

From Fr Tom...



Parishes are called to be **“missionary”**. Bishop Fabbro has challenged us to, “being a mission oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus.” This mission of evangelization, of proclaiming and living the gospel message, belongs to every baptized member of the Church.

A missionary parish reaches out to those who do not know Christ by welcoming them and sharing the Good News with them.

A missionary parish is also one that educates and forms its members in the faith so that they can live their discipleship completely.

A missionary parish continues to spiritually strengthen parishioners to live their faith boldly and to share it through witness and outreach to others.

WHEN?

- As you may remember, we hope to soon activate our new Family of Parishes. The churches in Leamington/Wheatley, Kingsville and Pelee Island will be one “Family of Parishes”, with one pastor and one pastoral team.
- We anticipate this activation will take place in July. We wait for the official announcement from Bishop Fabbro.
- In our last update, I spoke to you about our “transition team”. We had begun to meet regularly to prepare for our activation and will begin to meet again once ministries in the Churches resume.
- However, we have been working behind the scenes and have been able to make some decisions already...

NAME

Our parishes will keep their own their own name, and while some of the expenses will be shared (e.g. priest salaries), each parish will be responsible for its own finances. The region which includes all these churches will be called:

“Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes”

Fr Tom will be the pastor of Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes, and Fr Steve will continue to serve as the parochial vicar. We will continue to be assisted by Fr Kazimierz to serve the migrant worker community.

MINISTRIES

Many of the ministries, activities and sacramental preparation will be shared, while others will continue to be independent. For example, there would be one RCIA program, and one pastoral council with members from all places. However, groups like the CWL and Knights of Columbus (though they might work together more often) will still have their own independent meetings.

LOGO

I have chosen as a motto for our family: **UNITAS IN CHRISTO** ("Unity in Christ").

Each person, and each parish with it's own unique character, and each nationality with their own traditions are united by one thing – their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The image is of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the rays of blood and water which symbolize the birth of the Church. The rays flow into the water which symbolizes Lake Erie which is the geographic location that unites all our communities.

MASS TIMES

Although we do not know what the next few weeks and months will bring, how the Church schedule will look with regard to the coronavirus and how restrictions may affect what we can or cannot do, we had prepared a proposal for Mass times for when things are "back to normal"...

Weekday Mass Schedule						
6:30 pm		Leamington	*Wheatley	Kingsville		
10 am				*Homes	*Kingsville	
8 am	Leamington		Leamington		Leamington	Leamington
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat

***Notes**

- *Wheatley 1st Wed
- *Homes 1st Thurs SunParlor
- 2nd Thurs Franklin Home
- 3rd Thurs Mennonite Home
- 4th Thurs Chartwell / Rosewood
- *Kingsville 1st Fri Royal Oak
- 2nd Fri Church
- 3rd Fri Church
- 4th Fri Church



Sunday Mass Schedule		
6:30 pm		Leamington
5 pm	Kingsville & Leamington	
3 pm		Leamington
11 am		Wheatley
10 am		Leamington
8 am		Kingsville
	Sat	Sun

Notes

Priest #1: 5 pm (K.), 8 am (K.), 11 am (W.)
 Priest #2: 5 pm (L.), 10 am (L.), 6:30 pm (L)
 Priest #3: 3 pm (L.) *in Spanish
 *Priest #1 & #2 alternate each weekend

Monthly

Pelee Island Sunday @ 12 noon

Festivals & Easter Season

Leamington 12 noon

OFFICES AND STAFF

In Leamington/Wheatley, we are blessed to have two Deacons, one secretary, one financial secretary, one LifeTeen coordinator and one caretaker. In Kingsville, we are blessed to have two Deacons, one secretary, one financial secretary, one Pastoral Minister and one caretaker. As a Family of Parish, the two staffs will join to be one staff.

The main office will be in Leamington and a satellite office will be in Kingsville. The office in Kingsville will continue to stay open some of the days of the week, and the priests will have offices there to meet with people and families.

The priests will live in the rectory in Leamington.

PRAYERS

We look forward to this new adventure! I believe the Lord is preparing something amazing for our Family of Parishes to bless us with a renewal of faith and an excitement to be saints. Please pray for wisdom and right judgement as we discern God’s will for us. While this is our proposal, we know that like any family, we will adjust and grow and make changes as new situations present themselves and we discover things we never expected.

You are welcome to chat with me or any of the members of our transition team if you have insights, or questions.

<p><u>Transition Team</u> Fr Tom Fr Steve Diane O’Neill Deacon John Deacon Dennis Tony Fellbaum Rob Frias Mary Shaw Fatima Branco Janet Barraco Sandy Foldesi</p>	<p>PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES <i>As sisters and brothers of Your Son, we offer You thanks for the love that You have poured into our hearts. Grant strength to this new family of faith and keep us faithful in Your service. Fortify the men and women that have been given oversight of this community. Provide them discerning hearts and the ability to make courageous decisions. May the same Spirit who ushered those in the Upper Room into the market, grant to all the faithful, the ability to proclaim the gospel in bold and new ways. Having come to know Your mercy and forgiveness, transform all that we do, so that the last and the least, may come to know the goodness of Your Reign. Finally, on the last day, grant to all of Your people, the vision of Your face. We ask through Your son, Jesus the Christ, the first born from the dead, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.</i></p>
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