March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

TRUST

Today's readings invite us to look more deeply, to catch a glimpse of Divine Reality hidden within the “stuff” of life. God challenged the elderly Abram and his wife to leave home for a land that God would show them. Their eyes would see the land, but only God could “show” it as a divine gift. Paul reminded Timothy that God’s grace had always been available, but in Jesus Christ was made “manifest.”

Jesus called Peter, James, and John up the mountain and was “transfigured” for a moment, the radiance of God shining through. Then, just as abruptly, the three looked up . . . and saw only Jesus.

During Lent we’re invited to “see through” to God’s presence in the stuff of life: prowling the supermarket, waiting in traffic, arguing with the kids, cleaning the bathtub. We wouldn't really have to “do” anything, if we could only glimpse divine love supporting us, holding us together.

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Mission Statement

“As one Eucharistic community, we welcome with joy, embrace with respect, and love with sincerity all who desire to make Jesus the center of their lives, proclaiming and living the Gospel in fidelity to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.”
Tuesday, March 10
6-6:45pm Confessions
6:30pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mass
+Diane Drouillard  Sue & Al McGuire

Wednesday, March 11
8:30am Mass
+Zephirin & Rita Beaulieu  Gerard & Lorraine
9am to 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Thursday, March 12
8:30am Mass
+Deceased Nieces & Nephews  Hector & Dolores Lucier

Friday, March 13
8:30am Mass
+Deceased Members of the McGregor SSVDP Council
3pm Rosary (following Mass)

Saturday, March 14
8:30am Mass
+Margaret Rose Lapain  Lynn & John Martin

Sunday, March 15
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00am Mass
For the Intentions of the People of God
12:30-4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

March 15th Readings  Third Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7
Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!
Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

During Lent......
♦ Confession  - Tuesdays from 6pm-6:45pm
♦ Adoration  - Wednesdays 9am - 9pm
- Sundays 12:30 to 4:30pm
♦ Stations of the Cross  - Tuesdays at 6:30pm
♦ Rosary  - Fridays following 8:30am Mass
♦ All Day Reconciliation  - Wednesday, April 1

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

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Mass of Chrism: Bishop Fabbro gathers annually with all of the priests of our diocese for a day of reflection on Monday of Holy Week (April 6) That evening during the 7pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral in London, he will bless the oils that will be used for the celebration of sacraments during the coming year. The entire diocese is invited to the celebration.

We are looking for 2 parishioners to attend this Mass on behalf of our parish to receive these holy oils and bring them back to St. Clement church. If you are interested please call the parish office. Thanking you in advance for your help.
Family of Parishes – (FoP) Update from Fr. Seejo
St. Mary + St. John the Evangelist + Holy Name of Jesus + St. Clement

March 8, 2020

We are moving forward to becoming FoP. Presently we have 3 priests, once July comes there will only be 2 priests. This will have an impact on the actual availability of us priests. There is a 12 to 15km distance with the exception between McGregor and Woodslee. (diagram below). Let us continue to celebrate our faith as not only being part of our individual worshipping community but by also being part of the FoP community at large. This means we may have a little bit of driving sometimes and please try to foresee it as a sacrifice to foster our brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ. Make this sacrifice as part of your spiritual growth in our FoP Community.

On February 27 the Transition Team met together to discuss various areas of our transition of Family of Parishes. We discussed the various topics such as; a comprehensive communication plan, a name for the family of parishes, office location, integration of liturgical ministries, financial sharing, weekday and weekend mass schedules, etc.

As stated earlier, members of the transition team or I, as the pastor may not have definite answers to all challenges/questions/concerns that you may have. You may bring your concerns or questions to the team and we will collectively discuss and discern what could be a best response. We are ONE community and let us live the gospel values courageously!!

Parishioners may use either of these approaches to communicate to the transition team to address any of their concerns;
1. By a call or an email
2. Emailing FofPTeam@outlook.com (common email for the transition team)
3. A fillable form will soon be available on all individual parish websites to communicate any concerns

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As we move forward with this transition I am collaborating constantly with various Diocesan Teams such as HR, Pastoral Services, Building, Property, Financial, IT, etc. to align everything, during our transition, to achieve the vision of the Diocese of London to form intentional disciples of Christ.

