



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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Sunday Eucharist

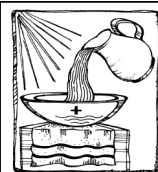
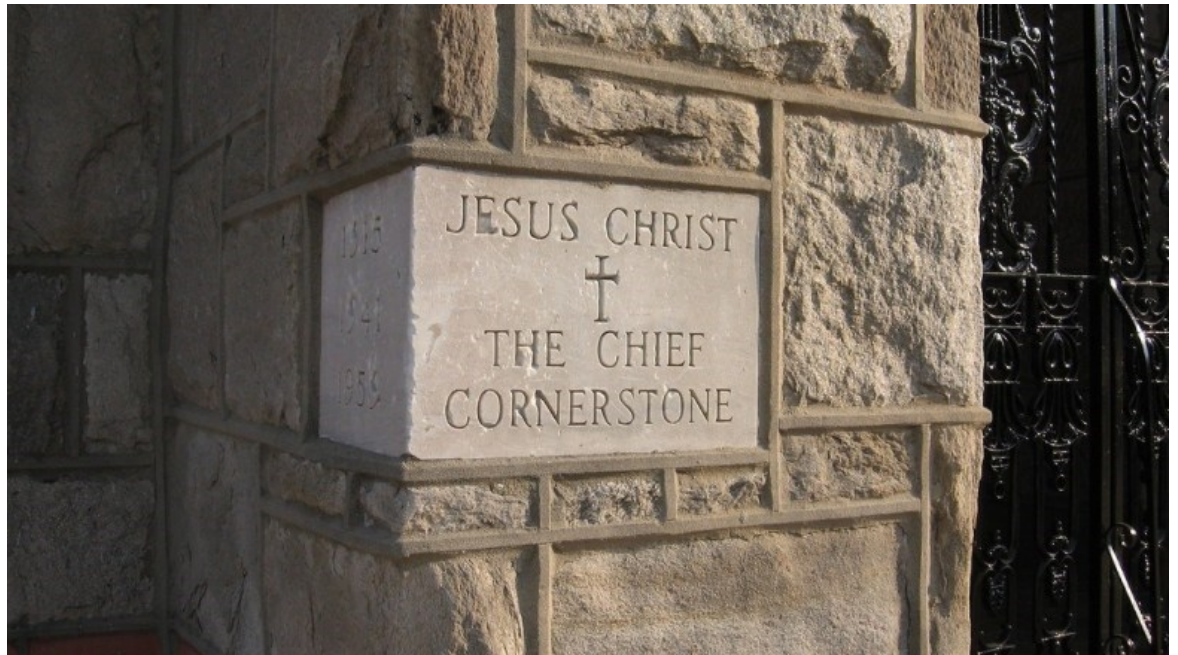
Saturday - 4:30 pm Forest
7:00 pm Watford
Sunday - 9:00 am Watford
11:00 am Forest

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Matthew 21.42



We welcome into God's family

*Wyatt Ryan Gregor Vanwynsberghe, son of Jason & Danielle,
who will be baptized at OLHC this weekend.*

October 02, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know these last six months or so have been filled with a great deal of anxiety, and frustrations. Especially now that the 'second wave' seems to be building up steam. It is my prayer that our churches will be able to stay open should there be another 'lockdown'. Time will tell.

I think in light of the devastating effects COVID-19 is having on just about every single human being on this planet our faith is what can sustain us. And now that our children appear to be adjusting to the new reality of classroom and virtual teaching approaches we can begin to look and count the many blessings we have in our lives, which at a time like this can be so easily over looked.

Just to let you know, that thanks to the federal government we have been receiving the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) each month. The intent of the program is to cover 75% of the salaries for each company or organization that applies and meets the criteria. This has certainly been a big help to a lot of different companies, and non-profit organizations across the country. The Diocese of London Finance Committee has been working hard with an independent major accounting firm to ensure that the parishes continue to receive the aid we need on a month-to-month basis.

Turning our attention to Thanksgiving, we have an opportunity to take the time to reflect upon the gifts God has bestowed upon our lives, especially that of family and friends. Our Thanksgiving Appeal provides an opportunity for us to express our gratitude by sharing not just your time and talent, but also your treasure. When looking back over these last twelve months if so moved, we can respond by making a contribution to our Thanksgiving Appeal.

For your information, you should know that our collections each week, and at Christmas and Easter, are assessed (taxed) by the Diocese at the rate of 15%. The Thanksgiving Appeal is exempt from this tax/assessment. Every penny of what is given through this Appeal will stay here and be used in our parish as is needed.

I am grateful for all who are continuing to financially support our two parishes. If you wish, the following are three ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- eTransfer works for St. Christopher's Parish.
- eTransfer now works for Our Lady Help of Christians using the olhcowat@dol.ca email address.
- Monthly Pre-authorized Payments: Please contact Connie to set this up for you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have been affected by COVID-19 and need us to stop your PAP, please let Connie Burns know and we will take care of that for you. Most importantly, regardless if you cannot give at this time, the greatest gift you can give is that of prayer. Please pray that all affected by this virus come to know and feel the strength that can come from God when sought. And that though they may feel alone, they most certainly are not.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration towards our Thanksgiving Appeal!

2020 Annual Parish Thanksgiving Appeal



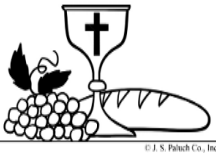
Fraudulent and Spam Emails

Fraudulent and spam emails are a continuing problem for many in the diocese. Emails purporting to be from Bishop Fabbro and diocesan priests are circulating to parishioners, partners and staff.

They usually ask for funds or contain links and fake documents that attempt to load malware onto the recipients' computer. Please remember to be careful with their personal information. Reading the sender's email address carefully is a best-practice, and if you have any doubt, you should phone the parish office.



Masses for the Week



Wednesday, October 7

9:00am in Watford - + Arnold Minten - req. Cindy Minten & Family
- Living and Deceased members of the CWL and the unborn - req. The CWL
11:00am in Forest - + Florence & Michael Whalen - req. The Family

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:



Rev. Stephen Marsh

Rev. Richard Tremblay

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

Rev. Nelson Cabral

Mr. Ian Duckworth, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Deacon John Vezina

Rev. Donald Lococo, C.S.B.

Adult Faith Formation from the Comfort of Your Own Home

The Diocese of London continues to partner with Dayton University to provide parishioners with affordable, high quality formation opportunities. Parishioners can nourish their faith and continue learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many online courses are offered for a reduced price. The next cycle of classes starts October 18. Registration is open and closes October 12. For a selection of course offerings visit www.vlcff.udayton.edu, next click calendar and select Cycle 7.

OLHC Mailing Address

If you are mailing anything to OLHC, please remember to include P.O Box 212.
The Post Office is starting to return any mail that does not have it included.

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.

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. A chain will be held on **Sunday, October 4th after 9:00am mass** in Watford.

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.

A chain will also be happening in Forest, at Main Street and King Street at 2:30pm

Forest United Church Beef BBQ

The Forest United Church will be holding a Drive-thru Beef BBQ on Friday, October 23, 2020.

The meal includes: BBQ Beef, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, and Apple or Cherry Pie.

Cost is \$20 per meal and can be ordered by calling Norma at 519-786-5493 or email jandn@xcelco.on.ca

Cut off date is Oct 18th or until sold out. Pickups are at 10 min intervals starting at 4:30pm until 6:30pm