00am	

**THE ANGEL TREE**  
The "Angel Tree" is now up. 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
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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 11**

- Soup & Video, 6pm, Hall
- Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12**

- Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am to 1:00pm
- Youth Group, 3:30pm to 5:00pm, Hall

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 13**

- Bingo every Thursday, 6pm, Hall
- Choir Practice 7pm, Church

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 14**

- SJB Advent Reconciliation 10am
- SSSJ Staff Christmas Party, blue room

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16**

- Youth Involved Mass at 11am Sunday

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

**ADVENT CHURCH CLEANING**  
Thank you from the Knights of Columbus...  
For all of the parishioners and members of the K of C who assisted with the Church Cleaning on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, your efforts were very much appreciated.  
The entire Church and Choir area were cleaned in one and a half hours by fourteen volunteers.  
*Many thanks for helping to Clean God's House.*

**MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2018**  
**FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM**  
**DECEMBER PARISH INTENTION:**  
*For All Families, that they be bastions of Faith, Love, Compassion, Forgiveness and Healing.*  
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 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

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 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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### FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Greetings to you my Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ. I am so pleased to share with you that our second Christmas Concert turned out to be a huge success this year and I thank you all my people, for your valuable support and presence at the concert. Over the years, we as a Pastoral Team have been seeking ways to reach out to the younger generation and helping them in ways of faith and faith formation. In view of this, we have introduced many youth-friendly activities in our community, such as the Passion Play, Soup and Stations, Youth involved Mass, Children's Choir, Stations with the children and they all have been well received and I am so grateful to our Parents and Grandparents for helping us engage our youth and children in their faith formation.

Our Christmas Concert has been a great tool for attracting younger generations to the Church and I, like many of you, was marveled at what our children can do in the area of singing. We had such a spectacular night at the Christmas Concert and I still hear people say, how much they enjoyed it. We had over 300 people who attended the event. What a great way to enter the Season of Advent. Our Parish Community was so pleased that we were able to offer a platform for the children to display their skills in the area of singing.

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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 Parish Pastoral Team had been planning for this event since the beginning of September, and you can imagine, how much time and energy have gone behind the success of such an event. My heartfelt thanks to Sue Hofgartner, our Pastoral Minister and Marguerite Hewer, our Youth Co-ordinator for their organizational skill. Our Christmas Concert would not have been a reality, if it was not for Linda Bellaire, our Choir Director. Linda has been visiting, both, St. John the Baptist and Pavillon des Jeunes schools, during their lunch hour to train them for the concert, since the beginning of October. Linda has a special gift to engage the little children and encourage their talents, no matter how big or small they may be. Thank you Linda on behalf of our Community. It does not go unnoticed that Linda is supported by her husband Roger with his technical abilities, his singing talents, and his presence at these events. My special thanks also, to Mary Joe Battaglia for graciously consenting to be the MC and Brian Cassidy for being our Santa at the Concert. I also want to acknowledge our St. Simon and St. Jude Choir Members as each member played a significant role in this event. I thank everyone who participated in the performance of this concert. We will look forward to many more opportunities to witnessing the singing skills of our children.

I pray God's blessings upon all of us, that we may make the best use of the Season of Advent and ready ourselves to receive Jesus at Christmas. Please know that for those of you who did not get an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the All Day Confessions, there is still opportunity on the next two Saturdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please consider the reception of this Sacrament as a priority while you are preparing for the celebration of Christmas.

With kindest regards,  
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

**FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER**

Dear Parishioners,

Advent is a time of preparation not only for the birth of Christ, our great feast of Christmas, but ultimately for the Lord's coming. We prepare for everything that's important in life. The Church gives us this season of preparation in Advent to lead us to a spiritual encounter at Christmas.

In the midst of all our activities, let us take time to reflect and prepare well. If Christ came today, would you and I be ready?

I like to be prepared. I am a planner. I love lists. I like to know what is coming so that I can begin preparations, and envision possible responses and make preparations well in advance. There are many things in our daily life for which we can prepare. We can prepare for a job interview, the birth of a child, a birthday party or a special date. We can prepare for the first day of school or a presentation at work. We can prepare financially or for an upcoming vacation. All this preparation is preparation in this world, not our eternal home.

I have learned that many people today never consider where we came from, who we are, and where we are going, and many do not even seem to care about these questions. Spending time with Jesus, in prayer and Scripture, allows us as Catholic Christians to answer these questions with conviction.

