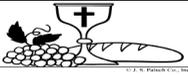


Masses for
the Week



Tuesday, September 10, at Brookside

4:00 pm - + Tony Vanden Heuvel - req. Estate
- Living & deceased CWL members & the unborn - req. CWL

Wednesday, September 11, at OLHC

9:00 am - + Sophia Szmielt - req. Estate

Thursday, September 12, at St. Christopher's

9:00 am - **SJF School Mass**

7:00 pm - Mass for Victims/Survivors of Abuse and for Reparation
for the Sins of Abusers

Friday, September 13, at St. Christopher's

9:00 am - Intentions of the Parishioners

Please Pray each day for:



Rev. Denis Grecco

Catholic Elementary Scholl
Teachers

Rev. Vincent Van Zutphen

Rev. John Jasica

Deacon Frank Chowhan

Parish Business Managers in
the Diocese of London

Rev. Robert Remark



Our Parish Family

Our Lady Help of Christians

432 Victoria Street
Watford, Ontario N0M 2S0
519-876-3240



St. Christopher's

68 Union Street,
Forest Ontario N0N 1J0
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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Sunday, September 8 - Cemetery Sunday @ 2:00 PM - OLHC
- Thursday, September 12 - SJF School Mass @ 9am - St. Christopher's
- Saturday, September 14 - Welcome Back BBQ @ 5:30pm - OLHC
- Sunday, September 15 - Welcome Back BBQ after 11am Mass - St. Christopher's
- Tuesday, September 17 - SPC School Mass @ 9am - OLHC
- Tuesday, September 17 - Mission Meeting @ 7pm - St. Christopher's
- Tuesday, September 17 - SPC Confirmation Parent Meeting @ 7pm - OLHC
- Thursday, September 19 - SJF Confirmation Parent Meeting @ 7pm - St. Christopher's
- Sunday, September 22 - Cemetery Sunday @ 2:00 PM - St. Matthew's Alvinston

Office Hours Change

Effective immediately the office hours will be changing. They will be as follows:
 Tuesday's - OLHC 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Wednesday's - OLHC 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & St. Christopher's 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday's St. Christopher's 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & OLHC 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Friday's - St. Christopher's 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Schedule
Change*



August Month End Financial Position

St Christopher:	OLHC:
Income: \$107,003.72	Income: \$69,577.28
Expense: \$103,349.23	Expense: \$85,803.91

Pastoral Team

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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 pm Forest
7:00 pm Watford
Sunday 9:00 am Watford
11:00 am Forest

Watford Office:

Tues, Wed, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thurs, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Forest Office:

Wed & Fri 9:00am-4:00pm
Thurs, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and
gladness all our days

-Psalm 90:14



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Movie Night @ Kineto Forest

You are invited to see **“Overcomer”** on Wednesday, September 11 @ 7:30pm at the Forest Kiwanis Kineto Theatre. High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town’s largest manufacturing plants shuts down unexpectedly.



As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross country, a sport he doesn’t even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by word and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

From the creators of “War Room”. **Free will donation at the door.**

Victim Services of Sarnia Lambton

They need your help! Will you volunteer to provide immediate assistance to a victim of crime or tragic circumstance? For more information please see the poster at the back of the church or call 1-888-281-3665 ext 5238.

Offertory Envelopes

If you use offertory envelopes from previous years, your donations will **NOT** be correct at the end of the year as our program no longer accepts numbers from previous years. **PLEASE USE ONLY 2019 ENVELOPES.** - Thank you



The International Order of Alhambra, a Catholic charitable organization, wish to thank everyone who donated on the Labour Day weekend to help us further assist those with intellectual disabilities in our community. We could not offer the aid we do without the generous support of our parishes.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are the last Thursday evening of the month, 8:00 pm, at the Algarva Clubhouse, 10080 Klondyke Road, Grand Bend. Website, www.algarva168.org, or go to facebook Alhambra Grandbend to view current events.

