



# *All Saints Parish*

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## Pastoral Team/ Staff

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

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Willy Timmermans, Custodian

ex. 30

## Parish Committees

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Toni Joris

**Finance Chairperson**

Rob Lilbourne

**Cemetery Board**

Dianne Thuss

**Knights of Columbus**

Jerry Vens

**Catholic Women's League**

Willie Hoefnagels

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Gwen Waeijen

## 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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*January 6, 2019*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*

## Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Tues Jan 8</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>6:30pm Mass</b>	<b>Joe Nunes &amp; Deceased Parents</b> – Helen & Family <b>Emília Costa Correia</b> – Natália Costa & Family <b>Dawn De Cicco</b> – Knights of Columbus <b>Max Glor</b> – Parkhill CWL <b>Adrian Rombouts</b> – Chris & Barb Vander Vloet <b>Manuel &amp; Isolina Pereira</b> – Family
<b>Wed Jan 9</b> <b>9:00am Mass</b>  <b>OLPA School</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>Jesuina Bento Pestana</b> – Liliana & Angelo Brum <b>Angela, Olívia &amp; Alda Aguiar</b> – Family <b>Francisco Pedro</b> – Evelina Pedro <b>Frank Verheyen</b> – Mary Verheyen <b>Manuel Fernandes</b> – Deolinda & Agostinho Pereira <b>William Strybosch</b> – Leona Strybosch
<b>Thur Jan 10</b> <b>6:00pm Terço</b> <b>6:30pm Missa</b>	<b>Maria Conceição Curvelo</b> – Carlos Curvelo e Família <b>Defuntos da Família de Avelino e Mary Lou Silva</b> <b>Acção de Graças ao Santíssimo Sacramento-</b> Judite DaPonte
<b>Fri Jan 11</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>

### Upcoming Meetings

Mon Jan 7 – 1:00pm Cards/Pool, Columbian Room  
 Mon Jan 7 – 7:00pm CWL Meeting, Columbian Room  
 Tues Jan 8 – 1:30pm Al-anon, St. Angela's Room  
 Tues Jan 8 – 7:00pm SSVF Meeting, St. Angela's Room  
 Tues Jan 8 – 7:00pm RCIA, Parish Centre  
 Wed Jan 9 – 9:00am or after Mass Prayer Group, Chapel  
 Wed Jan 9 – 7:00pm Social Committee, St. Angela's Room  
 Thur Jan 10 – 6:30pm Euchre, Columbian Room  
 Thur Jan 10 – 6:30pm Mini Saints, St. Mary's Room  
 Thur Jan 10 – 7:00pm Tween Scene, Parish Centre  
 Thur Jan 10 – 7:30pm Baptism Prep, St. Angela's Room

### Strathroy and District Right to Life

Please mark your 2019 calendars for the following event:  
 Friday, January 25<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 - Strathroy RTL Annual meeting  
 to be held at Province United Reformed Church. Our guest  
 speaker will be our Vice President, Jan Watt, who will tell us  
 about her trip to Peru. We hope to see many of you there.

### Knights of Columbus

“Grand Knight Jerry Vens presents Fr. Thom with the  
 proceeds of the last Fish Fry to go towards replacing the  
 church heating boiler. The Knights of Columbus thank  
 parishioners for their support of the Knight's Breakfasts, Fish  
 Fries and other endeavours to raise money for charitable  
 projects such as local youth, Fresh Start/Rehoboth Home and  
 the Church.



*“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, Monika Davis*

*A time to die....*

*Remember in your prayers all the dearly departed. May they rest in peace.*

### Marian Pilgrimage to Spain, France & Portugal



**May 26, 2019 to June 9, 2019**

\$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](mailto:travelmerchant@quadro.net) 519-639-4971

### 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, Wed evenings,  
 7 – 10 pm, beginning Jan. 9-April 3, 2019. Register at  
[jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca](mailto:jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca) or 519.432.1824. Further information  
 Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at [bgketela@uwo.ca](mailto: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](http://www.dol.ca/drsri).

