



# 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.

### Pastoral Team

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to book

#### **Sunday Eucharist**

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

- Matthew 22.14



*We welcome into God's family*

*Brooke Joan de Bruyn, daughter of Mike & Jennifer, &  
Nicole Kathryn de Bruyn, daughter of Brad & Rachel  
who will be baptized at OLHC this weekend.*

From the desk of our Parish Priest

**Dear Parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians & St. Christopher's Parish**

This year has certainly been a confusing and lonely one. During the first three months of the COVID-19 lockdown, at one point I started to ask people what day it was?!? Everyday seemed to be a carbon copy of the day before. But I digress, as we continue to settle into the Third stage of the virus directives, everyday it seems that what we have to do changes. However, as the two Commandments given to us by Jesus, Love God and love your neighbour, remind us that we need to continue to be vigilant and do our part in helping to have a safe place to worship. I thank you for your obvious and helpful desire to do so.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect upon the gifts and blessings in our lives, especially of your time, treasure, and talent. Our Thanksgiving Appeal this year will certainly be very different than previous years. That said, may I ask you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity to pause, reflect upon the last year, and to see the blessings and graces God may have bestowed upon each of our lives. If so moved, you can respond by making a contribution to our Thanksgiving Appeal. Please note that every penny of what is given through this Appeal will stay here and be used in our respective parishes as is needed.

For the Parishioners of OLHC, our Thanksgiving Appeal goal remains the same as last year, \$30,000.00. In responding and adhering to COVID directives, there will NOT be a door to door canvas. For this reason, and several others, I would like to mention to all parishioners of both of our parishes that if you would like, you can place your envelope in the collection basket, send a cheque to the parish office, or etransfer anytime during the month of October. Please email Connie if you have any questions.

Please consider giving to this year's Thanksgiving Appeal. It will be credited to your giving total and be included in your Income Tax Receipt for the year. If you have endured a difficult year, or experienced financial difficulties or hardship, please do not feel obligated to give to this campaign, your prayers would be equally appreciated.

We are grateful for the support you regularly give to your parishes, and look forward to continuing to serve you as best we can under these pandemic circumstances.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration towards our Thanksgiving Appeal.

Your Brother in Christ,



Fr. Mark B. Maloney



### Fraudulent and Spam Emails

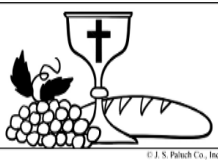
Fraudulent and spam emails are a continuing problem for many in the diocese. Emails purporting to be from Bishop Fabbro and diocesan priests are circulating to parishioners, partners and staff.

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 14

Wednesday Masses are cancelled as Fr. Mark will be on vacation.  
There will be no Prayer Service.

**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:**



*Deacon Chuck Stillwell*

*Rev. Gregory Bonin*

*Rev. Jack Hurley*

*Rev. Mukucha Kathemo*

*Mrs. Nancy Asciak, Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

*Deacon Gerald Clement*

*Sister Matija Filipovic, S.P.B.Z., Pastoral Worker*

### **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](http://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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sarnia) or call John Lammers at 519-490-3832.

### **OLHC Confirmation**



We invite you to pray for our Confirmation candidate's intentions as they prepare for their celebration of the Sacrament on November 22nd. Your prayers support our candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and welcome them as fully initiated, vibrant members of Our Lady Help of Christians community.



*Come Holy Spirit, guide our candidates to a greater understanding of your will in their lives. May their minds be open to the teachings of your Holy church, and may their hearts be a resting place for your love. Guide them through this period of reflection and preparation so that they may have a deeper, more profound understanding of the Gifts you bring at Confirmation and may they walk with you all the days of their lives. Bless also their parents, leaders, catechists, teachers, and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish as we journey with them. We pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**If you have not registered, please email Sarah at [sminten@dol.ca](mailto:sminten@dol.ca). Virtual prep classes start the week of October 18th.**

### **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](mailto: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