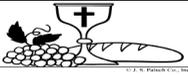


Masses for
the Week



Thursday, January 2, at St. Christopher's

7:00pm - Intentions of the Parishioners

Friday, January 3, at St. Christopher's

9:00am - Intentions of the Parishioners

Tuesday, January 7, at OLHC

7:00pm - For the deceased members of the Vander Vloet and Meeuwssen

Families - req. the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

- Living and deceased members of the CWL and the unborn
- req. CWL

- Intentions of Bob and Sharon White (50th Anniversary)
- req. The Family

Wednesday, January 8, at OLHC

9:00am - + Felix and + Sophia Szmielt - req. Bill and Sue McKenzie

- + Stephen and + Mary Nemcek - req. Betty and Allan Nesbitt

- + Jeannie Sanders - req. John and Corry Van Gorp

Thursday, January 9, at St. Christopher's

7:00pm - For the deceased members of the Vander Vloet and Meeuwssen

Families - req. the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

Friday, January 10, at St. Christopher's

9:00am - Thanksgiving for our Parish Priest - req. the Staff

The offices will be closed until January 2.

Watford office will be open January 2 & 3 for the morning only.

Forest office will be open January 2 & 3 for the afternoon only.

Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 7th.

Fr. Mark will be away on vacation January 13th - January 24th.



Please Pray each day for:



Rev. James Roche

Ministers to the Deaf and Hard
of Hearing

Institute of Secular
Missionaries

Sisters of Service

Deacon Rudy Pflanzner

Rev. Canon Mitchel Kaminski

Rev. Frank Leslie

Deacon Gaston Mabaya

Deacon Gary Flewelling

Rev. Lawrence Pare

Rev. Michael O'Brien

Sister Marija Ivic, S.F.B.Z.,
Pastoral Minister

Rev. Jozef Denys

Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil,
C.S.T.



Our Lady Help of Christians

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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

Our Parish Family



St. Christopher's

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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 & Fri 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Forest Office:

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

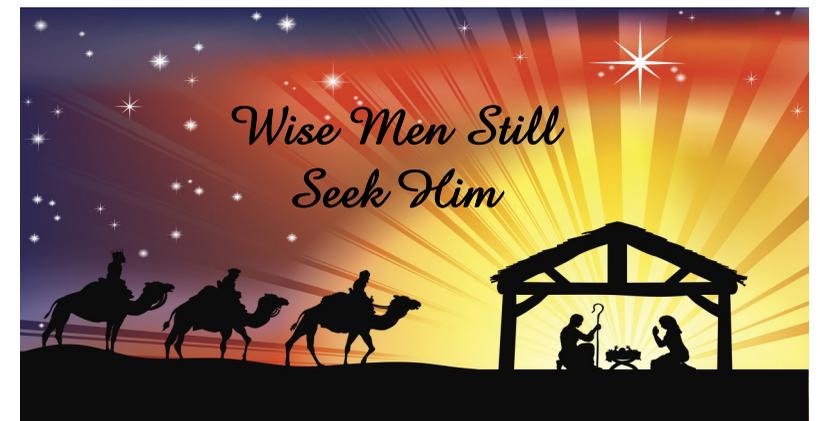
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2019



He went down with them and came to
Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his
mother kept all these things in her heart. And
Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor
before God and man.

- Luke 2:51-52

Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020



Upcoming Meetings/Events

Friday, January 3 - Adoration, Benediction and Confessions following 9am Mass - St. Christopher's

Tuesday, January 7 - CWL Meeting - 7:30 pm - OLHC

Wednesday, January 8 - Adoration, Benediction and Confessions following 9am Mass - OLHC

Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19 - Fr. Bill Capitano will be presiding and preaching

Sunday, January 26 - Migrant Mass - 5:00 pm - St. Christopher's

Tuesday, January 28 - SPC School Mass - 9:00 am - OLHC

Thursday, January 30 - SJF School Mass - 9:00 am - St. Christopher's

Retrouvaille Weekend

Bring back the joy to your marriage. Your marriage is worth saving! Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience.

