


MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday Dec 17 8:00am	Art Chauvin (8yrs) ~ wife Annette Charlie Strong ~ Edward Spodarek Intention of Deacon Don ~ Robert Labbé
Wednesday Dec 18 8:00am	Noël Tellier ~ the Tellier Family Robert Kennedy ~ Yvette & family Kay Denomey ~ Jeff & Edna St. Pierre
Thursday Dec 19 8:00am	Paul Bisson ~ Len & Mary Jane Bisson Peace & Safety ~ F. Watt Harry Strong ~ (13yrs) ~ wife & family
Thursday Dec 19 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE Remi Poisson (9yrs) ~ Eleanor Sylvestre Jackie Mojeske ~ Jim & Carmel Byrne Intention of Rob M. ~ Joe & Betty Ann Kelly
Friday Dec 20 9:30am	Souls in purgatory ~ a parishioner Bob Livingstone ~ Dawn & Kim Pidgeon Rita & Arthur Mousseau ~ Moe & Claudette
Saturday Dec 21 9:00am	Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Chris Leduc ~ mom & dad Rodrique Ducharme ~ Simon & Gaynor

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY LEARN FOR LIFE SERIES
Assumption University, Windsor, presents Learn For Life 2020 Winter/Spring Courses. For information and to register, please visit <http://www.assumptionu.ca/learnforlife>.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY
An invitation to **children ages 6 to 10** to perform in our **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH** at the **4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass** at St. Simon & St. Jude Parish
One rehearsal only Saturday, December 21st 10am-1pm. No lines required. Two youth narrators needed as well. To register your child, please contact Dianne Poisson at 519 995 7283 or email dpoisson1@hotmail.com




MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ DECEMBER 28 / 29 – ALL WEEKEND MASSES
At the weekend masses on December 28th and 29th, **Dr. Jason Hofgartner** will be a guest at the parish and he will speak about **Sustainability: A Christian Astrophysicist's Perspective**. Jason is a research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he studies geologic and climatic processes on other worlds. He earned his Ph.D. in Astronomy from Cornell University. Jason is passionate about understanding nature and protecting it. Jason will be available after the masses for questions and discussions.



WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:

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Hallmark Memorial - Hwy #3, Walker Rd	519-737-6158
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EVENTS AT A GLANCE
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

- PDJ School Mass (messe de Noël) 11:00am
- Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm


WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5pm


THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

- No Bingo, will resume January 9th, 2020
- Choir Practice, 7:00pm, Church


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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP
Recently the Knights of Columbus sponsored an Advent Church Cleaning event to prepare God's House for the arrival of Jesus our Saviour.
We had a very ambitious dedicated group who insisted on working in the dark. The cleaning was accomplished in under two hours despite the local power outage. A very sincere Thank You to all who assisted that day.
Merry Christmas to All



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.



ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

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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 15th and 22nd 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 Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,
Greetings to you my dearest Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ. Caring for the earth has been a major concern of the World Leaders lately, especially of Pope Francis. In many of his exhortations, Pope Francis has been inviting and reminding us of the need for caring for the Mother Earth. The planet we live on **IS** a gift from God and **WAS** a gift to our forefathers and **WILL** be a gift to the next generation, hence our responsibility for caring for the planet earth.

We take so much from the world every day. The plants, the animals, the air we breathe are all crucial to our everyday lives. So, why don't we take better care of the place where we live? If we think about it, the earth is just ONE HOME. We wouldn't leave garbage all over our house or destroy part of it without planning to rebuild it. So why should people treat the earth that way, especially when other animals and plants live on it?

Most people take nature for granted and they don't care about what they throw onto the ground, because they don't think it will affect them. They think that they can't change anything and that even if they try to help the environment, other people are just going to pollute it and destroy it again. However, not doing anything at all is just as bad as being the one who causes the pollution in the first place.

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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 OUR PASTOR (CONTINUED)

While reading this message, you must be wondering what I am pointing to. Creating awareness about caring for the earth, especially after the invitation of Pope Francis is a necessity, because it is caring for the other as well. We have been privileged with the opportunity to spend some time with a young man, **Dr. Jason Hofgartner**, an Astrophysicist, on the weekend of **December 28 and 29**, who will be making a brief presentation on **Science and Sustainability**.

To introduce the speaker, Jason is the oldest son of Sue Hofgartner, our Pastoral Minister. Jason is married to his wife Lindsay for five years. And they both have one daughter, little princess, Hannah, who is a year old. Jason earned his Bachelor of Science and Astrophysics specialization from the University of Waterloo. He earned his Master of Science at Cornell University and Ph.D. in

Astrophysics at the University of Cornell. He currently resides with his family in Pasadena, California and works for NASA at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California.

The presentation will take place following the Prayer After Communion for about 10 to 12 minutes and Jason has kindly consented to be available at the end of the Mass if we have any questions or require more clarifications. While thanking Jason Hofgartner for his willingness to spend time with us on All the Weekend Masses of 28 and 29 December, I earnestly request you my dear Sisters and Brothers, to kindly invite a friend to join you at the Mass that weekend. The title of the presentation sounds complex, but please know that Jason has a unique way and talent to explain things in simple language. It is so important that our younger generation is present at this presentation.

