

1st Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Blessing

Week One: The first candle is lit, and the **prayer** for the first week is said.



Let us pray.

Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord,
and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection
and be saved by Thy help from the dangers
that threaten us because of our sins.

Who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

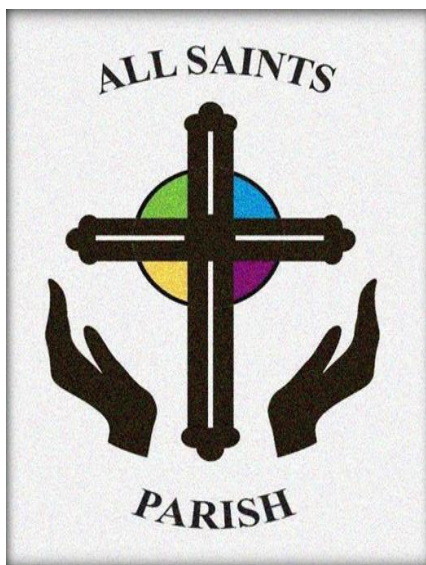
Amen.

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.



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General Parish Information

Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:30pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 5:00pm

Sunday – 8:00am, 10:00am &

12 Noon Bi-lingual

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office for information

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made

6 months in advance by

appointment with Fr. Thom



December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. — Jeremiah 33:15

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<p>Tues Dec 4 6:00pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass</p>	<p>Deceased Members of Beynen Family – Family Caetano & Maria V. Freitas – George & Maria Alcaindinho Kathy Cacic Tate – Nick & Kathy Cacic Arthur Arruda – Grace Arruda Deceased Parents of José & Laura Martins Ruth Karisch & Esterina LaRusso – Sina & Rob Nicol</p>
<p>Wed Dec 5 9:00am Mass</p>	<p>Anne Ossel – Frank Machan Adrian Rombouts – Chris & Barb VanderVloet Aurora Armas – Fatima Camara & Family Souls of Purgatory – Connie & Joe Arruda In thanksgiving – Naethu Daniel Fernandes & Deceased Parents of Geraldina Fernandes</p>
<p>Thurs Dec 6 9:00am Mass</p>	<p>Jaime Ferreira – Maria Ferreira e Família Serafim Da Ponte, José e Adriana Cordeiro-Miguel e Adriana Cordeiro Artur Almeida e Almas do Purgatório – Angelina Almeida Manuel Paiva e João Paiva – Ofélia Paiva Artur Arruda – Maria Aguiar</p>
<p>Fri Dec 7 9:00am Mass</p>	<p>Laurindo Carvalho, Deceased Family & Souls of Purgatory – Amelia Carvalho Angelo Gabriel – Maria Gabriel John Van Eyk & Teresa Meulendyks – Anne Van Eyk In Thanksgiving to Immaculate Conception-Maura Goulart Frank Viveiros – Cecília Viveiros Art & Helen Murphy – Margaret & Jim Adams</p>

Upcoming Meetings

- Mon. Dec 3 – 1:00pm Cards/Pool, Columbian Rm
- Mon. Dec 3 – 7:00pm CWL Monthly Meeting, Columbian Rm
- Tues. Dec 4 – 1:30pm Al-anon, St. Angela's Rm.
- Tues. Dec 4 – 7:00pm, RCIA, Parish Centre
- Tues. Dec 4 – 7:00pm, PPC, Parish Office
- Tues. Dec 4 – 7:00pm Helping Hands Meeting, St. Angela's
- Wed. Dec 5 – 9:00am or after Mass Prayer Group, Chapel
- Thurs. Dec 6 – 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation Prep, Parish Centre
- Thur. Dec 6 – 6:30pm Euchre, Columbian Room
- Thur. Dec 6 – 6:30pm Mini Saints, St. Mary's Rm
- Thur. Dec 6 – 7:00pm Tween Scene (Gr 4-8), Parish Centre

Mass for the Unborn

There will be a mass for the unborn on Friday, Dec 28, 2018 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00 pm and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 7th ~9:30am-4:00pm
 "Could you not spend one hour with me?"



Adoração ao Santíssimo Sacramento

Sexta-feira, 7 de Dezembro ~ 9:30am-4:00pm
 "Não podias passar uma hora comigo?"

Staff Professional Development Day

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec 4th for a "Staff Mental Health Day"



"To everything there is a season and time to every purpose under heaven."

A time to be born.....keep in your prayers all expecting mothers and the unborn children.

A time to love...keep in your prayers the couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage....

*A time to heal... Please pray for our parishioners who are sick... **Helen Diesbourg, Lawrence St. Louis, Fred Overdulve Madalena da Silva.***

A time to die....

*Let us not forget to remember and pray for our dearly departed and loved ones. We especially pray for **Dawn DeCiccio+, mother of Trevor Vowels.** May she and all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Just a thought...



