

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Jan 27 - Feb 2)

Mon	8:00 pm	AA
	8:00 pm	Right to Life Meeting
Tues	9:00 am	JK/SK Church tours
	10:00 am	JK/SK Church tours
	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
Wed	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	5:00 pm	SSVP Friendship Dinner
Thurs	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	2:30 pm	Rosary Harvest Retirement
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
Fri	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	10:30 am	Confessions
	11:15 am	Benediction
Sat	9:00 am	Catholic Women's League Presidents Meeting
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Confirmation Preparation
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School

*Knights of Columbus Can Collection
SSVP Collection & Food Bank*

Altar Server (January 28 & 30) Theresa Cuff

WEEKLY OFFERTORY – January 18 & 19, 2020

Sunday Envelope	\$ 2,996.25
Initial Envelope	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 117.35
Father Langan Parish Centre	\$ 312.00
Capital/Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 3,475.60



***The tree that is beside the running water
is fresher and gives more fruit***

- St. Theresa of Avila

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Jan 27-Feb 2)

Tues	7:00 pm	Pat Atkins John Schonberger Diane Kisilak
Wed	10:00 am	Barry Govia Dulce Mendes Koos Vanderwater
Thurs	7:00 pm	John Schonberger For our Blessed Mother for prayers answered Margaret Morgan
Fri	10:00 am	Koos Vanderwater Martin & Hendrika Grim Eugene Baert
Sat	9:00 am	Sylvere Van Gulk
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sun	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Feb 1 & 2)****Saturday (5 pm)**

Commentator:	Moma Fardella
1st, 2nd Lector:	Dorothy Lipsit, Veronica Holly
Gift Bearers:	Gary & Kathy Myny
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Phil Harrison, Dave Bertling, Elizabeth Vanhooren, Dave Devlin,
Greeter:	Linda Bertling

Sunday (9 am)

Commentator:	Mike Bossy
1st, 2nd Lector:	Anne Stancek, Stephanie Hill
Gift Bearer:	Joanne Maertens
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Wim Vink, John Oliveira, Mariola Pieli, Sandra Laking
Greeters:	Michael Jaffray Family

Sunday (11 am)

Commentator:	Teena Mendonca
1st, 2nd Lector:	Allen Scovil, Stephan Pelland
Gift Bearer:	Larry Duyck
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Alex Hanley, Karen Gracie, Pat D'Hulster, Darren Jayne
Greeter:	Joyce Cole



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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Some Random Thoughts:**

First off the Gospel this week talks about the call of some of the Apostles. Peter is told that following Jesus meant being a Fisher of people. Do we see our call of following Jesus as spreading the Good News so others may be saved? In 12 Step groups the last step, step 12, is sharing your healing with others who need to be healed. Has Jesus saved you? Have you told anyone about it?

In your bulletin this week there is a handout on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This beautiful sacrament is part of many people's salvation. I am experimenting with the times to make the sacrament available when it can happen without other pressures. So I will hear confessions after the mass on Fridays, while Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is happening, as well as after the mass on Saturday. I have no other commitments at those times so if I need to stay I can, but if the folks are finished after 45 minutes I will leave. Funerals and other events may mean one of those times may not happen. We will try to announce cancellations the weekend before, but call ahead on Wed if you need to know if they are still on any week.

I recently was in touch with Fr. Tom Ferrera about something and he wanted me to let you know how much he enjoyed being your Pastor and still thinks about you and prays for you as well. He wanted me to make sure I passed on his warmest greetings for all of you. Here's the pass.

Bishop Baron has written a short message to a Church suffering because of the Sexual abuse scandal. A few copies are available at the back if you are interested. A \$2 donation would be appreciated to cover costs.

A final thought: I have spent a lot of time doing Spiritual Direction and helping folks with prayer. I have found that we do not always encourage the vast array of types of personal prayer our tradition holds. I have tried and enjoyed many of these and benefitted from them (never even considered sleeping on a bed of nails myself). If there is interest I could have a day on prayer some Saturday afternoon, or even a few Saturdays. Let me know if you are interested.

Fr. Tom

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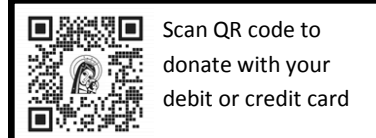
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Courtney Duckworth, Secretary

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



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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

Friday 10:30 - 11:15am Saturday: 9:30 am - 10:15am 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 the Office

Weddings

By appointment, and 6 months notice



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Our Sunday school program happens during the 9 am Mass Sunday mornings. 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 Tom, 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.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Our next meeting for the Confirmation preparation is Saturday February 1st from 10 am - noon and Wednesday February 5th from 6:30-8:30 pm. We have 44 young people preparing to celebrate Confirmation! You can see there beautiful photos at the back of the Church on the banner - please continue to pray for the young people, their families and sponsors!