We will need the help and support from all of you, our parishioners. Together as Disciples of Christ, in a mission-oriented Church, we all have to be bold in living our baptismal call to spread the ‘good news’ of Christ. Let us empower one another in prayer and collaboration.

Stay Tuned!! More updates will follow.

Fr. Seejo
St. Clement’s Family Fun Day
Sunday, June 14th
More Information to Follow
SAVE THE DATE!

“UNPLANNED”: This movie is based on the real life conversion of Abby Johnson from the youngest ever Planned Parenthood clinic director to a prominent anti-abortion activist, and also depicts the humble beginnings of a now world-wide movement called “40 Days for Life.” Free will offering.

Wednesday, March 18th at the Columbus Community Hall, 190 Richmond St, Amherstburg. Doors open at 6:30pm & movie begins at 7pm. For more information please see the poster on the bulletin boards.

The Eucharistic Minister, Ministers of Hospitality, & Reader's schedules are at the back of the church. The schedule for Holy Week sign up sheets will be available shortly. Please be prepared to volunteer and sign up. Thank You!

40 Days for Life: Now until April 5 from 7am to 7pm in front of Met Hospital along Tecumseh Rd.

Words of wisdom from India.
(WHEN TO BE SILENT - a few practical tips)
Be silent - in the heat of anger.
Be silent - when you don’t have all the facts.
Be silent - when you haven’t verified the story.
Be silent - when it is time to listen.
Be silent - when you are tempted to make light of holy things.
Be silent - when you are tempted to joke about sin.
Be silent - if you would be ashamed of your word later.
Be silent - if your words would convey the wrong impression.
Be silent - if the issue is none of your business.
Be silent - when you are tempted to tell an outright lie.
Be silent - when you are feeling critical.
Be silent - if you can’t say it without screaming.
Be silent - if you may have to eat your words later.
Be silent - if you have already said it more than one time.
Be silent - when you are tempted to flatter a wicked person.
Be silent - when you are supposed to be working instead.
Be silent - when your words do not do any good to anyone including yourself.

*“WHOEVER GUARDS HIS TONGUE KEEPS HIS SOUL AWAY FROM TROUBLES”*

**St. Clement Parish Offerings**

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**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**GIVING:** Pre-Authorized Debit is available for your weekly regular offerings and/or your capital building fund donations. It’s a simple and easy way to donate. Your bank account is only debited once a month (the 30th of each month) Forms are available at the back of the church or call the parish office during office hours.

You may also make a donation by INTERAC E-TRANSFER to stclements@dol.ca. Call the parish office if you would like further information.

**Turkey Basket Bingo  Sunday, March 29th**
Sponsored by McGregor Columbian Squires Circle 1385

Bring your friends and neighbours for this fun night!!! We are counting on your support! We are also looking for donations of door prizes. They may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Gift certificates are great ideas for door prizes too. We are also looking for some volunteers to help out at the bingo, please call the parish office and leave your name if you can help out.

**Our Parish Website**: Please check us out on the parish website; www.stclements.dol.ca You can find bulletins, registration forms, monthly event calendar, Mass times, sacramental and ministry information and schedules.

**Cemetery Clean-Up**: Please remember to remove all grave blankets, wreaths, and flowers from St. Clement Cemetery by March 31st. Thank you for your co-operation.

**St. John the Evangelist Lenten Videos**: parishioners are invited to view a series of videos on 'Mary and the Scriptures' every Saturday morning during Lent at St. John's Church following 9am Mass. Videos are approx. 1/2 hour long. Everyone Welcome!

**Rosary**: Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary during Lent each Friday following morning mass.

**Columbian Club Hall, McGregor**
Serving 5pm to 7pm
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
Take out is available!

View this bulletin at www.stclements.dol.ca
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1st Friday of the Month
FISH FRY  5pm - 7pm
BINGO - Every Tuesday 7pm
Everyone Welcome!

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