



Our Parish Family

Our Lady Help of Christians

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St. Christopher's

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

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8:30am-2:00pm

Sunday Eucharist

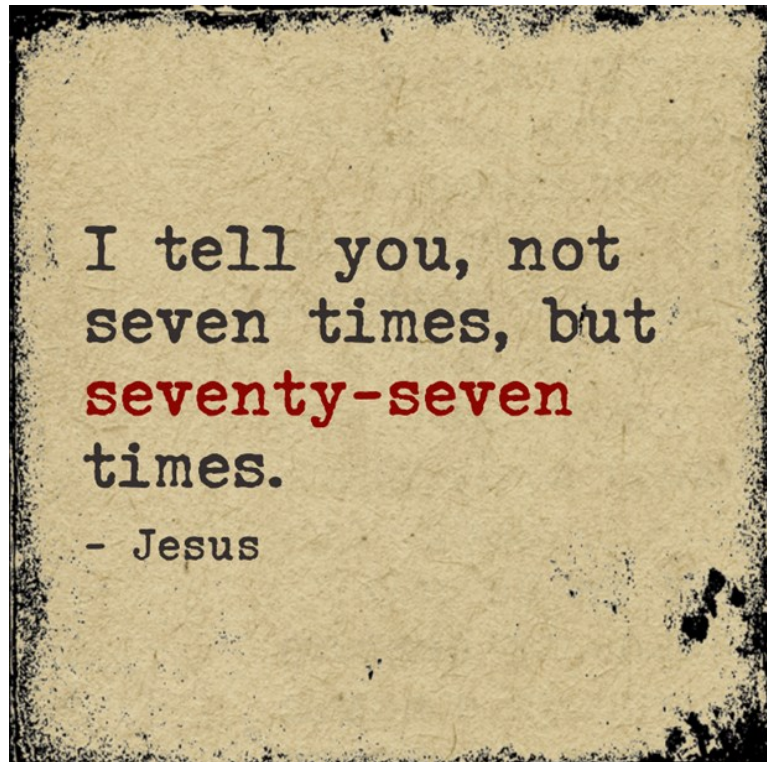
Saturday - 4:30 pm Forest
7:00 pm Watford
Sunday - 9:00 am Watford
11:00 am Forest

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020

“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion”

- Psalm 103



*We welcome into God's family
all of the children who have been baptized over the last 2 months.
May God continue to be present in your life.
who will be baptized this weekend at St. Christopher's.*

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Campaign

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada helps to serve our brothers and sisters who are affected by poverty. The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the deep inequalities that exist in our world today. To assist those in need they've begun their new campaign *COVID-19: Recovering Together!* Through this campaign - and by making a donation online, or at your parish on September 19 or 20 - you are invited to be part of a global just recovery to the pandemic that moves us towards a more sustainable and equitable future. In these times, your ongoing support gives hope that we can recover together, so that all can live in dignity. To learn more, please visit <https://www.devp.org/en/covid-19>. Thank you for taking part in our campaign!

Jericho Walk

Lambton -right-to-life is spearheading a 40-day for life peaceful prayer vigil to help bring an end to abortion and euthanasia. The walk consists of 7 laps each day for 40 days around the Blue Water Health Hospital in Sarnia. The Jericho Walk begins on September 23rd and runs from 7am-7pm each day. For more information and to sign up as an individual, family, or part of a church group, go to www.40daysforlife.com/sarnia or call John Lammers at 519-490-3832.

Before I begin, I would first like to thank of you all for your prayers. These last six months have been a great challenge for us all. Your prayers helped lift me when feeling blue, which made celebrating Mass more meaningful. Please assured that you were, and still are, in my daily prayers.



Sacraments

As we continue to get out from underneath all that was postponed because of COVID-19, we are now trying to celebrate the First Reconciliation/Communion sacraments for those who were to receive them earlier this year. Because of the COVID directives from the local health authorities, and Bishop Fabbro we are not going to be able to fit everyone in one Mass at this time. For this reason there will be two separate Masses for both parishes. You will find further information in this bulletin.

