



**MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 15 & 22, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Sunday, August 15, 2021

How wonderful for Mary and Elizabeth to be together each knowing that the other was expecting a baby! The connection they must have felt would have given them both great joy and encouragement. I remember having that connection with my sister and sister-in-law's when we were due with babies around the same time.

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, knows that Mary has said "yes" to God and will become the mother of the Son of God. Mary, conceived without sin, will be taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

"Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation." (Loyola Press)

Mary's prayer of praise, the Magnificat, was actually first proclaimed by Hannah in the Old Testament. Hannah who could not conceive a child, prayed to God for a son. She promised God that if she gave birth to a boy, she would dedicate him to God and leave the boy at the temple to serve the Lord as long as he lived. Hannah, who had great faith in God, gave birth to Samuel and when the boy was old enough, Hannah took her son to the temple to give him back to God. Hannah's prayer of praise (Samuel 2:1-10) is the Magnificat which Mary now proclaims as her prayer of praise too.

Can we dare to believe as Hannah did? Can we pray without ceasing knowing that God always has our best interests at heart? Do we dare to give our "Yes" as Mary did? Mary, the first disciple, an example we can all aspire to, whole heartedly said "Yes" to God.

"Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me." Mary takes no credit for her "Yes" but rather says she is blessed because of the things God has done for her. Imagine a world where we understood all the good ever given to us was because God gave it to us. An attitude of gratitude would always be on our lips! My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

All Saints, Strathroy



Week of August 17 - 20

Tues Aug 17

NO MASS

Wed Aug 18 @ 9:00am

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Josephina Verboort - Bev Gallant

Special Intention for Cora Smibert - Agnes & Rob Nicol

Elvira Borrelli-Veltri - Franco Catanzariti

Thurs Aug 19 @ 6:30pm

Serafim Salgado - Teresa & Family

Francisco DaPonte - Judite DaPonte

Em Louvor a Santa Luzia - Piedade Pinheiro

Fri Aug 20 @ 9:00am

Carlos Camara & Deceased Family- Madalena, Victor & Tommy

Cidaliza Paiva - Friend

Wilma Janssen - Margaret & Jim Adams

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Week of August 24 - 27

Tues Aug 24 @ 6:30pm

Manuel Catojo - Alzira Catojo

Manuel & Isolina Pereira – Family

Angela, Olivia & Alda Aguiar – Nieces

John Vanharen - Knights of Columbus

Special Intention for the recovery of Eileen Tracy sister of Frances Nash

Wed Aug 25 @ 9:00am

Deceased Family of Liliana & Angelo Brum

Deceased Members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families—Estate

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Josephina Verboort - Bev Gallant

Thurs Aug 26 @ 6:30pm

Manuel Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Lucilla Silva - Family

Deceased Members of Bartoch Families

Fri Aug 27 @ 9:00am

Special Intention for Peter Pytlik - Agnes & Rob Nicol

Sacred Heart, Parkhill



Week of August 17 – 26

Tues Aug 17 @ 6:30pm

Jeannie Vermunt - Chris & Barb

VanderVloet

Zofia Makowska - Family

Eugeniusz Jurski - Family

Thurs Aug 19 @ 9:00am

Deceased Members of Facchina & de Gouw Families

Gulhermina Silva - Margaret Pontes

Special Intention for Nick and Candace

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Tues Aug 24 @ 6:30pm

Deceased members of the Vander Vloet &

Meeuwssen Families - Estate

Thurs Aug 26 @ 9:00am

In Thanks for the return to active practice of the faith

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe



Week of August 18 – 25

Wed Aug 18 @ 6:30pm

Deceased members of the Vander Vloet

& Meeuwssen Families - Estate

Nora Sittler - Rich & M.L. DePelsmaecker

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Wed Aug 25 @ 6:30pm

Special Intention for Peter & Sarah Kemmerling &

family - Sarah Small

The West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes are open for all Masses !



Masses will be first-come-first-seated until we reach capacity.

♦ **All Saints church site will have overflow in the Parish Centre for 10:00am Mass**

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

Please be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe! 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. We are now able to print bulletins and have them available at our Masses. **If you are on the mailing list and attending Mass, please let us know that we can remove you from that list.**



The office is now open with summer hours (Tues to Thurs 9-4, Fri 9-12). If we are unable to get to your call, please leave a detailed message and someone will be back to you promptly.



On Sunday, August 15 @ 1:00pm there will be a Rosary Walk at the Divine Mercy Garden on Sylvan Road , just west of Parkhill.

All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Feast of the Assumption.

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

*Offices are open with Summer Hours
Tuesdays to Thursday 9-4
and Friday 9-noon*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

4:00—4:45pm Saturday at All Saints church site
4:00—4:45pm Saturday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church site
5:30—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church site
Also by appointment.

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
	(overflow for 10:00am Mass will be in the Parish Centre)
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 9:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am