### Sacramental Preparations 2019

#### First Communion Information Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Sacred Heart at Hope  
Community Christian Church, Mt. Brydges

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, All Saints, Strathroy

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe  
**Parents must attend one of these meetings.**

#### Confirmation Information Parent Meeting

Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Sacred Heart at Hope  
Community Christian Church, Mt. Brydges

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, All Saints, Strathroy

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am, St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe  
**Parents & Candidates must attend one of these meetings.**



## Nexus ~ Women's Ministry

Nexus which means "connection" is a new women's ministry coming to All Saint's Parish in January 2019. The ministry will use the "Walking with Purpose" program to connect women through faith and friendship. There is a fee for the course book and space is limited. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from January 23rd to June 26th.

Please text (519) 870-5151 or email Caroline Dupuis ([littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com](mailto:littlepetal.dupuis@gmail.com)) for any further questions. Want more information on the material, check out:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=24&v=eCiSB6F2Fes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=24&v=eCiSB6F2Fes)

<https://walkingwithpurpose.com/bible-study/adult-women/>

## Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It helps couples restore their marriage, rebuild a loving relationship, improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Feb. 1-3, 2019 at the Michaelite House. For more information contact Greg & Anita Turner London/ St. Thomas Retrouvaille Coordinators; (519) 243-0687; [anita88greg@gmail.com](mailto:anita88greg@gmail.com); [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com)

## 7th Annual Men of Faith Conference

Men / Young Men are invited to attend the 7th Annual Men of Faith Conference. Saturday, January 19th, 2019 @ St Michael's Church in London. Dr. Edward Sri and Deacon Bob McDonald will challenge us to grow in our faith in the world today. Sign up on line : [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca). For more information contact Mike Whalen at 519-518-2025 ext. 22



**Save the Date ~ 2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT-**

**FEBRUARY 9, 8:30 am- 10:00 pm**

*Personal Testimonies ~ Music ~ Prayer ~ Reflection ~ Food ~ Games ~ Fun*

All **HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, YOUNG ADULTS AND PARENTS** are invited to the **2019 PURE LIFE SUMMIT - FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>** -"**Into the Deep**" featuring **Kelsey Skoch** from FOCUS (Fellowship Of Catholic University Students) @ St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, 2727 Tokala Trail, London ~ 300+ in attendance. **Fr. Patrick Beneteau**; Vocation Director for the Diocese of London and **Patrick Hoffman**; former CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) missionary will also be speaking. SOLI Sisters from Cambridge and Queenship of Mary Sisters from Ottawa will be joining us. Early bird registration \$50 before January 20, after January 20, \$60/ person (includes lunch and dinner).

Register online at [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca) or contact Connie at [cvanderheyden61@gmail.com](mailto:cvanderheyden61@gmail.com) for more info. "Like" our Facebook page, FFI Pure Life Ministry to receive all the latest updates.



## Knights of Columbus

**Tooney Sunday January 12 and 13** – Once again the Knight of Columbus are partnering with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to provide wheelchairs to impoverished countries. Last year we were able to raise enough funds to provide 9 wheelchairs at a cost of \$195.00 each. A second collection will be taken up after each mass on January 12 and 13. Please put a "Tooney" in your pocket or purse that weekend. We are aiming to surpass our last year's donation. With you support we will.

## Youth Ministry Certification

Finally, after 5 years without there being a good option to obtain a Certificate in Youth Ministry, there is some great news to share! The Diocese of London has partnered with the Catechetical Institute at the Franciscan University of Steubenville to provide for the training of those interested in Youth Ministry. This program will be the expected standard for those who desire to work as a Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of London. Additionally, anyone can participate in the workshops to enrich their existing ministries. More information is available at [www.dol.ca/ymcertification](http://www.dol.ca/ymcertification).

## Learn for Life Series

No papers, no exams, just learn for Life! Assumption University invites you to register for the Learn for Life 2019 Winter/Spring courses at [www.assumptionu.com/learnforlife](http://www.assumptionu.com/learnforlife). Upcoming topics include An Introduction to the Health Care Ethics Guide, Religion and Politics, and a study of the Pope's encyclical, Laudato Si'.

## Jean Vanier Documentary

Two film viewings are being presented by Assumption University's Christian Culture Series. Recipient of the Christian Culture Gold Medal (1973), "Summer in the Forest" is a documentary film that explores the life and work of Catholic author and philosopher Jean Vanier. It traces Vanier's activism and faith from wartime to present day and reveals to us the universal need for love, community and companionship. Taking place on: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, at 2 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor; and on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at 6:30 pm at Most Precious Blood hall, Windsor. Everyone is welcome and admission and parking are free. Discussion and refreshments to follow. For information email Cécile at [cbertrand@assumptionu.ca](mailto:cbertrand@assumptionu.ca) or phone 519-973-7033 ext. 0.

