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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



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God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made.

Baruch 5:7

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<p>Tues Dec 11 6:00pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass</p>	<p>Deceased Members of Beynen Family – Family Manuel & Conceição Correia – Anna & Mário Arthur & Maria Correia – Family Antônio Cravo & Maria de Jesus – Celeste Pereira Harry Strybosch - Uncle Neil, Aunt Riky & Family Maria & Gianni Paolo – Sina & Rob Nicol</p>
<p>Wed Dec 12 9:00am Mass</p> <p>OLPA School Mass</p>	<p>Angela, Olívia & Alda Aguiar – Family Katherine Kowaluk – Larry & Olga Peters Francisco Pedro – Evelina Pedro Dinis Camara, Madalena & Jonathan Davies – Fátima Camara Special Intention for Staff & Students of OLPA – Rick & Angie Haasen & Family Angela Aarts-Faris – Leona Strybosch</p>
<p>Thurs Dec 13 6:00pm Terço 6:30pm Missa</p>	<p>Manuel Rascão – Maria Rascão & Family João e Solidade Raposo – Armanda Melo Jose e Maria dos Anjos Ponte – Lucia e Mike Ferreira Pais e Irmãos de Maria dos Anjos Paiva Vicente e Fernanda Jesus – Aristides e Connie Jesus Álvaro Viveiros – Isabel Faria</p>
<p>Fri Dec 14 9:30am Mass</p> <p>OLI & SVDP School Mass</p>	<p>Nick Paiva & Souls of Purgatory – Lisa Paiva Frank Viveiros – Cecília Viveiros John Paiva, Urban & Annie Mader – Anne Marie Mader & Family Arthur Arruda & Parents – Connie & Joe Arruda Deceased Family of Neethu & Jubin Claude Marcel Peyaut - Friend</p>

Upcoming Meetings

Mon. Dec 10 – 1:00pm Cards/Pool, Columbian Rm
 Mon. Dec 10 – 7:00pm KofC Exec & General, Columbian Rm
 Tues. Dec 11 – 1:30pm Al-anon, St. Angela's Rm.
 Tues. Dec 11 – 7:00pm, RCIA, Parish Centre
 Tues. Dec 11 – 7:00pm, SSVP – St. Angela's Rm
 Wed. Dec 12 – 9:00am or after Mass Prayer Group, Chapel
 Wed. Dec 12 – 7:00pm Social Committee, St. Angela's Rm
 Thur. Dec 13 – 6:30pm Euchre, Columbian Room
 Thur. Dec 13 – 6:30pm Mini Saints, St. Mary's Rm
 Thur. Dec 13 – 7:00pm Tween Scene (Gr 4-8), Parish Centre
 Thur. Dec 13 – 7:30pm Baptism Prep, St. Angela's Rm

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.

Tween Scene

During the 2 weeks of Christmas holidays Tween Scene will NOT meet. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas!

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed from Mon., Dec 24-Tues., Jan 1, 2019. The office will resume regular hours on Wed., Jan 2, 2019.

Horario do Natal do Escritorio

O escritório terá fechado de Segunda-feira Dezembro 24-Terça-feira Janeiro 1, 2019. O escritório volta ao horário normal Quarta-feira, Janeiro 2, 2019.

“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. Congratulations to **Brinley Rose Shepherd** who was baptized this past weekend.*

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, Madalena da Silva.***

A time to die....

*Remember in your prayers, **Donald Cartier+, Maria Wester+, Maria Michiels+.** May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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.**

We are collecting the names of families of our Parish who are in need so that we can provide them with a food hamper along with some gifts for Christmas. If you would like to adopt a family, please call our church office at 519-245-0644.



‘THANK YOU’ for your tremendous generosity in response to our coat drive!!!

The donations of coats, hats, scarves, mittens and blankets were all received with gratitude. There are no words to describe how appreciative everyone was by your generosity!! Blessings to all!

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

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

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 joann.bester@uwo.ca or phone 519.432.1824. Further information can also be obtained by contacting Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at bkgetela@uwo.ca.

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



**FRESH START
MATERNITY SUPPORTS
St Thomas Ontario**

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 houver confissões.



Second Week In Advent

The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable.

Read: Luke 2:1-7

Sing: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Pray: Dear God, give us room in our hearts and our home for other persons who need us. We thank you for friends and people who have received us when we were lonely, afraid or tired. May we be ready to receive the love God offers us in Jesus. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.



From the Pastor's Desk

Every year at Christmas, James Baxter Sunday watches people rip apart his company's product and throw it away. All the hours of creative design and careful manufacturing are gone in a flash. And he has no regrets. As president of the nation's largest maker Christmas wrap, Mr. Baxter says, "What we don't want is our product sitting in some-body's closet." A product like wrapping paper lends an interesting perspective on the real meaning of Christmas. When God sent His only Son into this world, His purpose was not to give us a pretty package to gaze upon. Jesus willingly left His glory in heaven and came to earth, clothed with our humanity, knowing that His purpose was to die for our sins. When talking about His approaching death on the cross, Jesus said, "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour?' But for this purpose I came to his hour." (Jn. 12:27). Sacrifice, not self-preservation, is our Saviour's goal. And he accomplished it to the glory of God.

This season, ponder the lesson of the wrapping paper. As you think of how it is torn to reveal a gift, let it remind you of the Saviour's sacrifice on the cross so that you can receive eternal life, the priceless gift of God

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild –
God and sinners reconciled!"

