



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

First Sunday OF Advent

November 29, 2020

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

- Mark 13.33

Hope

is faith holding out
its hand in the dark.



Dispensation from Sunday Obligation

Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, including the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and Mary, Mother of God, until Easter. It seems unlikely that our situation with respect to the COVID- 19 pandemic will change in the near future.

49th Annual Christmas is for Everyone



Christmas for Everyone provides Christmas food hampers and gifts for children age 16 and younger. They serve most of rural Lambton County.

Volunteers are crucial and are needed starting **December 13th**, but because of COVID you **MUST** pre-register via email: christmasforeveryonepetrolia@gmail.com or by phone 519-882-3950.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Sandra Hartman at 519-882-3950 or 519-330-5773 (please leave a message)

Little Books

Because of COVID- 19 we are unable to hand out any Advent / Christmas material. If you are interested; Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app



Watford CWL News

We are looking for continued support of our member during this time of COVID, even when we can not gather for meetings or events. It is time to renew memberships for 2021. There are several ways to do this; drop it in the collection basket, hand to any member of the CWL executive, pay in person at Watford Libro (ask teller to "memo with (you name)) so we can attach your name to the payment, mail to Betty Thuss at 5783 Sexton Rd. Kerwood, ON N0M 2B0, or etransfer to Eveliene VandenOuweland at evelienvdo@gmail.com.

Cost of membership is \$25.

Please know that if you are unable to pay at this time, it is completely understandable and you can always catch up next year.



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. 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. We ask that all parishioners keep them in their prayers.

We are accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one who has died.

The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

We will need donations to be received in the office by **December 17, 2020**

to give us enough time to prepare the Christmas bulletin.

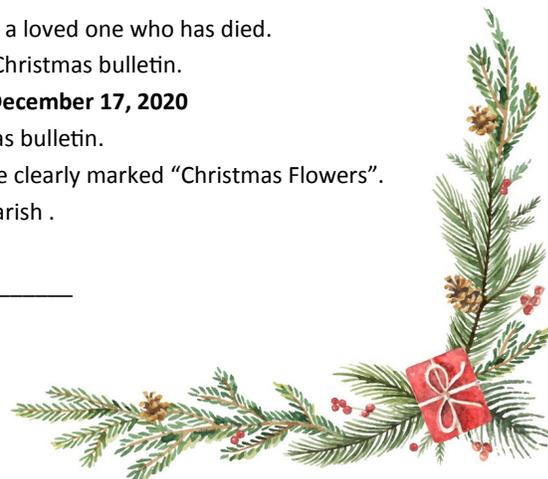
Please use the form below and place it with your donation into an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers".

Cheques should be made payable to the parish .

In memory of _____

Donated by _____

Amount \$ _____ Envelope # _____





Well, here we are, the beginning of a new Liturgical Year, and the first Sunday of Advent. What a difference from this time last year.

I would like to thank you all for being patient with us as we try to accommodate everyone that desires to come to Christmas Mass. Unfortunately, the Masses this year will not be like previous ones, especially without story time with the children, and the singing of Christmas carols. But at least we can still be together and celebrate the birth of the One who came to be one like us, to show us that there was another way to live our lives, as He died for our sins, and defeated death once and for all, paving the way for eternal life.

On the brightside, it was great confirming some of our young people this past Sunday. We certainly had to do things a little differently, it seems to have gone well. I would like to thank all of you that were involved in their preparation, and for making the Mass special for them. It was a community effort to be sure, one I was truly grateful of being a part of.

On behalf of the DeGroot family, I would like to thank you for all that you did to help them through their tragic loss. It was pretty special, especially being able to host a visitation and Funeral Mass that was both COVID compliant, and meaningful for the family.

In regards to our Book of Life, please accept my apologies, I did not do enough to communicate what our plan was for getting the names of our loved ones into the book. For this reason, we will be keeping the Book of Life on the altar, and continue to pray for them until the Epiphany of this coming January. Therefore, if you would like to have the name or names of loved ones listed, please email Sarah and she will take care of that for you.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



Masses for the Week



Wednesday, December 2

9:00 am, Watford - Isabelle Shanahan - req. Leo and Dolly Shanahan

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

11:00 am, Forest - + Christopher De Groot - req. Pat, Monica and Shirley

- + Jonathan Shawkence - req. Andy and Helene De Groot

- Thanksgiving and well being of my family - req. Anne M. Vanos

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:



*Mrs. Christine Yeoumans,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

Deacon Fred Truchon

Rev, Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.

*Mrs. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral
Minister / Coordinator of Youth
Ministry*

Rev. Robert Champagne

*Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical
Facilitator / Director of Music*

Rev. Dwayne Adam

FlipGive Fundraising

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Fundraising for our Parishes is going to be so much easier with FlipGive, a free fundraising app.

We earn cash back on every purchase we make all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, Sport Check, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaw's.

No more going door-to-door selling chocolate bars - it's completely virtual and contactless.

Join our "team" now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop

For OLHC please click the following link: https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Connie&joincode=KCGZ7W

Or enter this code: KCGZ7W

For St. Christopher's please click the following link: https://www.flipgive.com/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Connie&joincode=LQPLMY

Or enter this code: LQPLMY

Please considering using this App when you are online shopping for Christmas and all year long. It is free for you to use and it does not cost the church anything either! Buy the things you were already going to buy, and raise extra money for the church!!

With the restrictions of COVID, we are hoping this will help supplement the funds that would have been raised through various events.

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.

For the masses being held at OLHC, please call 519-876-3240.

For masses being held at St. Christopher's, please call 519-786-5243.

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

