

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Tuesday March 12 8:00am</b>	Linda Lee Cassidy ~ Brian & family 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree K of C members, sick or deceased Rejeanne Bracken (16 <sup>th</sup> Ann) ~ Mary & Ernie Bracken & family
<b>Wednesday March 13 8:00am</b>	Roy & Josephine Murphy & relatives ~ the family Francis Beauregard ~ Elizabeth & Lon Jeffrey Mick Rivait ~ wife Mable & family
<b>Thursday March 14 8:00am</b>	Mariam Kolenchery ~ St. Simon & St. Jude Choir Thank you to St. Jude ~ J.L.R. Jules Tremblay ~ Mike & Theresa Mullins
<b>Thursday March 14 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Carmelle Osentoski ~ Maurice & Claudette Mousseau Barb Streb ~ the family Barb Pillon ~ Lise Lamar
<b>Friday March 15 9:30am</b>	Carole Delisle ~ the Reaume Family Frank Melady ~ the Melady Family St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
<b>Saturday March 16 9:00am</b>	Giovani Malafarina ~ Denise & Richard Bilodeau Ella Morin ~ Rosaire & Martine Bourgoin Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Paroisse Ste-Anne's Parish, Tecumseh, is seeking a Bilingual Secretary/Receptionist. Details for this and other positions are available at <https://dol.ca/employment>.

**HELP A FAMILY IN NEED**  
Special request from a large family of 8 in need of a BBQ. If you have a BBQ that you no longer need or if you are considering upgrading your BBQ, we have a family that would love your used BBQ and will put it to good use. Please contact Sue Hofgartner at the parish office or [shofgartner@dol.ca](mailto:shofgartner@dol.ca). Thank you for your consideration.

**K OF C NOTICE OF MOTION**  
 The Belle River Knights of Columbus, Council 2775, propose to make the following donation, at their April 3, 2019 General Meeting, at 7:00pm, to St. Simon & St. Jude Parish, to cover the cost of the repair of the Parish Hall kitchen hood. St. Simon & St. Jude Parish \$1,500.00  
*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 MARCH 12**

- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7pm
- Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 13**

- Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am to 1pm
- Soup & Stations, 6pm, Hall & Church
- Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:30pm

**THURSDAY MARCH 14**

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

**SUNDAY MARCH 17**

- Youth Involved Mass, 11am

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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

**THE SPRING CAMPAIGN**  
You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Windsor Regional Hospital, Metropolitan Campus, during the vigil hours between 7 am to 7 pm each day.

Mid-point Rally - Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 pm  
Closing Rally - Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 2 pm

*Pray to end abortion!*  
To register call Laurie Eberhardt at 519-300-6792 or visit our website: [40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/windsor](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/windsor)

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Fr. Antony Kolenchery	Gayle Lepine
Sue Hofgartner	Jeff Powell
Mary Jo Battaglia	Gerald Quinn
Denise Deimling	Jeanne Setler
Meghan Lauzon	Marguerite Hewer

**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	<a href="http://www.meladyfuneral.ca">www.meladyfuneral.ca</a>
Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director	519-728-1500
David J. Bombardier, KC* HS	519-890-9785

# 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

## The First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

**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**

ADMINISTRATOR  
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PERMANENT DEACON  
**Deacon Don Hamelin**

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COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY  
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**Organist** Lorna Cameron-Price

**Custodian** Wayne Walsh

**Housekeeper** Andrea Gabrieau

**Hall Manager** Dennis Bowering  
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**Cemetery Manager** Joe Lanoue  
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**FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY**  
My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Without some serious reflection on the essential realities of life, we cannot hope to live worthwhile lives. The Season of Lent provides us with a golden opportunity to seriously reflect on the way we lead our lives. The Church offers us forty days of Lent to turn away from our evil habits and turn to God. It is a time to excel in works of charity and to grow in holiness. It is a time to rethink our real priorities in life. It is a time of interior renewal, self-discipline and self-denial.

Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer has prepared the way for us to enjoy the true liberty of children of God. He overcame temptation through prayer and self-discipline. Through His life and death He triumphed over Satan, Sin and Death. He invites each one of us to share in His victory. He also asks us to fight a good fight against the evil that is within and around us. To fight this battle as Jesus did, we too have to face the 'desert'. We have to fast and pray. We have to die to our old selves. This is a great season of grace.

The Liturgical Year of the Church goes through both joyful, as well as sorrowful aspects of human life. Advent is hopeful, Christmas is joyful, Lent is serious and sober, while Good Friday is sombre and Easter is glorious. To bring home the austere and severe nature of Lent, today's Gospel reminds us of wilderness, fast, hunger, the devil and temptation. These are all grim realities and in presenting them, the Church Year reflects human life.

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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)**

Lent is ushered in with ashes and crosses. If ashes are unattractive, crosses are repulsive. However, Mother Church has a day in her calendar for the unattractive ashes and repulsive cross. They both remind us of eternal truths about life and let us approach them as a source of salvation and life. Let us not consider this time of the year as a burden but a moment of grace and blessings.

On another note, let me avail myself of this opportunity to thank you for your presence at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We had a great turn out and I am sure you had a wonderful time with your family and friends. This being more than a social event, is a good tool to raise some funds, to support the needy people in our community. As I have been indicating over the years, the people we support are truly appreciative of our generosity and we as a community shall be happy because they are happy and we have been able to bring some difference in their lives. It is all for good. God is good and gracious to us and we shall be good and generous to our less fortunate companions as well. The evening raised \$2,585.

It brought so much joy to me, to see the children keep coming back for their toppings and cream. Interestingly, some of them only had cream and toppings. lol....Thank you my dear friends for being so pro-active to our request. Our community has always been so generous and supportive to all our initiatives and I want to thank you once again for your magnanimity and overwhelming support. **I also take this opportunity to apologize to you my sister and brothers for the long line up. Thank you for your patience and I assure you that we will in the future, look at ways to correct this problem and make the evening more pleasant for everyone. I know how embarrassing and annoying it could be to wait for a meal, for so long, but I am really impressed by your patience and good will. Once again, my apologies to you my friends. May you have a blessed and fruitful Lent.**

With kindest regards,  
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

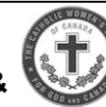
**FROM OUR PASTORAL & YOUTH MINISTER, MARGUERITE**

A poster in my Doctor's waiting room made a huge impact on me even though I was just a kid. I recently discovered a framed copy at a flea market – like an old treasure! First published in 1954, it was taped to refrigerators, printed as posters and distributed to millions of parents by a baby formula maker. To re-read it as an adult, can perhaps help us gain insights about ourselves - how early influences may have affected our current attitudes in life... And perhaps, with those gained insights, we can be more gentle with ourselves going forward as the gift God created us to be for others. Imagine gently taking hold of the hand of that little child from long ago, but still within, and walking with that child in love. The child's other hand is held by Jesus! (Always was!) Who knows? Maybe you'll post this again on your fridge! It hangs on my office wall in coming full-circle, as a humble reminder in my work with His beautiful, precious youth. God's blessings to you, dear SSSJ family. ~Prayerfully yours, Marguerite

**CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE  
If Children Live With...**

- Criticism... they learn to condemn
  - Hostility... they learn to fight
  - Fear... they learn to be apprehensive
  - Ridicule... they learn to be shy
  - Shame... they learn to feel guilty
  - Pity... they learn to feel sorry for themselves
  - Jealousy... they learn to be envious
  - Encouragement... they learn confidence
  - Tolerance... they learn to be patient
  - Praise...they learn to appreciate
  - Approval... they learn to like themselves and others
  - Recognition... they learn to have a goal
  - Sharing... they learn about generosity
  - Honesty... they learn to be truthful
  - Fairness... they learn justice
  - Security... they learn to have faith
  - Kindness... they learn to serve others
  - Acceptance... they learn to find love in the world
- \*If YOU decide to live with Faith, Serenity and Prayer,  
Your child will have Peace of Mind\*

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



Our CWL is hosting the **Soup & Stations**, next Wed. March 13<sup>th</sup>. We are using **"The Physician's Way of the Cross"**. Hope to see many of our members at both events!

