



# 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

## Second Sunday OF Advent

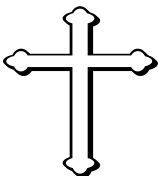
### December 6, 2020

“The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth”

(Luke 3:1-6)



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The sympathy of our parishes is extended to Ted and Vanessa Minten whose son, **Theodore Dusko Minten**, died this past week. Please pray for them and for all those who mourn.

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon, them. (Ps 130)**



### 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](mailto: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)

### 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 e-transfer to Eveliene VandenOuweland at [evelienevdo@gmail.com](mailto:evelienevdo@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.

2ND CANDLE—(purple) THE BETHLEHEM  
CANDLE OR THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION—  
Help us to be ready to welcome You O God!  
(Luke 3:4-6)



Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the way. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2021** ~ These will be handed out at the church entrance. **A REMINDER THAT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021 YOU WILL HAVE A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER. PLEASE DISCARD YOUR OLD ENVELOPES AFTER JANUARY 1.**

**Pre-Authorized Giving**— As we approach a new year, we ask you to consider the benefits of signing up for pre-authorized giving. It has many advantages: simplifies the offering process; helps in household budgeting; maintains reliable income for the parish operations (especially during these pandemic times); reduces printing costs; reduces time counting and accounting. Many benefits and its an easy process. Request a form by email from Sarah in your parish office.

**It is easy to *think* Christmas,  
and it is easy to *believe* Christmas,  
but it is hard to *act* Christmas.**



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.

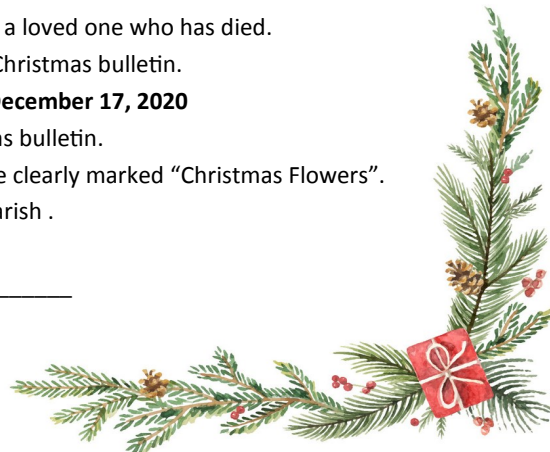
Please use the form below and place it with your donation into an envelope clearly marked “Christmas Flowers”.

Cheques should be made payable to the parish .

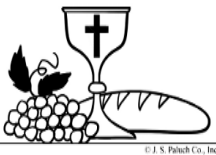
In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_



## Masses for the Week



### Wednesday, December 9

**9:00 am, Watford** - Norman Jobin— req. Leo & Dolly Shanahan  
- +Chris & Sien VanLoon— req. the VanLoon Family  
- Sick of the parish - req. CWL

**11:00 am, Forest** - + Chris DeGroot— req. Ghislaine Burnard Goure  
- Kettle Point— req. Andy & Helene DeGroot

*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*

### Christmas 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**

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.** We are **ONLY** going to be accepting reservations by 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.**



### FlipGive Fundraising

**FlipGive**

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](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](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.

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