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

The London District Catholic School Board will be taking registrations beginning Monday, January 20, 2020 - Friday, February 7, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year for Junior Kindergarten and for any student who did not attend a Catholic school for Junior Kindergarten but will attend for Senior Kindergarten. Children born in 2016 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten and children born in 2015 are eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten. Please call St. Joseph's Catholic School at 519-660-2783 to make an appointment to register your child and for required documentation. We can't wait to welcome you to our school community!

JK & SK CHURCH TOURS:

We are very excited to have two of our Full Day Kindergarten Classes visit the Church on Tuesday January 28th in the morning! How wonderful it is for our wee parishioners to explore God's house!



STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2020:

On July 3-5, 2020 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 you calendars ... our theme is RESTORED! The cost is \$225 which includes the conference, lodging, bussing and food. If you want to know more information about going as a participant or a chaperone please contact Colleen Hanley (519-842-3224). To secure a spot on the bus, drop of the initial payment of \$100 to the rectory in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. More info will be available in the weeks to come!

2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT:

Date: Saturday February 29, 2020
Time: 8:30 am (Registration) - 10:00 pm close
Location: St. Andre Bessette High School, London
Theme: I THIRST: Know Jesus for He Longs to Know You (We will be breaking out the program YOU: Exploring Theology of the Body)
Speakers: John Bishop (from FOCUS) and Katelyn Miller (from Renewal Ministries) with Fr. Thom Blondin (Parish Administrator of All Saints Strathroy, Sacred Heart Delaware, St. Charles Glencoe)
Who is the Summit For?: The Summit is intended for those in High School and Beyond, Parents are welcome.
Cost: \$50/person. Financial Assistance can be available by contacting info@famfi.ca.

GROWING IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:

Growing in the Spirit of Our Catholic Faith will continue Thursday January 30th after the 7 pm daily Mass in the Church with Fr. Tom at 7:30 pm. Our topic will be "A Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy." Everyone is welcome to attend!

BIBLE STUDY:

The next session will take place Monday, February 3rd, from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Bring a bible. "The Church must listen to and be nourished by Scripture so that it can embody, interpret, and proclaim the Word of God." - Dei Verbum



RESPECT FOR LIFE SERVICE:

Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00 am at Life Church, 547 Athlone Ave., Woodstock, Social to follow.

CWL NEWS:

Valentine and Tea Bazaar:



For Tillsonburg Community Living

Place: Avondale Church

Date: Friday, February 14, 2020

Time: 10am - 2pm

The C.W.L will have a bake table and we need your help for this special event.

We ask that you drop odd your bake goods at Avondale church before 10 am Feb 14, 2020. If this is inconvenient we will accept bake goods Thurs, Feb 13th from 10-2pm in our church basement kitchen.

I would really appreciate your help in supporting this great cause.

Thanks you, Darlene Papaioannou. (519) 550-3106.

TIME FOR A CWL FUN-DAY:



Saturday February 29, 1-3
Meet up at the Station Arts Centre !
Dress for a possible Mess.
Tickets are \$12.00

Cash or Cheques made payable to the St.Mary's CWL Limited to 30 Fun Seekers so don't wait to get your ticket.
Deadline is Wednesday February 19th.
For tickets please call Rosanne at 519-842-4372

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul announces that there will be a guest speaker at the March 9, 2020 meeting at 4:00 pm in the basement church gathering space.
Denise Bondy, Spiritual Advisor of the Ontario Regional Council of SVDP, will speak on the Vencentian theme
"We are Called" all are welcome.

RETROUVILLE

Retrouville ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouville weekend in Windsor/Essex will be the weekend of Feb. 14 – 16 at Holy Family Retreat House. To register for the weekend, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email at 1015@retrouville.org.

ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY LECTURE

Assumption U presents their latest lecture from The Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict, "Are Limits on Religious Expression Becoming a Trend in Canada?" on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 pm at the Signature Events Centre, 3310 Dougall Ave., Windsor. "The rise of secularism in Quebec with Bill 21 has prompted questions as to the future of religious expression in Canadian society, particularly with regard to wearing religious symbols and attire. This panel will consist of local community members from four different religious backgrounds. Each panelist will be asked to share their thoughts on the current state of religious expression in Canada and speculate as to whether religious symbols will become less visible as time progresses." All are welcome and admission is free, with discussion and refreshments to follow. For more information please call Cecile at 519-973-7033 and press '0' (zero).

MEDICALLY-ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Recently, the Government of Canada announced an online survey of Canadians' views on medically-assisted suicide. The two-week period of consultation ends **Monday, Jan. 27**. The survey is predicated on the assumption that respondents support euthanasia legislation. Even so, the survey does have text boxes that afford the opportunity to let the government know that you are against medically assisted death. The survey is available at <https://justice.survey-sondage.ca/f/s.aspx?s=6E6210A5-E100-4201-A55D-CFB52ADA1C0C>.

Terrific information about the survey and "MAID" legislation are available at www.archtoronto.org. Our social media and website have regular updates about euthanasia. I just posted a fascinating article from Grandin Media in our website's news section.

And finally here is the survey itself - <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>