

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Tuesday April 2 8:00am</b>	Ray & Theresa Rivait ~ the family Larry Bracken ~ the family Intention of Danny Baldi ~ mom & dad
<b>Wednesday April 3 8:00am</b>	K of C members, sick, deceased or in distress Edward Tellier ~ Bert Vanberlo Margaret Diesbourg ~ Pauline May & family
<b>Thursday April 4 8:00am</b>	Jackie Mojeski ~ Joe & Betty Ann Kelly Special intention ~ John & Pauline Levesque Daniel Brazil ~ Pete Trotechaud
<b>Thursday April 4 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Russell Sauv�e ~ the family Margaret Logue ~ Fernand & Geraldine St. Pierre All Souls in Purgatory ~ Lise Lamar
<b>Friday April 5 9:30am</b>	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Brian Langer ~ Madeleine Labb�e Intention of Nancy Parent ~ Bert Vanberlo
<b>Saturday April 6 9:00am</b>	Gord Johnston ~ wife & family Th�odore Bilodeau (21 <sup>st</sup> Ann) ~ Denise & Richard Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

**Assumption University Presentation**  
**SISTER HELENA BURNS**  
Topic: Using Media Humanly  
Everyone Welcome. No admission charge.  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 AT 7:00 PM  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 4401 Mount Royal Dr., in Parish Hall  
Discussion & refreshments to follow. For info contact  
519-973-7033 ext. 0 or [cbertrand@assumptionu.ca](mailto:cbertrand@assumptionu.ca)

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



We encourage you to come spend time in prayer and adoration each month during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers of the Divine Mercy, which take place on the first Friday of each month, from 8:15am until 9:15am.  
**THIS MONTH: FRIDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**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	<a href="http://www.meladyfuneral.ca">www.meladyfuneral.ca</a>
Michael Sutton, K of C - Managing Director	519-728-1500
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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY APRIL 1**

- CWL Meeting, 7pm

**TUESDAY APRIL 2**

- Prayer gathering, every Tuesday 7:15pm

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3**

- Youth Group 3:30pm to 5pm
- Stations of the Cross Rehearsal, 3:45pm
- Soup & Stations, 6pm, Hall & 6:45pm, Church
- K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm

**THURSDAY APRIL 4**

- SJB Stations of the Cross, 1pm
- Stations of the Cross Rehearsal, 3:45pm
- Bingo every Thursday, 6pm, Hall
- Choir Practice 7pm, Church

**FRIDAY APRIL 5**

- First Friday Adoration, 8:15am to 9:15am
- SJB School Lent Reconciliation, 10am

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 6 & 7**

- Wedding Anniversary Blessing, all masses
- First Communion Mass meeting #4, 4:30pm & 11am Mass

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



**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



The Our Lady of Guadalupe Baby Bottle Campaign was a huge success! **Almost \$3,500 was raised through your generous donations!** Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Guadalupe home of Windsor and making a difference for the mothers and babies who are helped through this pregnancy home.

# ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 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.

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### FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Every year thousands of youth, finding their homes unhomey, run away. They find their home atmosphere too constrictive, restrictive and oppressive. In their quest for freedom, for a fuller life, they seek freer air to breathe, more expansive ways to grow. The parable of the prodigal son deals with matters weightier than juvenile delinquency, even more than morality. The issues at stake are not an individual's desire for more freedom. The prodigal son's story is the story of every human being, it touches all men and women, and what is profoundest in them.

The questions raised are: How can a person discover his true and authentic self? How can one be oneself? Man has this painful awareness that he is not what he should be and could be. This for him is a torment. At the same time, he has an optimistic feeling that he can be and should be different from what he is.

Unfortunately, that which promises more freedom often turns out to be more enslaving, a mere mirage in the desert of meaningless existence. He who flees from God finds rest and freedom **nowhere**. Man's life on earth is a journey homeward—a place where one feels at home and free. It is a long journey to freedom, to authentic humanity. Man is at home only in the loving embrace of God his Creator and Father. For, God is man's home. Or, as Pope John Paul 1 said, "God is our Mother."

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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)**

Jesus Christ is the way to our authentic humanity because He is the way to the Father. Not only sin but idol worship, faith in magic and superstitious practices estrange man from God. To the extent that one is away from God, one is less of a man. Jesus Christ reconciled man with God, made man at one with God. Therefore, he who is in Christ is a new creation. He has found his true self.

The question then is: Who is NOT a prodigal? All of us are prodigals in one way or the other. Think of the eldest son in the parable! Then how are we to work for our reconciliation? First and foremost by claiming for ourselves that God through Christ has reconciled us to God. It is not enough to believe this with our heads. We have to let the truth of this reconciliation permeate every part of our being. As long as we are not fully and thoroughly convinced that we have been reconciled with God, that we are not forgiven, that we have received new hearts, new spirits, new eyes to see, new ears to hear, we continue to create divisions among people because we expect from them a healing power they do not possess. As we continue our Lenten Journey, we need to pause for a while at some point during this week and ask ourselves:

- As a child of God, am I reconciled with my Heavenly Father?
- Have I ever been like the elder brother of the Prodigal Son story?

With kindest regards,  
Fr. Antony Kolenchery

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

Make a difference. Encourage Others.

