

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Tuesday March 3 8:00am</b>	Russell Sauv� ~ the family Deceased family members ~ Bill & Janine Deceased family members ~ Rosella Pinsonneault
<b>Wednesday March 4 8:00am</b>	Maurice & Irene Leboeuf ~ the estate Otilie Blais ~ Mary Jean & Allan Ferriss Frank Lavin ~ Pat & Patti Lanoue
<b>Thursday March 5 8:00am</b>	Romeo Laporte ~ Dan & Marie Hebert Izzy Trepanier ~ Pat & Al Manley Manuel DeCarmen Nava Cortez ~ Robert Labb�
<b>Thursday March 5 10:00am</b>	<b>CHAPEL AT SEASON'S LAKESHORE</b> Sylvain Dubois (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann) ~ his parents & family Karen Romeo ~ Jean Marc & Cathy Beneteau Judy & Paul Lansing ~ Pauline Bechard
<b>Friday March 6 9:30am</b>	Edward Tellier (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) ~ wife & family Pearl Perry ~ daughter Debbie St. Joseph; those dying & in purgatory ~ parishioners
<b>Saturday March 7 9:00am</b>	Our dear sister Louise Boulay ~ Richard & Denise Geraldine Tellier ~ the Tellier family Our Blessed Mother ; Souls in Purgatory ~ parishioners

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**  
PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
ESPECIALLY LEONA PARENT  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND MAY THE LORD SEND COMFORT AND  
CONSOLATION TO THEIR FAMILIES.

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK**

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

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE TO HAVE SOMEONE'S NAME ADDED OR REMOVED

**HEALING MASS**  
Immaculate Heart Parish, Windsor 2153 Parkwood Ave at Tecumseh Rd. E.  
Celebrated **First Friday March 6, 7p.m.** Teams are available to  
pray with you after Mass. Elevator accessible.

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN:**

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**EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**MONDAY MARCH 2**

- CWL Meeting, 7pm, Blue Room

**TUESDAY MARCH 3**

- Prayer Gathering, 7:15pm
- K of C 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting, 7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 4**

- Youth Group, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Soup & Stations, 6pm, Hall & Church
- K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting, following Stations

**THURSDAY MARCH 5**

- SJB School Stations of the Cross, 1pm
- Bingo every Thursday, 6:00pm, Hall
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Celebration, 7pm

**FRIDAY MARCH 6**

- First Friday Adoration, 8:15am to 9:15am
- Lenten Fish Fry, 5pm to 6:30pm, Hall

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 7 & 8**

- Children's Church, 11:00am mass
- Wedding Anniversary Blessing, all masses
- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass meeting 4:30pm and 11am

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

**FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION**  
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. **Friday, March 6<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.

**PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY**  
SUNDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 3PM  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
on Grand Marais Road. Everyone welcome

# ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

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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

## First Sunday of Lent March 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.

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## FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ANTONY

My Dearest Parishioners in Jesus Christ,

Greetings to you my dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ. Let me begin by thanking you all for your gracious presence at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. The event was very well attended. We had almost 350 people. We had the highest number of people for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner this year. What a great turn out and what a great way to build up our community. Thank you for responding positively to our invitation. You have always been kind and generous in responding to my invitation and I am truly overwhelmed by your support and co-operation. I am sure we all had so much fun at the event. I was also so happy to see many children and young families at the event. I am so glad; our children had a great time. They had so much fun that some of the parents had to drag them home and it is all good. I noticed some of the children had only whipped cream and toppings and no Pancake? ...lol....My dear friends, I am truly appreciative of your support, co-operation and generosity. The event has raised \$2535. I would like to thank Joe Vizard, our new Hall Manager and all our Volunteers who worked both inside and outside of the kitchen to make this event a huge success.

Now that we have commemorated the Ash Wednesday, we are officially in the Season of Lent.

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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)**

At the start of this very special time in the Church, I am requesting you all to take up the responsibility to make this season special and unique in your life by choosing to spend more time in prayer and in the reception of the Sacraments. One of the challenges I would love to place before you especially during this time of the year is to consider talking to your family and your friends who are “unchurched” and consider inviting them back and thus engage them in their faith journey. I know as well as you know that this is not an easy challenge, but we need to get it started at some point in life and I believe Lent would be an appropriate time for it. As we work on our personal holiness and sanctification, we should also be concerned about our brothers and sisters. I pray, may this Lent in 2020 be an opportunity for renewal and transformation.