## A New Year's Prayer

**Dear Lord, as a new year begins, we come to you and ask for your blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our day, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.**

**Thank You for the plans you have for us in this new year.**

**We wait in anticipation to see all you will do!**

**Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.**

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 AMEN**

“To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy”



## Society St. Vincent de Paul / All Saints Conference

*Happy New Year! We hope that you had a Blessed and Very Merry Christmas surrounded by your family and friends. May 2019 be filled with great joy and many blessings.*

*Thank you to our Parishioners for your tremendous support during the Christmas Season and throughout the whole year! It is only because of you that we are able to reach out and assist the number of families, children, and lonely people in our community. THANK YOU for your kindness and for your generous contributions!*

**Our outreach clients:** some people in our community needing assistance are families with children, people living alone, as well as people with disabilities. All those we help are extremely grateful for the assistance that you have provided for them. During the months of November and December we collected \$645.00. Families with children were assisted with \$1,240.00 to prevent the disconnection of utilities in their homes.

**Christmas Food Drive:** we collected about 500 lbs. of food and hundreds of gifts from the **Christmas Angel Tree**. We were able to provide Christmas Hampers for 17 less fortunate families in our Parish. This was approximately triple the amount from last year. In addition to the gifts received from our Parishioners, we were able to provide each family with a turkey and 10 lbs. of potatoes from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

After meeting the needs of other areas in Strathroy, we made a conscious decision to send the remaining toys to the children of Nunavut for the Saint Vincent de Paul “North of 60” project. Although they will not be able to get them until next fall when the containers arrive at Rankin Inlet, we know that they will love each and every toy.

We would like to express our appreciation to our ‘*Secret Crochet Santas*’ for all of their beautiful handiwork in making warm scarves and baby blankets for the poor. They have all found someone to love!

**Helping Hands Lunches:** the Helping Hands Group continues to serve lunches to those less fortunate from our community with joy and passion every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The ‘thanks’ all go to you for making all of this possible. In November we served 60 nutritious lunches.

At the **Christmas Lunch** in December, we served 125 meals to adults and children. Each adult received a \$20 dollar gift card, mostly gifted to us by the Forever Legacy Charitable Organization of London. Besides a complete turkey dinner, everyone also received from the St. Vincent de Paul School a ‘Joyful Christmas Gift Stocking’. Each stocking was filled with personal items, socks, and mitts personally distributed by the children of St. Vincent de Paul School.

Marg Hoefnagels and her Choir provided a wonderful hour of music and Christmas Carols, joined by the students of St. Vincent de Paul School who added their voices to the caroling.

We would like to thank our anonymous donors for their generosity and kindness in helping us provide such a wonderful occasion for the poor of mind, spirit, and body in our town.

Last, but not least, **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!** Without them, we would not have been able to provide this wonderful day.



## Catholic Women's League Corner

Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy, healthy and Holy New Year 2019 and may God Bless all of you with peace and prosperity.

As my 2 years as your president are over I like to thank all of you for the love and support, words of encouragement, your patience as we grew together by working together to get things done.

My prayer today is that you give the next president and her executive the same love and encouragement as you had given me. Thank you.

My next role is Past President/Historian. If anyone has some interesting pictures or stories for our history book, I'd love to hear from you and would gladly put them in our book for future members to enjoy.

Our first meeting of 2019 is on Monday, January 7 at 7pm. Please try to attend and meet our executive to lead us in 2019 & 2020.

I'd like to leave you with this thought. Communication is everywhere in our lives, in the way we talk, walk, move, read, write, listen and more, it is in silence as well, maybe we should pause before we speak and THINK!!!

T – is it true

H – is it helpful

I – is it inspiring

N – is it necessary

K – is it kind

May your home be filled with happiness and laughter that brings warm memories now and throughout the year.

May Our Lady of Good Council guide us and protect us as we work for our families, our parishes, our schools, and our community and for God and Canada.

God Bless,  
Willie