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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 16, 2018

*The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues Dec 18 9:00am Mass	Debra & Craig Ferguson – Frank & Mary Ellen Adrian Rombouts – Chris & Barb Vander Vloet Harry Strybosch – Uncle Neil, Aunt Riky & Family Maurício & Isilda Laurindo & Souls of Purgatory – Carminha Duarte Manuel & Isolina Pereira – Family Manuel Fernandes – Flavia & Luis Ponte
Wed Dec 19 10:30am Mass Strathmere Lodge	Hélio Mendonca & Deceased Family – Esperança Mendonca José Moniz – Laudalina Moniz Edward Westelakin & Frank Nedvidek – Pastoral Care José Da Mota – Pastoral Care Gertrude & Jack Timmermans – John Timmermans
Thurs Dec 20 NO MASS	7:00pm Advent Communal Reconciliation Celebration Celebração de Reconciliação Comunitária do Advento
Fri Dec 21 9:00am Mass	José & Luisa Pestana & Deceased Children-Angelo & Lilianna Brum João Paiva – Maria dos Anjos Paiva Frank Viveiros – Cecilia Viveiros Living & Deceased Members of VanHeeswyk, Vermeer & Verhoeven Families & Souls of Purgatory – John & Mia João Pacheco Botelho – Connie & Joe Arruda Aurora Armas – Fátima Camara & Family

Upcoming Meetings

Mon. Dec 17 – 1:00pm Cards/Pool, Columbian Rm
Mon. Dec 17 – 7:00pm CWL Exec, St. Angela's Rm
Tues. Dec 18 – 1:30pm Al-anon, St. Angela's Rm.
Tues. Dec 18 – 7:00pm, RCIA Social
Wed. Dec 19 – 9:00am or after Mass Prayer Group, Chapel
Thur. Dec 20 – 6:30pm Euchre, Columbian Room
Thur. Dec 20 – 6:30pm Mini Saints, St. Mary's Rm
Thur. Dec 20 – 7:00pm Tween Scene (Gr 4-8), Parish Centre

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.

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, Corrie Kusters+, wife of Bert Kusters. May she and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

All Saints Parish Christmas Masses Schedule

Monday, Dec 24th ~ Christmas Eve

5pm Mass (Church / Hall - there will be a pageant at both)
8pm Mass
12 Midnight Mass (Incense will be used)

Tuesday, Dec 25th ~ Christmas Day

9am Mass Bilingual
11am Mass

Dec 29 & 30 ~ Weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 5pm Mass
Sunday 8am, 10am, 12noon

Monday, Dec 31st ~ New Year's Eve

4:30pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

~ New Year's Day
10am Mass



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

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Missio, the Newspaper of the Diocese of London

The Winter, 2018, issue of *Missio*, the newspaper of the Diocese of London, is being printed and will be arriving soon in parishes and Catholic schools across the diocese. If you prefer, you can read it online by visiting our online newspaper archive at www.dol.ca/newspaper.

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 Wed evenings, 7 – 10 pm, beginning Jan. 9-April 3, 2019. To register, email jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca or phone 519.432.1824. Further information Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at bgketela@uwo.ca.

An Evening with Dr. Edward Sri

The Family and Youth Ministry outreach office is pleased to welcome Dr. Sri to spend an evening with us on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at Visitation Parish, Comber. Ticket information can be found at www.dol.ca/drsri. Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year, he speaks to clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity from around the world.

All Saints Catholic Women's League Corner

It's been a wonderful two years serving as the President of the All Saints CWL. It is now time for me to hand over the gavel to our new president and for me to thank all who have helped me to do all the wonderful things we have accomplished together. I am very proud that we could donate \$5000 to our local hospital to be put towards a palliative care room which the Rotary club have spearheaded here in Strathroy. The room will be so nice for the families to use in time of need. It will give them time to spend with their loved ones when they need it the most. A big thank you to Pat Buren and Trudy Thus and all the ladies who came and helped make our Christmas Social with the Knights of Columbus such a wonderful and enjoyable evening. The food was so good and so tasty. Thank you to the youth and the Knights of Columbus that helped with the clean-up. Thank you to Father Thom and Father Robert for your words of encouragement. The Rosedale Family and Friends kept our toes tapping and our hands clapping to the Irish and Scottish music. It was a great evening! I have to say a big thank you to my entire executive; you made me proud and look good as your president. Special thanks to Colleen Wiendels for keeping the minutes and our Parish up-to-date on the website. Thanks to Millie Vandenberg for keeping our finances in check. I am so proud to be a member of such a great organization. As a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada we are joined with so many ladies from coast to coast. I'd like to see all ladies in our parish 16 years of age and older become a member, we could accomplish so much more. The number of members really does matter when it comes to lobbying the government. Especially on moral values when it comes to the unborn, the elderly, the poor and the disabled. I have been a member for over 60 years. Ladies Its not to late to join for 2019. I know not all members can come to meetings and do the work that is done, but you can all pray for the success of the Leagues work. God does hear our prayers. We do this work all lovingly for God, Canada, our families, our parish, our community, and beyond. May Our Lady of Good Counsel protect us, guide us and may God Bless all of you ladies to keep up the good work and all the best to the new executive. I would like wish you all a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Love Willie

Third Week In Advent

The third candle reminds us of the love and joy that surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

Read: Luke 2: 8-20

Sing: The First Noel

Pray: Dear God, we thank you for your gift of Jesus to the whole world.

As the shepherds found Jesus in a manger, may we find Jesus in the love and joy that we share together. Help us, O God, to love one another. Help us to do our share to bring happiness, goodness and peace to the world. Amen.



From the Pastor's Desk

Twelve Day of Christmas

The following puts a whole different light on this song....enjoy! This is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me.

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge that won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

Well, I found out...

From 1558 unit 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember:

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New testaments.

Three French horns stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six gees a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today...