Among many things we do as a community to observe the spirit of Lent, **Praying the Stations on every Wednesday at 6:45 pm in the Church**, will be one among them. It has been a great experience for many of us to gather every Wednesday during Lent to pray the Stations. Initially when we began, we had only a small group, but over the years, the gathering has grown and we even have our friends from the neighbouring Parishes join us. Please consider inviting a friend to our weekly Soup and Stations during Lent. As you were informed earlier, **the soup will be served at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall and the Stations will follow at 6:45 pm in the Church**. We would greatly appreciate if you can make a generous donation to cover the cost of the soup. Thank you.

Here is a Lenten Prayer we could pray every day: **Father, help me to see this Holy Season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace; Amen.**

With kindest regards,  
Antony Kolenchery

**DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- March 1 ~ Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister
- March 2 ~ Rev. John Pirt
- March 3 ~ Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevičius
- March 4 ~ Deacon Paul James
- March 5 ~ Deacon Dominic Vu
- March 6 ~ Rev. Mr. Phil Guimaraes
- March 7 ~ Memorial of St. Perpetua and St. Felicity  
Rev. Christopher Gillespie

**WITNESS TALK FROM OUR PARISHIONER LAURA RYAN**

My faith has always been an important part of my life. As children my mother would bring the four of us to church every Sunday. We had a permanent place in the front pew, I think to make sure we payed attention, listened and participated in the mass but mostly to ensure good behavior. I can admit we were a handful. I enjoyed going to church, I still do. As a child, learning the responses, when to kneel, when to stand always seemed like the most important. As an adult all of that is less important to me, I use my experience on Sundays for reflection, conversation with God and listening. Of course making sure my girls are behaving on the altar. 😊

During my teen years a part time job took me away from attending Sunday mass but I always had an appreciation for my personal dialogue with God asking questions, seeking answers and prayer. Still to this day I lay my head down at night and offer a few moments of thanksgiving for the day I had had, the many blessings that have been given that day and a moment of consideration of maybe something that didn't go quite right and how I could have dealt with it differently. Reestablishing my connection with God on a daily basis.

My faith journey came to a very pivotal moment in 2007. Sean and I were married in 2002, after a few years of marriage we decided we wanted to start a family. We were excited to know that we were expecting a short time later, the first grandchild for both of our parents. Such a wonderful time in our lives. A time of anticipation and preparation for the new journey ahead of us. My faith to this point was easy and meaningful.

During one of my routine doctor appointments we were told that our baby was experiencing a complication, this would take us to London for the rest of our care. Every two weeks the car ride to London would be a place of prayer for everything to be ok, the car ride home would be a place of wanting and needing answers to all the questions we had.....especially why?

December 2007, Sean and I drove to London for what were now weekly appointments, we were told that the condition of our baby had become more complicated and that we had to stay in London to be admitted for round the clock monitoring. I was admitted to hospital, Sean was able to stay with a cherished family relative Sister Rosary at the Sisters of St. Joseph London. The love and support we received from the sisters, particularly the comfort and faith-filled words from Sister Rosary will always hold a special place in my heart.

After only a few days, our son was born prematurely and immediately placed in NICU. Sean and I felt the strong need to have our son baptized. A wonderful priest came to the hospital at 1 in the morning to baptize our son. We prayed together that night. It's so hard to make sense of why or how something like this could happen and why to me? I felt I had done everything right, I had a good relationship with God, I was faithful wasn't I?

God had not heard my prayers. Our son Aubrey Eoin Ryan was born December 10 and passed away eight days later. A dark night of my soul. I walked through the following week numb and in shock, not really feeling much of anything. I was lost. After the funeral, once everyone had left I needed to lay down. It was a very heavy day to carry. Laying in my dark room, I began to cry, cry for the depths of my heart and my soul. Through those intense tears asking why and not really knowing how much more pain I could take. Suddenly there was a warmth and comfort I have never felt before, a sudden knowing that I was not alone and the assurance that I was going to be ok and that we were going to weather this storm together and in my tears I began to say “Thy Will be done” and I said it over and over and over again. During a great moment of uncertainty and feeling completely lost those words brought me calm and trust and faith that God had a plan for me and he had not abandoned me, that he indeed heard my prayers and that we would work through this most heartbreaking time together. It has taken a long time to heal, but thankfully through my faith and love of God I didn't go through it alone. Through my healing I realized that God is always there. Even in my times of doubt. I would have never survived without my faith and trust in God.