Fr. Antony, Marguerite and I recently attended a workshop in preparation for the implementation of the *Family of Parishes*. All of us present were challenged to consider not only how we would answer for ourselves, but also, how we would explain to someone who does not know Jesus the following questions:

**Who is Jesus? What did Jesus do? Why did He do it? For whom did He do it? How should we respond to Jesus?**

For me personally this was a very powerful experience. I had to really think about my answers and then the experience of articulating my belief to another person was a very moving and a very beneficial spiritual experience. I encourage all of us to consider these questions with great honesty and clarity as we prepare for Christmas. How would you answer these questions to a stranger or someone eager to know who is Jesus?

Advent isn't solely about preparing for Christmas; it reminds us most importantly that Jesus will come again, and we have to be ready.

May we all prepare well for the birth of Christ this Christmas and radiate His love to everyone we meet.

Sincerely, Sue

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



We are still in need of **Pyjamas** for the **Belle River/Rochester Goodfellows for Boys & Girls – sizes 7 to 10**. These can be dropped off in the CWL box at the main entrance of the Church or call Lee (519-728-3992).

**SOUP AND VIDEO**



Please join us for our soup and video series - **The Wild Goose - our journey with the Holy Spirit - on December 11<sup>th</sup>** in the main hall. This month we reflect on our mother Mary and her "Yes" to God's will. What a wonderful way to help us to prepare as we anticipate the coming of her Son into our lives this Christmas.

SOUP AT 6:00PM VIDEO AT 6:30PM.

*"Only the Holy Spirit can prompt your heart to say 'Father'. Only the Holy Spirit opens your heart to love."* Pope Francis

**MASS OFFERING IN THE HOLY LAND**

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is one of the oldest organizations with the Catholic Church having been founded in the eleventh century after the First Crusade. It is an ancient order of the Knighthood under the protection of the Holy See.



David Bombardier from our parish is a knight of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

He has mass cards available from The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to have a Mass offered in a church or special shrine in the Holy Land where Jesus was born, preached, died, rose from the dead and redeemed mankind.

If you are interested in a Mass card to have a Mass offered in the Holy Land please call David Bombardier at 519-890-9785.



**THANK YOU**



Our October food drive was a huge success! We donate half of the food collected to the Lakeshore Good fellows and half of the food to the Lakeshore Community Food Pantry. The Lakeshore Community Pantry valued the amount donated to be equivalent to \$3000. Since they received half of the donation, we are confident that we collected as a parish more that \$6000.00 to help those in need. Many thanks for your generous donations.

**NATIVITY PLAY**

Give more meaning to Christmas for your child this year by having them be part of the Christmas nativity play.



**Who: Children ages 6 to 10**  
**When: Christmas Eve 4:30pm Holy Mass**  
**Where: St. Simon & St. Jude Church**

*\*Only 2 rehearsals and no lines!\**  
Contact Dianne Poisson 519-995-7283 or email dpoisson1@hotmail.com

**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 few weeks. For a tax receipt, provide your name and address (Revenue Canada Tax Registration #84260 0552 RR001). Make cheques payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Home. For more information, visit [www.ologhome.com](http://www.ologhome.com). Contact us at 519-962-4861 or [ldube3070@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Dec. 9 ~ Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister
- Dec.10 ~ Mrs. Christine Coyle, CYM
- Dec.11 ~ Rev. Steve Wlusek
- Dec.12 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Ms. Suzanne Walton, Pastoral Minister
- Dec.13 ~ **Memorial of St. Lucy**  
Mrs. Jean Bénéteau, Pastoral Minister
- Dec.14 ~ **Memorial of St. John of the Cross**  
Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister
- Dec.15 ~ Rev. Jan Pochwala

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

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| 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 YOOSOF             | 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            | LUELLA LEBOEUF          |
| 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 RICHARD LENKIEWICZ ~ BROTHER OF KATHLEEN SCHNEIDER  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION DECEMBER 2, 2018**

Regular Offering	6,801.80
Regular Offering - Direct Deposit	425.00
Loonie & Toonie	256.21
Restoration Campaign	1,280.00
Restoration Campaign - Direct Deposit	78.00
Christmas	175.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Christmas Concert	849.46
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>9,885.47</b>

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!