**FYI:** One of the charities we donate to each year is "Project Rachel" which is a program for men and women whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child through an abortion. For many, an abortion is a source of grief and regret. This program provides the healing grace of God to move forward and to forgive themselves. We are very proud of the many great causes we support each year.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH  
Day of Reflection with Sister Linda Parent**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

starting with mass at 9:30 a.m.  
\$5 at the door of Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall – includes lunch  
Please call Brigitte McFadden at 519-948-5466 for a reservation by Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions is planned for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus.

**Confession times in our parish are:  
8:30am to 10:30am ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm ~  
7:30pm to 8:30pm.**

Our diocesan website ([www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca)) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 13  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**MARCH PARISH INTENTION:**  
*For students and teachers, may they be filled with wisdom and blessing.*

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Did you know.... that anyone in the community, regardless of religious denomination, can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul anytime and ask for assistance with food and furniture requests? They simply **contact or attend the church office** and make the request.

From that point, our church staff immediately contacts the members of the St. Simon & St. Jude Conference. A pair of members then promptly visit with the client. Food, clothing and furniture can be provided as needed following a home visit which always concludes with a joint prayer. The client is also referred to other local service agencies for additional assistance.

All requests and visits are confidential.

God bless the poor.

**LAKESHORE BLOOD DONOR CENTRE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18 FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM**

St. Simon & St. Jude Parish Hall, Belle River

New Donors & Walk Ins Welcome!

The need for blood is constant, which is why donations at this time of year are so vitally important for patients. Canadian Blood Services is encouraging eligible donors to give blood.

For more info visit: [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) or call **1 888 2 DONATE**

**SHARE THE JOURNEY ~ DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**



This pair of shoes symbolizes the path travelled by forced migrants. In 2017, 68.5 million of our sisters and brothers were forced to flee their homes because they feared for their lives and safety. They set out on a long journey, sometimes risking their lives, in the hope of living in dignity and peace.

In Colombia, slightly more than 7.7 million people have been displaced because of conflict, violence, natural disasters and development projects, where a mine is opened and people are displaced or the mine's waste has contaminated the soil and drinking water.

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- March 10 ~ Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister
- March 11 ~ Deacon Victor Salazar
- March 12 ~ Rev. Gerard Bedard
- March 13 ~ Rev. Joseph Kannath
- March 14 ~ Mrs. Alice Chinnick, Catechist
- March 15 ~ Rev. Russell Shantz
- March 16 ~ Sister Magdalena Vogt, C.P.S. Pastoral Minister

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

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| DIANE REAUME       | CARMEL LETTENBICHLER | PAUL DUCHARME            |
| LISA BOND          | MIKE LANOUE          | BETTY & GERRY ALEXANDER  |
| LUCILLE TELLIER    | JULIETTE RIVEST      | ANGELA RICE              |
| MADELEINE DUPUIS   | HANY YOOSOF          | LOIS & CLARENCE JANISSE  |
| ALICIA DAVEY       | PAT BOWSHER          | DALE SIMMONS             |
| JIM LIGHT          | PAT BUTLER           | LUELLA LEBOEUF           |
| MARI SCHROEDER     | CECILE STRONG        | MARY LOU BOMBARDIER      |
| DIANE LAUZON       | BETTY & DON SIGRIST  | KAY CAZA                 |
| A.J. LALIBERTE     | MIKE PRESTON         | EDWARD & LUCILLE TELLIER |
| MADALAYNA DUCHARME | JULIA GAGNON         | KENNY GANGIER            |
| RENE TELLIER       | KEVIN DUCHARME       |                          |

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 DOLLY HARCUS AND DANIEL BRAZIL  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND  
COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**MARCH 3, 2019**

Regular	6,804.05
Regular - Direct Deposit	445.00
Loonie & Toonie	265.00
Restoration Fund	860.00
Restoration - Direct Deposit	88.00
Ash Wednesday	95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,557.05</b>

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!