Sean and I have the joy of two beautiful daughters, Lylah and Maryn. I have trust in Gods' plan, I have a deeper faith in knowing that whatever that plan brings to me and my family we will not go through it alone.

Thy will be done are such powerful words. They changed my life forever.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**  
General Meeting, Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
(If you have eyeglasses or stamps, you can bring them to this meeting).



**Soup & Stations:** We are hosting the first one, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall, at 6:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:45pm. We hope to have a good CWL representation.

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, at St. Andrew's United Church, Comber.

**BEST LENT EVER**

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GIVE UP. IT'S WHO YOU BECOME.**

*Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent,  
instead do something life-changing.*

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Each day for Lent, Matthew will be taking a deeper dive into his new book, *Rediscover the Saints*.

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a reflection available each week during Lent on the readings for each Sunday at the main entrance of the church. Enjoy!

**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH HALL**  
**FRIDAY FISH FRY'S**  
**MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> &**   
**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**5pm to 6:30pm until quantities last  
~ 300 tickets available ~**

**To order ahead,  
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or email [jvizard@dol.ca](mailto:jvizard@dol.ca)  
by the Monday prior to ensure your order**

**One piece pickerel,  
roasted potato, coleslaw & bun;  
desserts available ~ \$15**

**DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT**

**FRENCH PARISH MISSION AT STE-ANNE, TECUMSEH**

**MISSION PAROISSIALE CARÊME 2020 – LE 7 MARS AU 11 MARS**

**HORAIRE DE LA MISSION :** les messes du 7 et 8 mars et...

*Thème : "Ton histoire: une rencontre fascinante avec Dieu"*  
Prédicateur : le père Stéphane Pouliot, natif de la Beauce, Québec

- 1<sup>re</sup> soirée : Relire ma vie avec Ses yeux à Lui**  
lundi 9 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh
- 2<sup>ème</sup> soirée : S'éveiller grâce à Jésus Christ**  
mardi 10 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh
- 3<sup>ème</sup> soirée : Missionner docilement à l'Esprit**  
mercredi 11 mars - 19h prédication à Ste-Anne, Tecumseh  
suivi par un « *festival des régions* » dans la salle paroissiale

**LE FESTIVAL DES RÉGIONS – MERCREDI 11 MARS:**

Nous invitons chaque groupe qui représente une région, ou culture particulière de la francophonie (eg. Québec, l'Acadie, nord de l'Ontario, Congo, Cameroon, etc), de créer une table de présentation avec des mets typiques de votre région, ainsi que de l'artisanat ou d'autres objets pour notre rassemblement dans la salle paroissiale après notre mission paroissiale. Contactez le bureau paroissial à [steanne@dol.ca](mailto:steanne@dol.ca) ou 519-735-2182 pour réserver une table et pour indiquer le nom de votre région.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH**


Please keep our First Reconciliation Candidates in your prayers, may the Holy Spirit guide them and give them strength and courage as they prepare to ask for forgiveness **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS PLAY**

Inviting Teens, Young Adults, Families & Youth to participate in St. Simon and St. Jude's powerful presentation: **"Living Stations of the Cross"**

- *Eam your service hours* • *NO lines to memorize*
- *NO acting experience necessary* • *All talents and ages welcome!*

For More Info: Contact Mrs. Hewer, Youth office  
728-3381 ext 29 or email: [mhewer@dol.ca](mailto:mhewer@dol.ca)

**Performances on PALM SUNDAY and  
HOLY WEDNESDAY in the Church ~ at 7:00 pm**  
Become involved! Be a "Shining Star" for God! 

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FEB 23, 2020**

Regular	4,570.80
Regular ~ Direct Deposit	505.00
Loonie & Toonie	288.40
Restoration Fund	1,205.00
Restoration Fund ~ Direct Deposit	90.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
Lenten Material	388.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,272.30</b>

*Thank you, your generosity is greatly appreciated!*