

**WEEK AT A GLANCE (Feb 3 - 9)**

<b>Mon</b>	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Tues</b>	1:30 pm	Celebrate the Word
	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9:15 am	Called Gifted & Sent
	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:00 pm	SSVP Friendship Dinner
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Preparation
<b>Thurs</b>	11:30 am	Jolly Makers - Bingo & Cards
	2:30 pm	Rosary - Harvest Retirement
	7:45 pm	RCIA & Growing in the Spirit
<b>Fri</b>	9:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	10:30 am	Adoration
	10:30 am	Confessions
	11:15 am	Benediction
<b>Sat</b>	9:30 am	Confessions
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	2:55 pm	Family Catechism
	7:00 pm	High School Ministry

Altar Server (February 4 & 6) Addison Wills

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY – January 25 & 26, 2020**

Sunday Envelope	\$ 4,848.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 30.00
New Year's Day	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 184.85
Christmas	\$ 60.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 815.00
Father Langan Parish Centre	\$ 400.00
Building Fund	\$ 605.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,992.85</b>



**Have confidence and strong faith that God will assist you in everything**  
- St. Angela Merici

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS (Feb 3 - 9)**

<b>Tues</b>	7:00 pm	Hector & Sandra Verhoeve Betty Depaepe Jack Downes
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Barry Govia Dulce Mendes Diane Kisilak
<b>Thurs</b>	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Tillsonburg Retirement Steve Drotos For a special intention
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Diane Kisilak Jack Downes Lori VanSpronsen
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am	Rica Hilhorst Deceased members of the Peacock Family
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sun</b>	9 & 11 am	Parishioners of St. Mary's

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Feb 8 & 9)**

<b>Saturday (5 pm)</b>	
Commentator:	Carla Matos
1st, 2nd Lector:	Moma Fardella, Ed DeDecker
Gift Bearers:	Connie Shuga
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Ellen Devlin, Sue Harrison, Gary Myny, Doug Shwaluk
Greeter:	Veronica Holly
<b>Sunday (9 am)</b>	
Commentator:	Mae Feeney
1st, 2nd Lector:	Karin Lansink, Michael Jaffray
Gift Bearers:	Eric & Carol VanMoerkerke & Family
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kate Norman, Steve Spanjers, Robert Verhoeve, Eric VanMoerkerke
Greeter:	Barbara Libon
<b>Sunday (11 am)</b>	
Commentator:	Heather Pelland
1st, 2nd Lector:	Janet Guralski, Kathy Holly
Gift Bearers:	Michael & Kathy Holly
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Dave Martin, Jessica Martin, Heidi Pasztor, Steve Pasztor



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

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

From Colleen ...

It is not very often that the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on a Sunday, but this year is an exception in the Church calendar. What a beautiful story Luke gives us to ponder this weekend about the Holy Family. On one hand it is the story of Jesus being brought to the temple one afternoon to comply with the Jewish law, but on the other hand, it is about Jesus coming to us as fulfillment, as hope and as truth.

We meet Simeon, who seems like an ordinary guy, righteous and devout, just like you and me. He sees Jesus and truly recognizes him for who he is, "a light to the Gentiles as well as the glory of Israel". If we think of Simeon representing the Old Testament, and Jesus as the New Testament, Simeon is handing over the baton, indicating that Jesus has fulfilled the prophecies in the Old Testament for Israel's Saviour yet foreshadowing what is to come – Christ's sacrifice and our redemption. Can we recognize Jesus in our every day walk of life like Simeon did?

The Presentation of the Lord is not only a moment of fulfillment but also a moment of great hope. Jesus embodies the hope of forgiveness, new life, second birth and eternal life for people of every nation and culture. Simeon has seen "the Christ of the Lord", which renews his hope. Do we let the light of Christ renew our hope?

Jesus is the embodiment of truth. Jesus shows us the truth of what we are, what we have become, and what we can be. We all know how makeup can hide unflattering features of a person. Once the makeup is gone and we look at ourselves in the natural light, we start to see dents, creases, shadows and abrasions we did not realize were there. We see the truth about ourselves. Do we take time to let the Lord show us what we can be with his grace?

