



Our Parish Family

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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

Parish Cluster Newsletter - February 28, 2021 (Second Sunday of Lent)

“Learn to suffer a little bit for the love of God without telling everyone about it.” – *St. Teresa of Avila.*

Thank you Sarah!

In the journey of our lives there are moments where we make decisions based upon a variety of reasons. It is with mixed emotions that I share with you Sarah Minten has resigned as Our Parish Family secretary. I say mixed because I enjoyed working with Sarah as we seemed to share the same sense of humour. That said, I am happy that Sarah has decided to spend more time with her young family. Not ever having had children I will never know what it is like to strike the delicate balance of being a mom, being a wife, and making time for good friends. I am grateful for the time we have worked together, in spite of me sometimes running around like a squirrel trying to get everything done.

Sarah, please know just how grateful we are for helping us get to where we are today. Please be assured of my prayers for you, and your family, and may the peace of Christ be with you all.

Parish Administration

As we work our way through the current COVID directives, please continue to use the current phone number and email address for each parish. Both email accounts are checked daily, the answering machines once or twice a week. In the ‘danger of death’ please call Fr. Mark directly (519-476-9069).

Sunday Collection Counters

Hi folks, as we need some help counting the Sunday collection in both of our parishes, should you be willing to volunteer help please email me. Though I am aware that we asked for counters about a year ago, not everyone has returned to church just yet.

OLHC Tax Receipt

Canada Post has made us aware that they are no longer accepting mail that does not include the intended P.O. Box number. As a result, we have had a number of receipts returned to us because of the missing information. If you have not received your receipt yet, please email the OLHC Parish Office (olhcwat@dol.ca) so we can update our files and get the receipt to you in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Mass/Liturgy Schedule*

The following is just a reminder of our current Mass/Liturgy times:

Wednesday 09:00 am OLHC
11:00 am SC

Friday 07:00 pm OLHC Stations of the Cross. Please inform Ted Minten if you plan to attend.
Saturday: 04:30 pm SC
07:00 pm OLHC
Sunday: 09:00 am OLHC
11:00 am SC

If you are seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact Fr. Mark by phone at 519-476-9069, or email at mmaloney@dol.ca.

*Note: earlier this week I had a brief chat with a parishioner. She was surprised to learn that Mass had resumed. Not having a computer, and not knowing this makes it next to impossible to keep some of our parishioners informed. **PLEASE REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER.**

Mass Intentions

The following are the Mass Intentions for Wednesday March 3, 2021:

09:00 am OLHC: + TJ Minten – req. Dusko and Marg Bojkovic.
- Special Intention for Van Eyk family – req. Bill and Pauline Van Eyk.
- Special Intention for Deacon Tony – req. Deacon David Cummings.
11:00 am SC: - Special Intention for Deacon Tony – req. anonymous.

Please note that if you would like to make a Mass Intention please send it to either parish office email (olhcwat@dol.ca or stchrisfor@dol.ca).

The World Day of Prayer 2021 – Forest

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can join in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression. The World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to wicc.org and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button. This is available now. If anyone would like to make a donation they may do so by donating online at wicc.org or mailing a cheque to: WICC, 47 Queen's Park Cres E., Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3

The World Day of Prayer 2021 – Watford

WHEN: Friday March 5th at 10:30 am

WHERE: On zoom platform led by Living Hope Fellowship church, Watford

ABOUT: Vanuatu (a series of islands north of New Zealand) It will consist of an hour long video followed by a time for discussion and fellowship. If you wish to join this event please send your email address to bettythuss@gmail.com and she will send you the link. If you wish to view this video on your own time, the WDOP 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to wicc.org.

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Announcements to be included in our weekly letter are to be emailed (olhcwat@dol.ca or stchrisfor@dol.ca) to us by end of day Wednesday, and it will be included in the letter of that same week.

Note: Part 2 of my Pastoral Letter of February 16, 2021 has been delayed due to some additional information expected this coming week.