



**MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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

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Twenty-Second & Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29 & September 5, 2021

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We can relate to the hand washing in today's Gospel for sure during these times of Covid! Recently, my husband and I, spent a few days in Niagara-on-the-Lake. We walked up and down the town streets, popping in and out of the shops that interested us. Every store had a sanitizer dispenser at the door, signs to remind us of the importance of sanitizing your hands and in some cases, an employee waited at the door to insure you did indeed sanitize your hands on the way in. Having just walked in and out of one store, not touching anything, we walked into the next store, still rubbing our hands together to work in the sanitizer from the previous store, and bypassed the stores sanitizer pump, thinking we were sufficiently sanitized. Not so! An employee came running after us and let us know that if we did not sanitize our hands, we were not welcome to enter the establishment. Well, how embarrassed were we!

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees are concerned that the disciples of Jesus are eating with defiled hands. The dictionary says "to defile is to make unpure, to have unwashed, not ceremoniously clean hands." The Pharisees take tradition to a new level burdening the people with many rules and regulations required to honor and worship God. Jesus tells them "You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Jesus has come to be the new tradition. Jesus does not want empty worship from us, going through the motions, but instead wants us to allow him to change our hearts, setting us free to love one another without bias. Proof of what is in our hearts can be seen in our actions!

I'm sure you have heard the saying "giving lip service"? This is not what Jesus wants from us. We must ask ourselves "is this the way Jesus would want me to live my life?" Does the way I live my life match my "lip service" to God? God's grace allows us the freedom to see ourselves as we really are. Does my interior disposition match my outward behavior? Would all those who encounter me know that I am a Christian? Or am I just a Sunday worshipper going through the motions for appearance's sake.

Our Catholic faith calls us into something much deeper than lip service. Jesus invites us into a personal relationship with him. This relationship dictates how we should live our everyday lives. To turn the other cheek, to forgive, to be generous to a fault, to be kind and giving at all times are qualities that we sometimes find hard to exhibit. Nothing that society can throw at us or comes from outside of us can make us different on the inside, unless you choose to let it. Anger, hurt, frustration, disappointment are all things that can affect our disposition in life but only if we allow it. We can choose the way of Jesus. Remember, it is all about what is in our heart. God's love and mercy are there for us always. We are free to choose joy! We are free to choose love!

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

News for all parishioners

All Saints, Strathroy

Tues Aug 31 @ 6:30pm

In Thanksgiving - Ted & Trudy Thuss
Manuel Mihomens - Margarida & family
Isabel & Carlos Silveira & Luisa Ataide
- Maria & Jose Silveira



Special Intention for Fr. Steve (1st Anniversary to priesthood)
-Brian & Anne Jones

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Cor Groenewegen - Mia Groenewegen

Wed Sep 1 NO MASS

Thurs Sep 2 @ 6:30pm

Ryan & Cor Groenewegen—Mia Groenewegen
Dinis Camara, Madalena & Jonathan Davies
Almas do Purgatorio - Margarida Milhomens
Isabel Miranda - Family
Serafim Salgado - Teresa Salgado & Family
Cidaliza Paiva - Ofelia Paiva

Fri Sep 3 @ 9am (Adoration/Reconciliation following Mass for 1 hr)

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho
Nicolau & Cidaliza Paiva & Souls of Purgatory
John Paiva – Maria Paiva
Carol McGahan - Brendan McGahan
Elio & Nina DeSumma - Agnes & Rob Nicol
Peter Aarts - Ria Tadjell

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### **Tues Sep 7 @ 6:30pm**

Piedade & Manuel Garcia - Family  
MaryJo Garcia –Mario & Anna Garcia  
Fernando & Maria Jose Melo - Natalia Costa  
Special Intention for Kaitlyn Mathieson & Josh Kupferschmidt  
- Mathieson Family

### **Wed Sep 8 @ 9am**

Helio Mendonca & Deceased Family – Maria Mendonca  
Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan  
Jose Moniz – Laudalina Moniz  
Marie Cyr - Agnes & Rob Nicol  
Wilma & Marinus Kanters - Ria Tadjell

### **Thurs Sep 9 @ 6:30pm**

Leonel & Maria Tereza Goncalves – Family  
Manuel Fernandes & Eduarda Ferreira - Deolinda Pereira  
Honorina Furtado & Maria Jose Melo - Margarida Milhomens  
Francisco DaPonte - Judite DaPonte  
Luis Couto & Deceased Family - Lucia & Eduino Garcia  
Maria Couto—Ofelia Paiva

### **Fri Sep 10 @ 9am**

Francisco Pedro – Evelina Pedro  
Jose Henrique - Alda Henrique  
Keith VanOostrom - Ria Tadjell

## Sacred Heart, Parkhill

### **Tues Aug 31 - NO MASS**

Thurs Sept 2 @ 9:00am  
Living and Deceased members of Sacred Heart CWL



### **Fri Sep 3 - NO MASS**

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Tues Sept 7 @ 6:30 pm

In Thanksgiving - Margaret Pontes

Thurs Sept 9 @ 9:00am

Special Intention for Andy Roelands
- the children

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Wed Sept 1 @ 6:30pm

Ana Rosa Assuncoa Antunes
-Issaac Antunes
Anne Gubbels—Bill Gubbels & Family
Jesuvina Antunes—Felorina Assuncao & Family



Fri Sep 3 - NO MASS

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### **Wed Sept 8 @ 6:30 pm**

Jim Hannah  
- Rich & M.L. DePelsmaeker  
Wilma Janssen - St. Charles Garnier CWL  
Joe DePelsmaeker - Phil & Betty Giles

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.

goodbye, august  
hello, september

