

**PRAY PLEASE FOR:**

**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven  
(Colossians 3:1-4)*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Apr 22- 28)**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Easter Monday- Office Closed</b>
	8:00 pm AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm Celebrate the Word
	7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council
	8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am Rosary
	10:30 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
	5:00 pm Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm CAT Meeting
	6:30 pm Folk Choir Practice
	7:00 pm CWL General Meeting
<b>Thurs</b>	11:00 am Rosary- Tillsonburg Retirement
	11:30 am Jollymakers - Bingo
	3:30 pm Rosary- Maple Manor
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:45 am Benediction
	1:00 pm CWL Spring Rummage Sale Set-up
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am Confessions
	9:00 am CWL Spring Rummage Sale
	9:30 am Confessions
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am Sunday School
	3:00 pm <b>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</b>

**Altar Server (April 23 & 25)** Isabella Monsere

*In the event of a funeral Mass on Wednesday or Friday, Mass will be cancelled and the Mass Intentions will be offered at the funeral.*

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – APRIL 13/14**

Regular Envelope	\$ 6723.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 200.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 285.00
Loose	\$ 392.90
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 215.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7815.90</b>



**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (April 27/28)**

**Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator: Olga Patterson  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Dave Mulholland, Ed DeDecker  
 Gift Bearers: Dan, Melissa & Jack Peloso  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Veronica Holly, Pat Molloy, Vince Molloy, Kathy Myny  
 Greeters: Dan, Melissa & Jack Peloso  
 Rosary: Adele Armstrong

**Sunday (9 am)**

Commentator: Mike Bossy  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Brian O'Rourke, Anne Stancek  
 Gift Bearer: Joanne Maertens  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Irene Gubesch, Liz DeWaele, Mariola Pleli, Barb Compeau  
 Greeter: Ann Schroder  
 Rosary: Irene Gubesch

**Sunday (11 am)**

Commentator: Teena Mendonca  
 1st, 2nd Lector: Kathy Holly, Audrey Jayne  
 Gift Bearer: Elizabeth Czomba  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darren Jayne, Nora Marie Bruder, Ana Jayne, Ted Novakowski  
 Greeters: Janet Gurski  
 Rosary: Allen J. Scovil



**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (April 22-28)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	Adrian & Nellie Rockx Brent McKay Stephen Choma Jr.
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Nick Doneff John Schonberger Martin & Rika Grim
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass- Harvest Retirement Centre Tony Rego Mary Helen Conlin Laszlo Toth
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Mass- "Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel" George Mendonca Theresa Kelly Bernard Clarke
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Sen Than Family
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's Parishioners of St. Mary's



Let your roots go down into Christ,  
and let your lives be built on him.  
Then your faith will grow strong in the  
truth you were taught, and you will  
overflow with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:7

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**Parish Clergy and Staff**

Rev. John Pirt, Pastor  
 Andre De Decker, Deacon  
 Jack Grim, Deacon  
 Brian Hanley, Deacon  
 Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
 Teena Mendonca, Business Manager  
 Melissa Sioen, Secretary

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri  
(9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm)

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am  
Saturday: 9:00 am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 8:00 am -8:45 am & 9:30 am - 10:00 am or by appointment

**Children's "Sunday School"**

Oct to May, @ 9 am Mass

**Catholic Schools**

St. Joseph School: (519) 660-2783  
Msgr. O'Neil School: (519) 660-2772  
St. Mary's High School: (519) 675-4435

**Baptism Preparation**

Contact Father John, ext. 22

**Weddings**

By appointment, and 6 months notice

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 21, 2019**

**"This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad!"**

The refrain from our psalm this Easter Sunday is the song we cannot help but sing after being on our Lenten journey these past six weeks. Fr. John and our Deacons first invited us to journey out into the desert with Jesus; the desert of our lives filled with temptations that only satisfied our wants not our needs. We continued the journey up Mount Tibor with Jesus, Peter, James and John and witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. On this mountain God gives us the way to our own transfiguration: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Next, we come to the well in Samaria where Jesus encounters the woman. Water is an important symbol in scripture, in our Catholic faith and in our lives. Jesus patiently tells us that we cannot live without water but we can have eternal life with the waters of our baptism. Jesus is the living water. Again, we continue the journey towards Jerusalem and Jesus encounters the blind man. What are we blind to in our relationships with each other and with God? Faith is the mud and saliva that helps us to see clearly; Jesus says "I am the light of the world." Jesus is then called to Bethany by Mary and Martha to visit his friend Lazarus who is dying. Lazarus is dead, yet Jesus raises him from the dead to show the Jewish people and us that he is "the resurrection and the life." What tomb holds us hostage in the dark? Finally this past week we journeyed into Jerusalem with Jesus amid the palm branches and in the Upper Room Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and shares his last supper with them. Are we ready to wash another's feet, to lay down our own agendas for another? Jesus is then betrayed, beaten, accused, mocked, stripped, crucified and buried.

