



**MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

"A mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus"

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Sixteenth & Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18 & 25, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

I can recall, when my kids came off the school bus after a long day at school, they needed to share all that they had learned and done during the day. Well, at least the girls did. Many times, they ran in the house shouting, "Mum, Mum, guess what we did today?" When the boys came off the bus, they headed straight for the refrigerator to refuel after their day!

The disciples returning from their mission, must have been so excited by all they had seen and taught! The power of the Holy Spirit would have energized them so! Jesus, recognizing the need for them to rest, recharge and refuel after their excursions, invites them to come away to a quiet place and rest for a while.

The people however, had other ideas. Jesus' popularity is growing and everyone is looking for a chance to see him. This time, however, Jesus does not heal or perform miracles, at least not yet. We are told, "he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

Jesus met the crowds with compassion first and then restored their wellbeing. This great crowd that followed him, did not know what it was they were looking for. Like sheep without a shepherd, they wandered around aimlessly, helpless and lost. They just knew they needed something. Jesus takes the time to teach them how to take care of their spiritual selves. He taught them many things; to build the foundation of truth that would sustain them when life was hard and he was not with them in person.

We are the same. On our own without Jesus, we are helpless and lost. When we get too busy, too involved with life to make time for Jesus, we find ourselves relying on our own abilities rather than seeking out God's plan for us. "Be still and know that I am God." Take time to breathe. Where do we find Jesus? In the quiet in our hearts.

The disciples who were sent out, returned to Jesus to share in their adventures and recount all that they had said and done. We need to do the same thing. Return to Jesus often to talk to him, tell him about your adventures, share your hopes and dreams with him. Share your doubts and fears and ask him whatever questions are on your heart. All of us need time alone with Christ. If we do not take care of our spiritual selves, we can fall apart, become unraveled and lack focus in our lives.

God welcomes us with open arms to heal us with his grace. The church is the deserted place we come to for refreshment and energy in order to go back out again. The reception of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, energizes and heals us. Come, sit awhile. Be at peace! Be renewed! Be made ready to go out into the world!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

Mass Intentions for July 20-30

All Saints, Strathroy

Tues July 20 @ 6:30pm

Carlos Camara & Deceased Family -
Madalena, Victor & Tommy



Wed July 21 @ 9:00am

Deceased family of Liliana & Angelo Brum
Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan
Carol McGahan - Brendan McGahan

Thurs July 22 @ 6:30pm

Serafim Salgado - Teresa & Family
Leonel & Maria Tereza Goncalves - Ofelia Paiva

Fri July 23 @ 9:00am

John & Anne Pearson - Baltazar Family
Antonio Couto - Natalia Couto

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Tues July 27 @ 6:30pm

Jan & Jerry Blondin—60th Anniversary
Horacio & Carminha Duarte – 60th Anniversary

Wed July 28 @ 9:00am

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Thurs July 29 @ 6:30pm

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Fri July 30 @ 9:00am

Special Intention for Jonathan Minten - Hartwick Family

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Tues July 20 @ 6:30 pm

Jeannie Vermunt
- Chris & Barb VanderVloet



Thurs July 22 @ 9:00am

Louie Kennes
Special Intention—Julie & Peter de Gouw

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Tues July 27 @ 6:30pm

de Gouw Family—parishioner
In Thanksgiving for Grandchildren -
Julie & Peter de Gouw

Thurs July 29 @ 9:00am

Mike Spencer
Special Intention—Julie & Peter de Gouw

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Wed July 21 @ 6:30pm

Burke Walker
- Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker
Judy Beacroft
- Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker
Jesuvina Antunes - Felorina Assuncao



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Wed July 28 @ 6:30pm

Ana Rosa Assuncoa Antunes
- Antonio Antunes
Rev. Henry Cassano
- Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker
Jesuvina Antunes - Maria Martins

There is no registration required for any Masses in any parish. Masses will be first-come-first-seated until we reach capacity.

Please be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe!



ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in these constantly changing times.



Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23

Fr. Steve Eckert, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26

Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21

Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0

Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

**personal emails can be found on the website*

Note from the office

For the summer months, the bulletin will be produced every two weeks instead of weekly.



The office is still closed at this time. If you require assistance, please leave a detailed message and someone will be back to you promptly.

Items for Jamaica

A crate of much needed donations will be shipped at the end of August. The following items are needed: Good quality running shoes/sandals (because they walk everywhere!), new black, brown or navy socks (to match School uniforms), new underwear, gently used summer clothes, lightweight fleece (twin) blankets, 100% cotton fabrics, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap bars, Sunlight laundry bars, Playmobil, Lego, Mechano and any other educational toys and workbooks (all grades). Monetary donations are also welcomed (donate through your parish in your usual manner and make a notation "Jamaica Collection"). Items can be dropped off at All Saints Church, Strathroy or pick-up can be arranged by calling Monica Thorpe at 226-238-3708. Deadline is AUGUST 10.

WE MISS YOU!

As we reopen our churches and welcome you back to Mass, we invite you to attend an outdoor social held after each and every Mass within our Family of Parishes! Come and connect with your friends, family and neighbors and take the opportunity to meet someone new! You are invited to be part of the Hospitality Team that will organize these socials. Families, couples, and single people are needed to act as hosts. If this ministry of welcoming and hospitality is for you, contact Marg @ 519-245-0644 x 24 or mvanderburgt@dol.ca . Socials will begin in the next couple of weeks!



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Office Hours

Office remains closed.

Messages are picked up regularly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

By appointment. Please call the office.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.

Sacrament of Marriage: *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



All Saints, Strathroy

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am

Preparation Retreat for Confirmation



Saturday, July 24, 2021

from 9:00am - 12:00noon

at All Saints Church Site

If there is a conflict for you regarding the above preparation date, please contact Fr. Thom Blondin ASAP via email at tblondin@dol.ca.