





MASS INTENTIONS	
Tuesday Dec 24 4:30pm & 7:00pm	 The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday Dec 25 10:00am	 ~ <i>Christmas</i> ~
Thursday Dec 26	No mass
Thursday Dec 26	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE No mass
Friday Dec 27 9:30am	St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners Intention of Tom Sura ~ Debbie Baldi Intention of the Ferriss Family ~ Diane & Madeleine
Saturday Dec 28 9:00am	Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Gerald Tellier ~ the Tellier Family Raymond & Theresa Rivait ~ the family

Tuesday Dec 31 8:00am & 4:30pm	Keith Wilkes ~ wife Nidhal Evelyn St. Pierre (28yrs) ~ Lorette & Annabelle & family Aurel Ducharme ~ Simon & Gaynor
Wednesday Jan 1 10:00am	 Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Thursday Jan 2 8:00am	Fr. Antony Kolenchery (18 TH ANN. OF PRIESTHOOD) ~ the staff Russell Sauvé ~ the family LaVaughn Martin ~ Don & Rita Hamelin
Thursday Jan 2 10:00am	CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE Claire Marie 'Dicaire' Tuite ~ Fernand & Geraldine St. Pierre Souls in purgatory ~ Rita Huson Intention of Kay Caza ~ Mable Rivait
Friday Jan 3 9:30am	Frank Melady (1 st Ann) ~ the Melady Family 50 th Wedding Anniversary ~ F. W. St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
Saturday Jan 4 9:00am	Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners Rachel Warnke (3yrs) ~ sister Gen Louis Larivière (15yrs) ~ Gen & family


EVENTS AT A GLANCE
THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 • No Bingo, resumes January 9 th at 6:00pm
FRIDAY JANUARY 3 First Friday Adoration, 8;15am - 9:15am
SUNDAY JANUARY 4 & 5 • Wedding Anniversary Blessing, all masses • Children's Church resumes, 11:00am mass

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

THANK YOU FROM THE K OF C
The Belle River Knights of Columbus hosted "Breakfast with Santa" for St. John the Baptist and St. William Schools. Volunteers served over 400 meals.
Thank you
Chairman Moe Killaire

USHERS MEETING
~ NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME ~
 Please plan to attend the Usher's meeting on **SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH** at noon in the Blue Room at the Parish Hall. Pizza provided.

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.

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

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 Nativity of the Lord ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ Feast of Mary Mother of God
December 25th and December 29th, 2019 & January 1, 2020

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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Merry Christmas from St. Simon & St. Jude Parish



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.

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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FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dearest Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ, For us human beings, the birth of the Saviour seems too wonderful, too good to be true or believable, yet we know this is exactly what happened more than two thousand years ago in that stable of Bethlehem: and the poor, humble shepherds were the first ones privileged to receive this good news. God's love for man was so great that He could not leave him in a miserable sad state of being a slave to sin, and to the powers of evil.

So He sent His beloved Son into this world to become one with us and to show us in a tangible way what God is like; the all loving, forgiving, merciful Father who longs for total union with all His children without distinction. And we know that this Child born to us according to the Father's plan freed us from the clutches of sin and evil through His suffering, death and resurrection, thus enabling us to enjoy being God's beloved children. But then, are we aware of it in our daily life and do we sincerely try to live as God's beloved children?

Jesus is Emmanuel, 'God with us'. God's purpose in creating us was that we live in Him by loving Him and loving one another. This Jesus who was born as Emmanuel is with us and in us. That means we have a great responsibility to recognize His presence in us and in our neighbours, and to consider them as our brothers and sister. **I wish you and your family, A Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year.**

With kindest regards,
Antony Kolenchery

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Dec 22 ~ Deacon Joseph Manзара
Dec 23 ~ Rev. Michael Ryan
Dec 24 ~ Rev. Steven Huber, C.S.B.
Dec 25 ~ **Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**
Dec 26 ~ **Feast of St. 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 ~ **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Ministers to the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Dec 30 ~ Rev. James Roche
Dec 31 ~ *Institute of Secular Missionaries*
Jan 1 ~ **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
Sisters of Service
Jan 2 ~ **Memorial of St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen**
Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzner
Jan 3 ~ Rev. Canon Mitchel Kaminski
Jan 4 ~ Rev. Frank Leslie