Society of St. Vincent de Paul / All Saints Conference



'Angel Tree': we will again be collecting **UNWRAPPED** toys and gifts for children of various ages in our community. Please take an Angel. These **unwrapped** gifts will be distributed to the Salvation Army Food Bank and will be included in the food hampers for the poor. Some gifts will also be distributed to the Women's Rural Resource Centre and to the Children's Aid here in Strathroy. **Please take an Angel and bring your toy or gift to the 'Angel Tree' in the Narthex from December 1 until the week before Christmas.**

Marian Pilgrimage to Spain, France & Portugal



May 26, 2019 to June 9, 2019

Don't miss out on this experience of a lifetime escorted by the one and only Fr. Thom

\$2995.00 per person (double sharing) plus \$591.23 airline taxes/surcharges at time of brochure (Actual amount quoted at time of ticketing) Deposit of \$500 with registration ½ balance due January 26, 2019; total balance due April 5, 2019 *cheques should be made payable to Nexion. Contact George Cifa at Travel Merchant Tours for more information and book your tickets now! travelmerchant@quadro.net 519-639-4971

Information Meeting December 2nd at 1pm

Thanks from the Knights of Columbus

The KofC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners and friends and family for all your support at the Fish Fry. With your support the monies raised will be donated to the Parish towards the new boiler. Grand Knight Jerry Vens

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for our Christmas flowers, please PRINT the name of your loved one, your name and place your donations in an envelope marked "Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by December 11th.



Quem estiver interessado em fazerem uma doação em memória de um ente querido para flores do Natal, por favor escrevem o nome do seu ente querido, o seu nome e colocam com a doação no envelope na sexta no Domingo ou trazem para o escritório antes do dia 11 de Dezembro.

Continuing Education in the Catholic Faith

Registration is now open at St. Peter's Seminary for those interested in auditing a course or taking one for credit. This year's selected topic is Women and the Bible, taught by Scripture scholar Prof. Andrea Di Giovanni on Wed evenings, 7 - 10 pm, beginning Jan. 9, 2019, and ending on April 3, 2019. To register, please email jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca or phone 519.432.1824. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at bkgetela@uwo.ca.



Are you in your 20s or 30s? Are you a student or working, married or single? If so, i.d.9:16 might be just what you are looking for. It is a wonderful way to meet other young adults and to grow in faith. The I.D. 9:16 "Disciples' Nights" are held on the first Thursday of each month at St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside St, London. Each evening will begin with Mass at 6:15pm followed by a meal and drinks at 7:00, and a live streamed talk and small group discussions at 8:00. The evening will go until 9:30. Check us out on Facebook at i.d.9:16 London. The cost of dinner and talk is \$10 with an RSVP, \$12 without an RSVP, \$5 if coming for talk only. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, December 2 via Facebook event or email (id916london@gmail.com). Our next Disciples' Night is Thursday, December 6. Topic: To walk by the Spirit. Speaker: Patrick Reis of Encounter Ministries.

Council 7570

Knights of Columbus Strathroy

Council 7570 has partnered with Rehoboth Girl's Home, a home for Refuge and Support to provide needed supplies for expectant mothers. We will be placing a crib/playpen in the Narthex this December to collect goods needed by Rehoboth Home. Please be as generous as you can, listed below are some of their needs:

Urgent Needs

FOOD -Canned goods, Coffee, tea, Sugar
Flour, Juice
Peanut butter
Jam, Crackers
Grocery gift cards
Laundry soap
Toilet paper
Cleaning products

Other Needs

Good used baby bottles
Diapers, rash cream, ointment
Vaseline
Baby lotion
Tub toys
Rattles
Maternity clothes
Grooming kits

Ongoing Needs

Drivers for appointments
Babysitters
Yard
Maintenance



Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm

Fr. Thom and Fr. Robert along with invited priests will be available to hear confessions.



Celebração de Reconciliação de Advento

Quinta-feira, 20 de Dezembro as 7:00 horas. Pe. Thom e o Pe. Robert juntamente com padres convidados vão estar disponível para ouvir confissões.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

SVDP conferences in London and Strathroy are hosting an evening presentation by GLEN PEARSON on, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 at 7:15 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 377 Oakland Avenue at Dundas Street (near Highbury). Glen will be talking about, "OUR LONDON." Glen and his wife, Jane Roy have operated the London Food Bank for many years and understand the needs of many Londoners. He has great knowledge to share about what problems our city faces and how we might address the many issues of poverty in London. Everyone is most welcome."

Christmas Carol and Social Evening

Join us for an evening of singing Christmas Carols and sharing in fellowship and refreshments on Sunday, December 16th at 7pm.



CAROLING

Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm
Several priests will be available
to hear confessions

2018 Christmas Schedule

All Saints Parish

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00pm (Church)

5:00pm (Parish Centre)

8:00pm

12:00 Midnight

(Incense will be used at
midnight mass)

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

9:00am(Bi-lingual)

11:00am

Saturday, December 29th

Feast of the Holy Family

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

8:00am, 10:00am & 12

Monday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

4:30pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, Jan 1st, 2019

New Year's Day

10:00am Mass

Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass

7:30pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass

12 noon

Sunday, December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

11:30am Mass

Tuesday, Jan 1st, 2019

New Year's Day

12noon

St. Charles Garnier

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Christmas Eve Mass

5:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass

9:00am

Sunday, December 30th

Feast of the Holy Family

9:00am Mass

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4:30pm Vigil Mass