Then we come to today: Easter Sunday. This IS the day the Lord has made for us make no mistake about that. Throughout the entire Jerusalem journey and our own life journey we see the Lord's work preparing us for the wonderful day. He gives us Jesus, his Son, our Saviour to bring us the living water, to be our light in the darkness. Jesus makes the impossible happen: the blind man sees, Lazarus rises from the dead. So let us rejoice and be glad: whatever tomb you are in, whatever burden or sorrow you feel, remember that God makes all things possible. Fr. John once told me that a miracle is when something impossible happens. So jump for joy, be giddy in gladness, because we are a resurrection people! We are all on our own Jerusalem journey but we know God will do impossible things for each of us – we just have to ask.

**From the pastoral team, the staff, and the many volunteers here at St. Mary's, we wish everyone a Blessed Easter!  
Rejoice and be glad ... "I have seen the Lord!"**



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Sunday School is a program for children who are age 3 (or toilet trained) until they enter grade 2 to help them learn the rituals of mass and hear the Gospel story in child friendly language, through craft and song. Father John, at the beginning of Mass, calls the children forward and they process to the Parish Centre with their leader and return to you during the offertory song. This year Sunday School will be available at the Sunday 9 AM Mass. For more information please contact Colleen Hanley (chanley@dol.ca) or call the office.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is coming back this summer for one amazing week! Circle your calendars – St. Mary’s will be hosting a “Cool Kingdom Party” July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>! Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering JK/SK until grade 6 in September. Registration forms for campers will be out the end of May. Application forms for youth leaders (those young people wishing to volunteer at VBS) will be out the end of the month and available at the back of the Church. Please look for a display set up for Vacation Bible School. For more information about volunteering or registering please contact Mrs. Hanley at 842-3324 ext 23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca).

### **CHILL ZONE**

Chill Zone is a drop in Centre for youth in grade five and up. Youth can socialize and experience a safe community to play video and card games, participate in sports in the gym, enjoy the creativity of the craft room and find nourishment in the tuck shop! Our next Chill Zone is Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. We are looking for adult volunteers to help lead games or sports in the gym and to help supervise throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)).

### **CROWNING OF MARY**

At all the Masses the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Crowning of Mary before Mass begins. Please bring flowers to whatever Mass you are attending for our young children to carry up and honour our Blessed Mother!

### **DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

At 3 pm, on Sunday April 28th, Divine Mercy Sunday, Deacon Andre will be leading a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3 pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed followed by a time of silent prayer with Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:45 pm. Everyone is welcome!

### **STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2019**

On July 12-14, 2019 our parish will be sending a bus of youth going into high school or already in high school to this amazing Conference! If you have a child in grade eight they are eligible to come to Steubenville this year! Mark your calendars ... we all BELONG! The cost is \$200 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. We have only a few spots left so please do not delay in reserving your spot! For more information about this amazing conference please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224 ext. 23 or [chanley@dol.ca](mailto:chanley@dol.ca)).

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Our children and their families will begin celebrating their first Communion during the weekend Masses in May. We are so blessed to have a generous parish who has been praying for our children and their families. Our first communicants will be greeters at their chosen Masses so please stop and shake their hand!

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been praying daily for our confirmandi, their sponsors and their family.

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

During the Fridays of the Easter Season we will continue to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass and end with Benediction at 11:45 AM.

### **MAY IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH**

The Tillsonburg Right to Life Brunch is on Saturday, May 4th, at 11 am at the Carriage Hall, 25 Brock St. West. The cost is \$15/ adult, \$10/ youth. Our guest speaker is Melody Aldred. For tickets call Bonnie at 519-913-3533.

### **22ND NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA**

Thursday, May 9th, marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. To attend the March for Life you can travel on the bus that leaves Highway 19 & 401 at 12:30am. The cost for the bus is \$60/adult & \$40/student. For more info and to book a seat please call Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE**

ON Wednesday, May 22nd, 7 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 137 Rolph Street there will be a prayer service for Respect for Life with a social to follow. For more information please contact Bonnie or Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

### **ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE WALKATHON**

The annual Right to Life walkathon will be held Saturday, May 25th. Registration begins at 9 am at the Emmanuel Church, Clarke St. Woodstock (contact Mary at 519-421-0029) or you can register at 10 am at the First Baptist Church, Thames St. South, Ingersoll at 519-485-2603.