FROM OUR PASTORAL MINISTER, SUE HOFGARTNER

Dear Parishioners,

The joy the angels proclaimed more than 2000 years ago to the shepherds continues in us today as we celebrate the birth of our saviour. Our God came into the world in the surroundings of simplicity and humility. Our God is found in a multitude of places, and we are all invited to discover him. We discover Him in the diversity of ways in which we celebrate Christmas; twinkling lights, decorating trees, acts of kindness, cheerful singing of Christmas carols, baking cookies, watching classic movies, warm get togethers, giving gifts, special dinners, laughter and love abounding. Our God came to be with us, to love us, to be known by us, to share in our experience, and to be broken for us. This is a story of love. Merry Christmas to all of you!

May this holy season bring each one of you peace, a peace that you carry in your heart and give to others until the peace of Christ begins to rule the world. Be filled with His peace and give it eagerly to others.

Happy New Year! May Heaven be glad and Earth rejoice this 2020!

Sincerely, Sue

FROM OUR PASTORAL & YOUTH MINISTER, MARGUERITE HEWER

A kind, generous man struggled to understand the story of Jesus' birth - God coming to Earth as a man.

His family left for midnight mass, and he settled in his chair with a book. Soon a snowstorm arrived. He heard one loud thud after another. Was someone throwing snowballs at his living room window? He realized it was birds, desperate for shelter from the storm, flying into his window pane.

Not wanting to leave the stranded birds to freeze in the storm, he resolved to find a solution. Maybe he could get the birds into the barn for shelter. He trekked through the snow, opened wide the barn doors, turned on the light; but the birds did not fly in.

He tried sprinkling a trail of breadcrumbs to the stable, but the birds resumed their hopeless attempts to fly through his living room window. He tried waving his arms to shoo them into the barn, but they scattered in every direction.

He realized the birds were simply too afraid of him. To them he was a giant, terrifying creature. *"If only I could be a bird and speak their language. They could understand and know and trust me. I could show them the way."*

At that moment the church bells rang out glad tidings of Christmas, and he sank to his knees in the snow.

Emmanuel! Our God is with us! Blessed, Peaceful Joyful Christmas, dear SSSJ Family!

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	KAY CAZA

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



Our Christmas wish to
all members of the League...



*"May the miracle of the first Christmas
fill your hearts with joy"*

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.*

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.

NEW CIBORIA

CAN YOU HELP? We had a great response to my request for the purchase of a new Roman Missal. Thank you to all who offered to purchase this important liturgical book.



I have invited all those who offered to purchase the new Roman Missal to consider donating to purchase four new ciboria for our weekend distribution of the Eucharist. Our current ones are not in good condition and lack the honour that is due for altar vessels containing the Body of Christ. If you would like to donate for the purchase of a new ciborium it would be greatly appreciated. The cost for four new ciboria is \$3,616.00.

We have received \$2,850.00 in donations for this purchase to date. If you would like to contribute to this purchase, in any amount, please contact Fr. Antony. Your donation could be in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event or for any other reason and we will be happy to engrave a ciborium if requested. Thank you.

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. **In Windsor/Essex, the next weekend will be the weekend of February 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

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Registration forms are now available and can be found at the church entrance and the parish office; also copies are available on our website [stsimonstjude.ca ~ *Sacraments*].



There is a Parents' Registration Meeting
on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2020**
AT 7:00PM at the parish hall.



It is important we receive your registration at this meeting. If you have any questions, please call our Pastoral Minister, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Marguerite Hewer at 519-728-3381 ext #29

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Regular	5,586.44
Regular - Direct Deposit	2,110.00
Loonie & Toonie	292.25
Restoration Fund	635.00
Restoration Fund - Direct Deposit	831.66
St. Vincent de Paul - Direct Deposit	100.00
Christmas Flower Offering	470.00
Christmas	70.00
Christmas - Direct Deposit	1,340.00
Pope Francis Fund for the Poor	100.00
Total	\$ 11,535.35

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!