A local sign read: *"Be the positive difference you want to see in the world"*. I smiled to think that, whoever posted it was already doing so. God created each of us to, in some unique way, make a difference to His glory. Jesus warned us that some may discourage, or question our "worthiness" to serve God. He too was questioned: "Aren't You the son of the carpenter and Mary? And so they rejected him." Matt 13:55,57

We may question our own call. Years ago, a visiting Pastor asked me to oversee a certain ministry. I replied that I would assist, but that I wasn't qualified to direct the program. He responded: "God doesn't call the "qualified". God qualifies the called." A great encourager! Each of us, by Baptism, is "called" to mission: Build God's kingdom. Share God's love in the world. Encourage and support those among us now, those we'll welcome, and those who will carry the light of faith after us: Our youth.

Encourage youth. They hunger to make a difference. A man walked on a beach where hundreds of starfish washed ashore in a storm the evening before. In the distance he thought he saw someone dancing. As he approached, he realized it was a boy picking up starfish and throwing them into the ocean. "Young man, why do that?" The boy explained "Sir, the tide's gone out and the sand's getting hot. If I don't help these starfish to the water, they'll die." The man continued, "But all this worthless effort! With miles of beach and thousands of starfish, it can't possibly make a difference." The boy listened politely, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea. "It just made a difference for that one."

May we too, go peaceably, making a saving difference, in a dance of faith, hope and compassion, wherever God places us.

*I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow being; let me do it now, in His name, and for His sake. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. — Etienne de Grellet*

We can make a difference. For His sake and glory!  
Encourage others to do the same.

God's blessings to you this Lent, dear SSSJ family.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



**APRIL EVENTS:**

**General Meeting:** Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm.

**Deadline** for tickets to the Broadway Musical **"Hairspray"** (Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>) is **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. If we cannot get enough ladies for the bus, we will have to cancel. Cost \$40.00 must be paid by deadline date. Call Lee at 519-728-3992 now to reserve your seat.

**Eyeglasses & Stamps:** We are looking for old prescription eyeglasses/sunglasses you no longer wear to take to the Convention. These will be sent to a local optometrist who will calibrate them. **Canadian Food for Children** will then send them to Third World Countries. Stamps are brought to Convention also, where they will be packaged in 25lb bags. They are then sold to stamp dealers. The money received is sent to Leprosy Mission Canada and used to supply money for medicine, care and rehabilitation to those suffering from Leprosy. Please bring these items to us before April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**London Diocesan Convention** – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Clair Arts Centre, Windsor.

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Penance and Prayer in Every Parish!



The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Frances reminds us, "Confession is where we encounter Jesus." In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten journey, every year on the fifth Wednesday of Lent, parishes all across the Diocese of London have priests available to hear confessions throughout the day and/or evening.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Confession times in our parish are:**

**8:30am to 10:30am ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
7:30pm to 8:30pm.**

Our parish website, [www.stsimonstjude.ca](http://www.stsimonstjude.ca) lists the details of our parish confession times and locations. For more info about the Day of Confessions, please visit [www.dol.ca/day-of-confessions](http://www.dol.ca/day-of-confessions).

**SOUP AND STATIONS**



Join us every Wednesday during Lent for Soup at 6:00 pm in the hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:45pm in the church.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Host: Decorating Committee

**PARISH NURSING MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM) conference is in London this May. As part of the conference, an information session will be held on Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 pm open to all nurses, health care providers, faith leaders, and anyone who is interested in faith community health. Topics will include: music in care settings featuring Bev Foster from "Room 217," learning how your church can benefit from a health ministry, and resources from the Henri Nouwen Society for supporting family caregivers. Registration is due by May 20. For more information and registration details please visit the CAPNM website at [http://capnm.ca/AGM\\_2019.htm](http://capnm.ca/AGM_2019.htm). A \$40 fee covers conference materials and refreshments.

**SHARE THE JOURNEY ~ DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**



This dish to be shared symbolizes solidarity. A culture of encounter, and the links between forced migrants and their host community. This symbol also evokes the hope of forced migrants that during their journey they will meet people who will reach out to them and be welcoming. In their journey they pray that God will calm their storms of anxiety, fear and doubt. They pray to be guided in their journey, that they will be greeted with kindness, compassion and welcomed with food for the body and hope for their life.

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37:40*

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 31 ~ Rev. Danny Santos

April 1 ~ Rev. Alan Dufraimont

April 2 ~ Rev. Alan Momney

April 3 ~ Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister

April 4 ~ Rev. John Johnson

April 5 ~ Mrs. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister

April 6 ~ Mrs. Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minister

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

DIANE REAUME	MIKE LANOUE	BETTY & GERRY ALEXANDER
LISA BOND	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	LUCILLE TELLIER
MADALAYNA DUCHARME	JULIA GAGNON	KENNY GAGNIER
RENE TELLIER	KEVIN DUCHARME	RAY TELLIER
CARMEL LETTENBICHLER	PAUL 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,  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND  
COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**MARCH 24, 2019**

Regular	5,519.10
Regular - Direct Deposit	445.00
Loonie & Toonie	302.40
Restoration Fund	325.00
Restoration - Direct Deposit	88.00
Ash Wednesday	40.00
Easter Flower Memorial Donation	65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,784.50</b>

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!