A BIG THANK YOU to the St. Christopher’s golf committee: Leon VanHaaren, Rick Vanos, Scotty Anderson, Jeannette Tidball & Connie Burns, for another successful tournament. Also thank you to our volunteers who helped on the day of the tournament. We also acknowledge the wonderful support of our community business sponsors. We are sure you will agree that the business community in Lambton Shores has been very generous. *For all we are given, we give thanks to God.*
The amount raised was over **\$11,000.00** for our Parish.



Refugee Committee Update

The 2nd refugee family who arrived March 21st is doing very well. In less than 6 months they are able to communicate- albeit through the help of google translate some times. They have been tutored through the summer by Ruth Ann Jensen who is donating her time and expertise to help them. Starting September the adults will attend ESL in Sarnia at the Y. Thank you to the volunteers who drive the family back and forth. Abd Alkader & Rahaf will attend school in Forest. Through employment at Roelands Plant Farm, Mustafa, Abdullah & Raed are able to almost support the family at this time. Dental and doctor appointments have been plentiful - thank you to the drivers for taking them. The next adventure is driver’s licenses and hopefully saving enough to purchase a vehicle - a huge step towards independence. They are happy to be in Canada. They enjoy the work at the greenhouse, soccer after hours and attending the gym. Be sure to say hello when you see them around the community.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Do you want to understand the Bible? Starting October 1st @ St. Phillips - Petrolia - 7:30pm or October 2nd @ OLHC Watford - 10:00 am we are continuing with 11 weekly sessions of the Bible time line. New participants are welcome. For more information please contact Deacon John - jlammers@dol.ca or 519-490-3832

From the desk of our Parish Priest- Now that we have come to the ‘unofficial’ end of summer and our children are back in school learning more about the world they live in, and the God that created it all. I thought I would take a few moments to share some minor changes that are being made that surfaced at our staff meetings.

But before I do that, I would be remiss if I did not express just how happy I am to be here to serve you. I have been rather taken aback by your welcome, and look forward to journeying with you as we try to help each get to the Heavenly Banquet Table.

In the spirit of this journey, effective the first week of October, we are going to begin the practice of a First Wednesday at Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC), and First Friday at St. Christopher’s (SC). The practice will entail one hour of Adoration following the 09:00am Mass. During this hour, should you feel moved to do so, I will be available to hear Confessions.

I have learned that in the past there was the practice of having simultaneous Masses at Christmas Eve and Day. We will be making time changes to the schedule so that I can share the birth of our Saviour with everyone in both parishes. As this is important to me, I ask in advance for your understanding for any inconvenience this may cause. Please know that the number of Masses will remain the same, it’s only the time that will change accordingly.

Another area of change will be the Sacramental preparation of our children. First off, the pastoral team, volunteers and myself will be doing the preparation. The celebration of Confirmation will be at a separate Mass at both Churches during the weekend of Christ the King in late November. First Reconciliation will take place in March, followed by First Communion which will be celebrated at a separate Mass at both of our parishes the beginning of May. The Pastoral Team will be working with each of our schools to ensure that our children are prepared for these foundational Sacraments of Initiation into the Church.

Speaking of schools, I am pleased to say that I will be spending one day a week in each of our schools visiting various classes, something I am really looking forward to.

As we move closer to end of the Liturgical year, Feast of Christ the King, I will do my best to keep you apprised of any changes we are either considering and/or making. If you have any questions, concerns, or even suggestions, please feel free to talk to me.

Once again, thank you for they way you have made me feel at home; and on behalf of our Pastoral Team and Parish Staff, we look forward to continuing to serve each of you as best we can.

-Fr. Mark

Extraordinary Mission Month Celebration at St. Michael Church

“ Many Faces of Missions” Celebration - Witness - Testimony

Mass at 6:00 pm on October 16th with Bishop Dabrowski. Missions Witnessing with Rev. David Reilander, Catholic Missions in Canada & Deacon David Robertson, London Diocese Mission Commission

Welcome Back BBQ- OLHC & St. Christopher’s

The BBQ will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in the OLHC parking lot & school play ground. We will close with 7 pm Mass. Bring family & friends!! We will host our 1st BBQ at St. Christopher’s on Sunday, September 15, 2019 after the 11:00am Mass.

We will have hamburgers, hotdogs & beans. For more info contact Deacon John Lammers