With kindest regards,
Antony Kolenchery

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 15 ~ Parish Musicians in the Diocese of London

Dec 16 ~ Deacon Brian MacDonald

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

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that our Christmas celebrations are only a few days away. We hear so many slogans like: *Jesus is the Reason for the Season or Keep Christ in Christmas*. These are wonderful messages, if we take the time and apply them at every opportunity we have during this holiday season both individual and in our families. A few years ago I was on retreat and I came across this beautiful Christmas Meal Prayer, and I have used it ever since with my family and friends. I invite you to consider praying this prayer this year at Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Christs. Christmas we know is more than gifts and holiday parties. Jesus is the long awaited fulfillment of the promise. Like the innkeepers whom Joseph and Mary encountered in Bethlehem, we are being asked to make room for Jesus and keep the focus of our attention at our celebrations on the Birth of Christ.

Christmas Meal Prayer

*Lord God of Life,
Together with the beautiful traditions
of decorating the Christmas tree,
of singing carols and giving gifts,
this Christmas dinner is an important part
of our celebration of the birth
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Come, Lord our God,
and surround the feast table
as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.
Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness
as we savour this coming together
of family and friends.
As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced
at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,
so may we take great joy
in this our Christmas dinner celebration.
May You, our God, bless it and us
in Your holy name; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Sincerely, Sue

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

DIANE REAUME	HANY YOOSOF	MARY LOU BOMBARDIER
LISA BOND	PAT BOWSHER	LUCILLE TELLIER
MADELEINE DUPUIS	PAT BUTLER	MARION GAUTHIER
ALICIA DAVEY	CECILE STRONG	DAVE LEMIRE
JIM LIGHT	BETTY & DON SIGRIST	ANNA ST. JOHN
MARI SCHROEDER	JULIA GAGNON	NORM VANIER
DIANE LAUZON	KEVIN DUCHARME	KRISTY LEE ZIMMERMAN
A.J. LALIBERTE	PAUL DUCHARME	PAULINE SCHILLER
MADALAYNA DUCHARME	BETTY & GERRY ALEXANDER	FRANK HAMELIN
RENE TELLIER	ANGELA RICE	CAROLINE K. SIMMONS
CARMEL LETTENBICHLER	LOIS & CLARENCE JANISSE	NANCY MULLINS
MIKE LANOUE	DALE SIMMONS	NANCY PARENT
JULIETTE RIVEST	LUELLA LEBOEUF	

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

BIRTHRIGHT OF WINDSOR is one of the charities the Catholic Women's League proudly supports. As an alternative to abortion, Birthright offers a 24-hour helpline, as well as free services, such as pregnancy tests, transportation to doctor's offices, maternity clothing, medical, legal and adoption advice, in an effort to help pregnant women carry their baby to full term. We donate \$200.00 yearly to this very important charity.



SAVE THE DATE:

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

AT 6:30 PM FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE MOVIE 'UNPLANNED' IN THE CHURCH HALL UNPLANNED, is based on the real life conversion of Abby Johnson from the youngest ever Planned Parenthood clinic director to a prominent anti-abortion activist.

The movie also depicts the humble beginnings of a now world wide movement called 40 Days for Life. In Windsor, 40 Days for Life vigils are held twice a year. The next vigil begins February 26th, Ash Wednesday. There will be information about 40 Days for Life, as well as an opportunity to discuss the movie with guest speaker Laurie Eberhardt, campaign coordinator of 40 Days for Life in Windsor.

A free will offering for the movie distributor will be taken.

The licensing cost has graciously been covered by Windsor-Essex County Right to Life.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

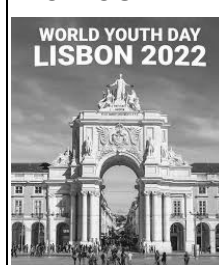
Tuesday Dec 24th to Thursday Dec 26th
and will be open on Friday Dec 27th.



The Office will again be closed
Wednesday January 1st.

*Merry Christmas and enjoy your families
this Christmas Season.*

DO YOU WANT TO COME TO PORTUGAL?



WYD 2022 will take place in Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2022. While the exact dates have not yet been announced, preparations are beginning for a Diocesan Pilgrimage. We are asking parishes and individuals to take a few minutes to fill out this very brief survey [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9WLP36B>] to indicate interest in this event. This form will also get your name on the email list for any upcoming communication.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th,
4:30 pm (*Christmas Mass & Nativity Play*)
and 7:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th, 10:00 am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

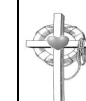
Saturday, December 28th, 4:30pm
Sunday, December 29th, 9:00am and 11:00am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st, 4:30pm
Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00am



RETRouvaille



Retrouvaille ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend is being planned for **January 17 through 19, 2020**. The weekend retreat will be held at the Michaelite House in Melrose, Ontario (just North of London) To register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or call Greg and Anita Turner at 519-243-0687. In Windsor/Essex, the next weekend will be Windsor/Essex Retrouvaille will be the weekend of Feb. 14 – 16, 2020, at Holy Family Retreat House. To register for the Windsor-area weekend, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email at 1015@retrouvaille.org Retrouvaille is a non-profit organization and the presenting teams are made up of people who have gone through the program themselves and overcome significant obstacles in their own marriages. Everyone involved in organizing and presenting the program are unpaid volunteers.

MISSIO DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

The Winter 2019 Edition of the diocesan newspaper, *Missio*, has been printed and copies will soon be available compliments of our parish. Look for copies available at the main entrance. The current issue, as well as back issues, are available online at www.dol.ca/newspaper.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Regular	5,399.45
Regular - Direct Deposit	475.00
Loonie & Toonie	285.50
Restoration Fund	940.00
Restoration Fund - Direct Deposit	90.00
Christmas Flowers	55.00
Christmas	185.00
Total	\$ 7,429.95

Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!