Lots of people come to church today, give a nod to Christ and then move on with their lives unchanged. We can be like Simeon and embrace Christ more fully as He comes to the "temple" of our lives in Holy Communion. We can see Christ as our fulfillment, our hope and our truth. We can do something Simeon could not do and that is to follow Christ with our life. It will take courage for all of us to really "present" ourselves to God – with no makeup or excuses, with courage and trust and compassion. Go ahead, surrender the baton of your life to Jesus – he is our fulfillment, hope and truth!

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**Parish Clergy and Staff**

Rev. Tom Donohue,  
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Andre DeDecker, Deacon  
Jack Grim, Deacon  
Brian Hanley, Deacon  
Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
Teena Mendonca, Business Administrator  
Courtney Duckworth, 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**

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

**FEBRUARY 2ND 2020**

**ATTENTION: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4 pm Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.**



**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.

**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!

**BIBLE STUDY:**

The next session will take place this Monday, February 3rd, from 1:30-3:00pm in the office meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group. Bring a bible. We are continuing the study of the Gospels at "Jesus handed over to be crucified".  
*"All the preaching of the Church, as indeed the entire Christian religion, should be nourished and ruled by sacred Scripture."* - Dei Verbum

**RIGHT TO LIFE INFO:**

Copies of the Interim are available in the church annex. This pro-life newspaper is an excellent way to keep informed about life issues in Canada.

**LOST AND FOUND:** A metal finger ring with fine engraving. Found in our church parking lot. 0.75" inside diameter.  
To claim the ring see Deacon Andre De Decker.



**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 your 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 February 6th at 7:45 pm in the Father Langan Parish Centre. Our topic will be "Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick." Everyone is welcome to attend!

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY NIGHT:**

Our monthly High School Nights are the second Sunday of the month from 7-9 pm and our next night is this Sunday February 9th. These nights are open to all high school students and will include games, faith formation, prayer and of course food! Why come? Be a part of a community of your peers who share values and views that will help you navigate the prevalent culture that is at school and in the media. We will be hosting High School Nights at the Parish Centre in Room 9. Please share this with all the high school aged youth in your life and we hope to see you this Sunday!

**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.

*A person is an entity of a sort to which the only proper and adequate way to relate is love.*

*- St. John Paul II*

**DIOCESE NEWS AND EVENTS**

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

This year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally will take place on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West. It will be a grace-filled day of celebrating God's love together with Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin, and Fr. James Mallon, featuring uplifting music, Eucharistic healing procession, confession and holy Mass. There will also be a separate youth event with Christy Dupuis & Rachel Herbeck. For information or tickets please visit [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or call 647-243-9441 or 905-270-2510.

**COME AND SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat Feb. 28 – March 1 and invites men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) for more information; to register visit [www.dolpriest.ca/registration](http://www.dolpriest.ca/registration).

**NATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

There is still time to register for the National Youth Ministry Conference that is taking place in Hamilton from February 21-23. This is a great opportunity for ongoing formation or some 'retreat' time. It is not limited to employees; volunteers are more than welcome to attend. Please note that registration will close on Feb. 1. If you register, please let Claire Bondy know at [cbondy@dol.ca](mailto:cbondy@dol.ca), as the Family and Youth Ministry Office is covering \$50 of your registration cost and are connecting people to share a room and rides if they desire. For details and to register go to [hopecomeshome.com](http://hopecomeshome.com).

**MASS STREAMED ONLINE**

Did you know that Mass is live-streamed every weekend in the Diocese of London? Courtesy of St. George Parish, London, Mass is available at [www.youtube.com/user/sgtvLondon](http://www.youtube.com/user/sgtvLondon). There is even an archive of past Masses, homilies, and special liturgical events. Online viewing is a great option for those who are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness, infirmity, travel, or any other reason. And if you know someone who is "interested" in the Catholic Church but not quite ready to make the leap, this may be an easy introduction.