



# 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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to book

### Sunday Eucharist

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

"Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her." -Wisdom 6.12



## COVID AND PARISH UPDATE #2

### OLHC Seating Capacity

As mentioned last week, have reached the point wherein the need has arisen to look at different ways of being able to accommodate every one that comes to Mass. We would like to ask that if your family schedule allows it, please consider coming to the Saturday 7:00pm Mass.

***Note: For both parishes, please sit in the seat you are assigned. We place folks where it is best for us to be able to accommodate everyone that comes to Mass. as best we can. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.***

### Missals, Missalettes, and Offertory Envelopes

This is a reminder that due to COVID directives we have cancelled the Living with Christ missalettes. If you require the readings you can either visit their website and download the Living with Christ app, or send in your own subscription.

Those looking for Sunday Missals, someone with gloves will be handing them out. Though not necessary, a \$5.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

Same goes for our Offertory Envelopes wherein, someone with gloves will be able to hand you your Offertory Envelopes.

### Mass of Remembrance

Please note that Bishop Fabbro will be announcing the date for when the entire diocese will celebrate a Mass for all who passed during our current pandemic. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

### Book of Eternal Life



This year with the COVID-19 protocols in place, we are unable to have parishioners write the names of the deceased in our Book of Eternal Life . We feel that it is important to still offer the parishioners this opportunity, so if you would like a name(s) entered into the book, please email Sarah, [sminten@dol.ca](mailto:sminten@dol.ca). Please include: The name(s) you would like included and the parish you would like them entered in. The book will be kept on the altar in both parishes.

### Blood Donor Clinic

*Help save lives this winter...*

If you're in general good health, now more than ever, we need your support to fill every available appointment before the new year.

Forest Blood Donor Clinic

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

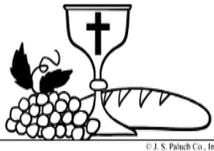
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Forest Legion - 58 Albert St.

By Appointment Only. Book at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

Thank you Forest and surrounding area for fully booking the November 24th Clinic!

## Masses for the Week



### Wednesday, November 11

9:00am - Watford - +Arnold Minten - req. Cindy Minten & Family  
- Sick of the parish - req. CWL  
- + Sophia Szmielt - req. The Estate  
11:00am - Forest - Intentions of the Parishioners

**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. Mateusz Sobierajski,  
C.S.M.A*

*Rev. Charles Akinloye*

*Rev. Theodore Pinto*

*Rev. Mark Sargent*

*Mrs. Louise Trapp, Parish Nurse*

*Mrs. Brenda Atkinson, Pastoral  
Minister/ Coordinator of Youth  
Ministry*

*Deacon John Doomernick*

### Thanksgiving Appeal

Below are the balances of the Thanksgiving appeals.

St. Christopher's - 2019 as of November 6 = **\$31,040.00**  
- 2020 as of November 6 = **\$28,852.00**

OLHC - 2019 as of November 6 = **\$28,960.00**  
- 2020 as of November 6 = **\$13,600.00**

All of the funds collected for the Thanksgiving appeal stay within the Parish.

Please consider giving if you are able, if you are unable, prayers are equally welcome.

## 2020 Annual Parish Thanksgiving Appeal



### 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.*



### Christmas Mass Registration is Open!!



Christmas is coming quickly, but it will look a little different within the church this year.



In order to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols you will have to pre register in order to attend any of the Christmas Masses. Because not everyone has access to email, or even a computer for that matter, we are **ONLY** going to be accepting reservations via telephone, no email reservations will be taken. When leaving a message, please ensure you provide us with the following information: name, telephone number, number of people coming, and identify your desired Mass time. Please try to coordinate with others in your bubble and make one call. This will make seating arrangements easier. Though every effort will be made to accommodate each request, please be patient as we try to do so. Please know that your reservation is **NOT** confirmed until you hear back from Sarah.



Mass Times: Christmas Eve - **OLHC:** 3:00pm, 4:30pm & 6:30pm. **St. Christopher's:** 8:30pm  
Christmas Day - **OLHC:** 9:00am. **St. Christopher's:** 11:00am





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3 November 2020

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrated this year on 15 November, marks the **Fourth World Day of Prayer for the Poor**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis, “Stretch out your hand to the poor” (Sirach 7:32), is meant to draw our attention to our brothers and sisters in need and to encourage us to be generous in serving them. At the same time, the pope reminds us that we must address the structural causes of poverty, otherwise the cycle of poverty not only continues, it grows claiming more and more victims.

By washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus teaches us that loving service is a criterion for discipleship: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Moved by Jesus’ example, the early Christians gave a powerful witness that faith, prayer and loving service are inseparable (Acts 2:42-47).

Throughout our diocese, I see many examples of hands stretched out in service of our brothers and sisters. To name a few, we have parishes that work closely with the local soup kitchen, that host meals, that sponsor refugees, that support women’s shelters, that are advocating for the poor and supporting them in their cries for justice.

The service offered by parishioners through their membership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an expression of faith and love: “The Church’s love for the poor ... is a part of her constant tradition” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2444). We have in our diocese over 1300 Vincentians in 62 SSVP conferences. They visit people, coming not as an agency but as disciples of Jesus who bring assistance and bear witness to his presence among us. They pray with and for the people they serve. They host community meals and operate St. Vincent de Paul stores. It is good for us to recognize that this outreach is being done without fanfare and with great generosity.

We should be grateful for all these acts of service that are being done in our diocese. They offer us an opportunity to welcome Christ’s presence into our lives (Matthew 25:37-40).

I encourage you to “stretch out your hand to the poor”, and I thank you for your support and your donations of time, treasure and talent which are enabling much good work to be done. May God bless us as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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