Parish Committees

As we resuming working to align ourselves with the other two parishes we will eventually be joining, we are now in the process of establishing various committees and programs. It should be noted that these committees are in no way replacing the Parish Council or Finance Committee.

The first four committees are as follows:

- 1. Parish Life Committee:** this a committee which will meet roughly three or four times a year. It will consist of a representative from each of the committees within our parishes. It is during these meetings, which will occur before each of the major liturgical seasons (i.e. Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Grad Masses, etc.). Having everyone in the same room will streamline the two-way flow of information between myself and the various committees. Learning and helping each other will certainly help us as we grow.
- 2. Liturgical Committee:** this committee will have a representative from each of the ministries that participate in our liturgical services. This would include, but not be limited to the following: the Decorating Committee, Choir Leaders, Servers, Readers, and Pastoral Team as well.
- 3. Funeral Committee:** as an offshoot of the Liturgical Committee, I would like to form a Funeral Committee that looks after the coordination of all activities and services related to a funeral. More details to follow.
- 4. Communications Committee:** this committee will help us take advantage of social media. By sharing photos and stories of the various events our parishes are involved, even those outside and in the community. I would like to ask if there any photographers/reporters who would be interested in exploring your participation and joining this committee to please contact Sarah at sminten@dol.ca.

One final item, if you recall during Lent I had started a five Sunday preaching series. I am now going to revisit and resume 'The Joy of Change'. I feel that given our current pandemic it would help us as we try to continue our journey with Jesus as one of His disciples.

-Fr. Mark

Masses for the Week



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Wednesday, September 16 at OLHC

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

11:00am - Sophia Szmielt - req. The Estate

Weekend masses are first come first served.

St. Christopher's - 4:30pm Saturday's & 11:00am Sunday's

OLHC - 7:00pm Saturday's & 9:00am Sunday's

Please Pray Each Day For:



*The Seminarians of the
Diocese of London*

Rev. Robert Remark

Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Minister

Rev. Daniel Vere

Rev. Michael Michon

Deacon Henry Kling

Rev. Waclaw Chudy, C.S.M.A.

January Year to Date Month End Operating Financial Position:

St. Christopher's Income: \$84,321.39

OLHC: \$57,561.92

Expense: \$82,119.42

Expense: \$60,851.12



\$ 2,201.97

(\$ 3,289.20)

First Reconciliation & First Communion



Now that school is back in session, we are moving forward with completing the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion that we cancelled earlier this year. There will be a parent meeting in **Watford on Wednesday, September 16th** at 7:00pm in the church and in **Forest on Thursday, September 17th** at 7:00pm in the hall. During this meeting will answer questions and explain how the Sacraments will run etc. If you have not completed the registration form, please email Sarah, sminten@dol.ca.

First Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd in Watford** at 7:00pm in the church.

Forest will be Thursday, September 24th at 7:00pm in the hall.

First Communion will be held in two separate masses for each school. Both churches are not large enough to handle and full class. The masses will be held on **Saturday, September 26th**- 11:00am in Watford and 1:00pm in Forest and on **Sunday, September 27th**- 1:00pm Forest and 3:00pm Watford. Sign up procedures will be explained at the parent meeting and no reservations will be taken until after the meeting.

It will be a first come first served and a seating assignment will be provided.

No Sacraments will be performed without the proper paperwork completed and proper reservation of date.

If you have any questions please email Sarah at, sminten@dol.ca

OLHC Life Chain

Life Chain Sunday is a quiet and prayerful event that is held each year across Canada and the USA, to show our support and belief that all life is sacred from conception until natural death. Please join to the life chain to show that you stand up for life. The chain will be held on **Sunday, October 4th after 9:00am mass**. We will stand along Nauvoo Rd. for 1 hour, starting at 10:15am - 11:15am. There will be signs available outside of the church for you to pick up.

Pass It On ...

Please pass the bulletin along to any one within your bubble that may not have access to the internet.

Sharing in caring!!