

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Tuesday Dec. 18 8:00am</b>	Paul Masse ~ Cecile Strong Mariam Kolenchery ~ Allan & Mary Jean Ferriss Rita & Leon Roy ~ Gil & Lucy Roy
<b>Wednesday Dec. 19 8:00am</b>	Noel Tellier ~ the Tellier Family Peace & safety for Melady Family ~ the Melady Family Steven Ilijanich Sr ~ Simon & Gaynor Ducharme
<b>Thursday Dec. 20 8:00am</b>	Intention of Angela Rice ~ a parishioner Special intention ~ a parishioner Ray & Sophie Marentette ~ Paul & Rena Gilbert
<b>Thursday Dec. 20 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Harry Strong (12 <sup>th</sup> Ann) ~ wife Margaret & family Mariam Kolenchery ~ Alice Reaume Lawrence, Arthemise & Wilfrid ~ Alice Reaume & family
<b>Friday Dec. 21 9:30am</b>	Luc Mailloux ~ Rosine Mailloux & family St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Arthur & Rita Mousseau ~ Maurice & Claudette
<b>Saturday Dec. 22 9:00am</b>	Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Dan Reaume ~ the Reaume family Rodrique Ducharme ~ Simon & Gaynor

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Sat. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm & Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am & 11:00am

**FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 pm & Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOME BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

You can still take home a baby bottle and help new mothers in crisis. Fill it with money and return it to the parish within the next few weeks. For a tax receipt, provide your name and address. May God bless you for your generosity!

**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**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 18**

- Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19**

- Youth Group, 3:30pm to 5:00pm, Hall

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 20**

- No Bingo; resumes January 3 at 6pm
- Choir Practice 7pm, Church

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 21**

- SJB Advent Reconciliation, 10am, church

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 23**

- **Note: No children's church;** resumes Jan 6

**MONDAY DECEMBER 24**

- Christmas Eve; see Mass Schedule

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 25**

- Christmas Day; see Mass Schedule

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26**

- Office closed

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 27**

- No Bingo; Resumes January 3 at 6pm
- No Choir Practice

**SUNDAY MORNING ROSARY**

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

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Beverly Barrette	Rita Hamelin
Tracey Campeau	Rita Huson
Donald Hamelin	Nancy Mullins
Mary Lou Hamelin	Pam Trepanier

**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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**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

**Third & Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 16 and 23, 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,

In a London Cemetery there were two funerals. The first coffin was followed by a solitary mourner, a rather lost looking woman, evidently the mother. There were no flowers on the coffin, while the other was covered with wreaths and hundreds of flowers, and followed by several mourners. At the graveside one of them, evidently the father, took a wreath and a large bunch of lilies from his own child's coffin and laid them upon the other. I don't know his name, but I think the angels do. (G.E. Gordon)

The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the early Christians came together to break bread, and then goes on to say that there was no needy person among them, because those who were blessed with more, were willing to share what they had. It is not for nothing that Jesus links the love of God with the love of neighbour. It is the neighbour who makes God accessible to us.

The Eucharist challenges us to share. The problem with most of us is that we want to be committed to Christ without being committed to Him in the poor. But that is not possible. Commitment to the Lord has a social dimension. When someone cynically asked Mother Teresa how she was going to feed the thousands of hungry people, she answered with disarming simplicity: "One by one."

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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**

Perhaps that is the least we can do. We may not be able to make a dent in the many complex problems of society. But we could ask ourselves whether we can make a difference in the fortunes of at least one needy person.

Today's Gospel reading invites us to look into our hearts and ask ourselves this question: "To what extent are we giving ourselves and our resources for the poor?"

Jesus tells us today: "I need your talents, I need your generosity, I need your feet, I need your hands, I need your tongue and above all, **I NEED YOU**. For today I have only your feet to carry ME to the slums, to the factories and the offices of your cities. I have only your hands to reach out to the helpless, the homeless and the hopeless. I have only your tongue to tell MY brothers and sisters why I came to live on earth, and why I suffered and died for them."