You learn the tools to communicate more effectively as a couple.

All presenting couples have been through Retrouvaille.

To learn more, or to register for the upcoming weekend January 17-19, 2020 at the Michaelite Centre, email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com

Marriage Annulment

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or want a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity ("annulment") from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help.

If you want to start the process, or if you have questions please call 519-439-1553 or email tribunal@dol.ca

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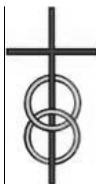
If you did not receive the Advent mail out including the Christmas envelope, that means that you are not registered. Please call or email the office or pick up a registration form at the back of church to get registered. Also, if you have moved, or changed your phone number please remember to let the office know so we can keep our records up to date.

Email - The Diocese has changed email servers so if you have suddenly stopped receiving the weekly bulletin, please email Sarah at sminten@dol.ca to get re-added to the list. If you haven't been on list before, but you would like to, please email Sarah.



November Month End Financial Position

St Christopher:	OLHC:
Income: \$168,814.23	Income: \$119,016.40
Expense: \$149,709.75	Expense: \$121,323.49



Our Lady Help of Christians Parish joins in celebrating and asking for God's continued blessing of the marriage of **Alfons & Elsie Couwenberg** and **Bob & Sharon White** on their 50th anniversary.



We welcome into God's family **Eleanor Lynn Kerrigan**, daughter of Steve and Kim, and **Adam Frederick Sanders**, son of Ian and Krista who will be baptized this weekend at Our Lady Help Of Christians

Bulletin Announcements

If you have something you would like to be included in the weekly bulletin please email it to Sarah at sminten@dol.ca. All submissions must be in no later than

WEDNESDAY the week before.

Please put Bulletin in the email subject line.

Also, If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you please email Sarah to get added to the list! It will cut down on printing costs and waste of any unused bulletins.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I offer you my warmest greetings this Advent season. We have embarked on a new liturgical year, and we joyfully celebrate our faith, our gifts, and our love for one another.

In churches across our diocese, and in many homes, the Advent candles shine brightly. These candles, three violet and one rose, mark the passage of the four weeks leading up to Christmas. With both solemnity and joy, we are reminded of Christ's nativity, when the Word made flesh brought hope and light into the world. In Catholic tradition, adventures celebrates the first "coming" of Jesus as God incarnate, and helps us prepare for his promised second coming as Judge at the Last Day.

In a special way, our own baptismal calling sends us out to be witnesses, by our words and deeds, of the light of the Saviour, a light which shines deep within each of us. Jesus commissioned us to go forth and spread that light to all nations; this is at the very heart of my vision of the Diocese of London being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus.

Earlier this year, at Pentecost, I proclaimed the Year of Prayer for the Diocese. From June 9, 2019 until the next Pentecost Sunday on May 31, 2020, we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we seek to be missionary disciples of Jesus. We ask the Holy Spirit, whom we received at our Baptism, to renew us, to transform us, and to help each of us to be a true missionary disciple.

Pope Francis said, "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works." Inspired by his example, and by the people in our diocese whose faith is evident in action, this year on the World Day of the Poor, I announced the Pope Francis Fund and committed one million dollars to be endowed for the ongoing benefit of people who are poor and needy. As you know, there are many people in our cities who are struggling to meet basic needs such as housing, food, or clothing. I announced the Fund publicly so that agencies know about a potential source of funding, to show that caring for the poor is a priority for us, and to invite others to join in this outreach.

The world continues to change at an incredible pace, and people, both religious and non-religious, are struggling to find meaning and purpose in their lives. As she always has, the Church encounters people where they are and is eager to share the Good News. Let us be a bright beacon of light that illuminates the darkness with warmth, love, and truth.

Together, as disciples of Christ, we bring his light to the world. I encourage you to stay closely connected to your parish and faith community and to join us this Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Please pray for each other, for your priests, for Pope Francis, and for Bishop Joseph and me.

May the Lord bless you with peace and love this Christmas, as well as our friends, neighbours, and all the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B. Bishop of London

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