### **BISHOP'S DINNER FOR LONDON & SURROUNDING**

#### **COMMUNITIES**

The Eleventh Annual Bishop's Dinner for London & Surrounding Communities will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at the London Convention Centre. This annual event gathers our community with Bishop Fabbro in a “Celebration of Faith, Friendship and Charity” to raise vital funds for Vocations London and St. Peter's Seminary. This year we welcome three-time Juno nominee Emm Gryner with her band. For tickets or sponsorship information, please email Mrs. Frances Barnard at [bishopsdinner@dol.ca](mailto:bishopsdinner@dol.ca) or phone 519-432-1414 or 1-888-548-9649, ext. 255.

#### **CCLC CAMP – FULL IMPACT & EMPOWER**

The Diocese of London Family and Youth Ministry Outreach is offering Summer Leadership Camp. We all have the gifts to lead others, and often times young people don't recognize their own leadership capabilities. There are two 5-day camp options for students entering high school and a 3-day option for those going into grades 7 & 8. For more information and registration go to [dol.ca/CCLC](http://dol.ca/CCLC).

#### **THE LEGACY OF ST. PATRICK - PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

As you enjoy a 10 day tour to the Emerald Isle, from September 24-October 3, 2019, you will experience the history, culture and faith of Ireland that came through the missionary efforts of St. Patrick in the 5th century. This pilgrimage includes visits to many historical churches as well as a visit to Knock, where in 1879, Mary appeared to 15 townspeople. In addition to your Irish Guide, as part of this pilgrimage, Fr. David Johnston and Fr. John Pirt will be offering daily Mass. Cost is \$2639 per person (Based on twin) - airfare extra. For further information, contact Cheryl Johnston, 855 St. Clair St., Chatham, ON N7L 0E9 Phone: 519-354-6040 or 1 877 735 5633 ext 6225 Email: [cjohnston@selloffvacations.com](mailto:cjohnston@selloffvacations.com).

#### **SALT + LIGHT TV FREE PREVIEW**

Salt and Light Catholic Media is offering a free preview from participating cable and satellite providers across Canada, from April 14 - May 12. Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with S+L TV. Tune in starting Palm Sunday for live Papal events and a line-up of Catholic programming to grow in the knowledge of our faith and Catholic tradition in its many expressions. Also free is the new documentary, The Francis Impact, premiering May 5 at 8pm. Check your local provider or visit [www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe](http://www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe) for more details.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

This Monday April 22th there will not be a bible study. The next meeting is April 29th. “Since the Bible came from the Spirit-led community of faith, it should always be read and interpreted within the context of the Church.” (*Dei Verbum*) If you are interested in being a part of the Bible Study group please contact Deacon Andre at 519-913-3533.

### **2019 ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring all married couples in our diocese will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica in London with Bishop Fabbro as the main celebrant. All married couples are invited to register by contacting the parish office at 519-842-3224 Please call the parish office to register no later than May 17, 2019.

### **MARRIAGE ANNULMENT**

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or if you just have some questions about obtaining a Declaration of Nullity, feel free to call us at 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317, or e-mail [tribunal@dol.ca](mailto:tribunal@dol.ca)

### **CWL- ANNUAL DINNER**

St. Mary’s CWL Annual Dinner will be on Tuesday, May 7th in the church basement with the Memorial Ceremony at 5:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:00 pm, entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Tickets will be available after all masses on April 27/28 & May 4/5. Please bring a paper product (Kleenex, diapers etc.) that evening for Fresh Start Maternity Support, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please call Janet Guralski at 519-842-9623.

### **FINAL NOTICE - RUMMAGE SALE**

Our spring sale is all set for Sat. April 27. This is your last reminder to bring in your no-longer-needed items. Please label them RUMMAGE SALE and leave them by the coat rack on the north side of the church hall. We would appreciate help for setup on Friday at 1 o'clock, sales on Saturday from 9 AM - 12 noon and clean-up on Saturday from noon - 12:45pm. \*\*Some clean-up requires some heavy lifting but with many YOUNG STRONG MUSCLES, it doesn't take long! Do you know anyone who needs VOLUNTEER HOURS? See you Friday and/or Saturday.

### **ABUNDANCE**

Abundance: a night of prayer, adoration, and worship with Katie Prejean-McGrady will be held on Friday, May 10 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Tilbury. Katie is a dynamic, international speaker, educator and author who was a delegate at the recent Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment in Rome. She will be the keynote speaker for this event that will be appropriate for all ages, but particularly geared to youth and young adults. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door, and can be purchased online at [dol.ca/abundance](http://dol.ca/abundance) or at a variety of churches listed on the webpage.