The preaching of John the Baptist pierced the hearts of the hearers like a sword. They felt a strong urge to do something to change their lives in order to welcome the Saviour. But they did not know how to proceed. John's answer was very clear. He insisted that there must be a concrete, visible manifestation of their repentance in their ordinary lives. He told them plainly that they could not have a share in God's Kingdom if they were not prepared to share with others their own resources. Hence the question: **"WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?"**

With kindest regards,  
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Dec. 16 ~ Deacon Brian McDonald
- Dec. 17 ~ Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic, C.S.M.A.
- Dec. 18 ~ Rev. Augustine Ogundele
- Dec. 19 ~ Deacon Daniel Lemire
- Dec. 20 ~ Rev. Matthew George
- Dec. 21 ~ Mrs. Lynn Di Pinto, CYM
- Dec. 22 ~ Deacon Joseph Manzara

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Dec. 23 ~ Rev. Michael Ryan
- Dec. 24 ~ Rev. Albert Williams
- Dec. 25 ~ Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**
- Dec. 26 ~ **Feast of Stephen**  
Rev. Seejo John
- Dec. 27 ~ **Feast of St. John the Evangelist**  
Mrs. Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Worker
- Dec. 28 ~ **Feast of the Holy Innocents**  
Rev. Martin (Sam) Johnston
- Dec. 29 ~ Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**FROM DEACON DON**

Continued....The Story of the Wallet [Part 2 of 4]

She gave me the name of the nursing home and I called the number. They told me the old lady had passed away some years ago but they did have a phone number for where they thought the daughter might be living.

I thanked them and phoned. The woman who answered explained that Hannah herself was now living in a nursing home. This whole thing was stupid, I thought to myself. Why was I making such a big deal over finding the owner of a wallet that had only three dollars and a letter that was almost 60 years old? Nevertheless, I called the nursing home in which Hannah was supposed to be living and the man who answered the phone told me, "Yes, Hannah is staying with us."

Even though it was already 10:00 PM, I asked if I could come by to see her. "Well," he said hesitatingly, "if you want to take a chance, she might be in the day room watching television." I thanked him and drove over to the nursing home. The night nurse and a guard greeted me at the door. We went up to the third floor of the large building. In the day room, the nurse introduced me to Hannah. She was a sweet, silver-haired old timer with a warm smile and a twinkle in her eye.

I told her about finding the wallet and showed her the letter. The second she saw the powder blue envelope with that little flower on the left, she took a deep breath and said, "Young man, this letter was the last contact I ever had with Michael." She looked away for a moment deep in thought and then said softly, "I loved him very much. But I was only 16 at the time and my mother felt I was too young. Oh, he was so handsome, he looked like Sean Connery, the actor."

"Yes," she continued. "Michael Goldstein was a wonderful person. If you should find him, tell him I think of him often. And," she hesitated for a moment, almost biting her lip, "tell him I still love him. You know," she said smiling as tears began to well up in her eyes, "I never did marry. I guess no one ever matched up to Michael."

To Be Continued....Deacon Don

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

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| DIANE REAUME       | RENE TELLIER            | JULIA GAGNON            |
| LISA BOND          | CARMEL LETTENBICHLER    | DENISE DUCHARME 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,  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND  
COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



Ladies... Our request for PJ's for the Goodfellows has been fulfilled. Thank you for your generosity! And thank you also for responding so quickly to our membership drive. Are you looking for a winter project? We are looking for women who sew or knit. Material will be provided. We need to make aprons, table runners and various kitchen items. The finished projects will be added to our amazing baskets for the Bazaar Penny Table in 2019. If you would like to help us with this project, please call Lee (519-728-3992).

**MISSIO**

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF LONDON  
The Winter, 2018, issue of *Missio*, the newspaper of the Diocese of London, is being printed and will be arriving soon in parishes and Catholic schools across the diocese. If you prefer, you can read it online by visiting our online newspaper archive at [www.dol.ca/newspaper](http://www.dol.ca/newspaper).

**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 (\$20) please call David Bombardier at 519-890-9785.



**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, 7pm, at Visitation Parish, Comber.

Ticket information can be found at [www.dol.ca/drsri](http://www.dol.ca/drsri). Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year, he speaks to clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity from around the world. Everyone is welcome.

**"VIBRANT FAITH IN A SECULAR AGE—TODAY'S CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES & PARISH LEADERS"**

**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](mailto:dpoisson1@hotmail.com)

**19th Annual Hearts Together For Haiti Charity Gala**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

Fogolar Furlan Club, Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30pm  
1800 E.C.Row (North Service Road)

Tickets: \$75 (Adults), \$50 (Students), \$25.00 (4-12 yrs)

Proceeds used to operate HTFH School, Medical Clinic and Kay Nou Orphanage in Deppe, Haiti. Tickets make **great** Christmas gifts while providing help to our Haitian brothers and sisters. Call 519-972-3374.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Regular Offering	5,812.38
Regular Offering - Direct Deposit	425.00
Loonie & Toonie	281.00
Restoration Campaign	510.00
Restoration Campaign - Direct Deposit	78.00
Christmas	120.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>7,266.38</b>

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!