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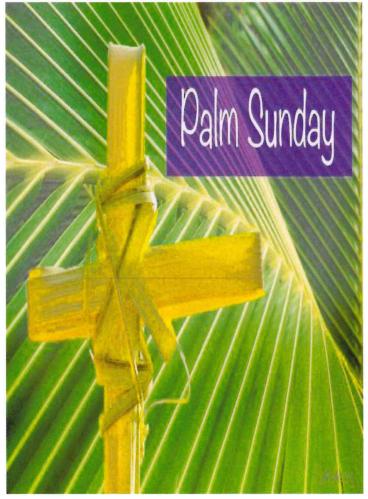
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March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent and March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 17

- May all members of the Church continue to proclaim the preferential option for the poor as part of the Good News;
- May the Elect, seeking the sacraments of Initiation, recognize in their call to the new life in Christ, the need to safeguard the Earth, our Common Home, and to share its resources fairly;
- May political and business leaders of every country enact regulations and implement practices that protect the rights of every person;
- May all those who work in agriculture, including migrant workers, receive the recognition they deserve for their indispensable work in fields and greenhouses;
- May God's name be glorified now and for ever by all who are called to share in the new and everlasting covenant, especially those who offer the sacrifice of the Mass as priests;
- May all who suffer illness of any kind, seek the consolation of Jesus the healer, who offered his own life for our healing and forgiveness;
- Rev. Anthony Eboh, Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski, Sisters of St.
 Joseph in Canada, Deacon David Cummings, Deacon James
 Panchaud, Rev. Murray Sample, Brothers and Sisters of the
 Secular Franciscan Order



Please keep in your prayers Sunday, March 24

 R.C.I.A. Teams in the Diocese of London, The Seminarians of the Diocese of London, Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni O.F.M. Cap.



Reflection

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent, March17 and Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

At first glance, the Gospel from John for this weekend, seemed to have no story line. That is, I thought the verses seemed disconnected from each other. What did Greeks who wanted to see Jesus, have to do with Philip and Andrew telling Jesus this, have to do with Jesus' response about the grain of wheat?

Sometimes, it is good to look back and see just where we have come from, in order to see where it is we are going. This is true of the Gospel reading this week from John. I read through the beginning of chapter 12 to find out what happened before Philip and Andrew gave Jesus the message from the Greeks. Jesus, who has just raised Lazurus from the dead, is at the height of his popularity. People are following him everywhere and believe he is God. This has enraged the authorities who are now plotting his death. The time for Jesus "to be lifted up" is drawing near.

Jesus then reveals to his listeners, the secret of life. Not life as we know it here on earth but life everlasting with him for all eternity. "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Now, go back and put yourself in the story and you ask to see Jesus. Isn't this what we all want? To see Jesus. Do we understand what it will take to see Jesus? We are the grain of wheat, and we must die to ourselves in order to produce the fruit that will bring us face to face with Jesus.

Life is continually changing, and we go through many deaths to become who we are. Sometimes the changes are voluntary, such as choosing to die to our single life to become married. Sometimes, the changes are not voluntary, and we find ourselves struggling to get over the loss of a loved one, manage an illness or deal with hurt in our relationships.

To die to self to produce the new fruit is a lifetime experience. Often, in our Christian walk of life, we understand only after time passes. Some things become clear as we mature spiritually. Others will only become clear when we see God face to face.

Perhaps you need to be free of resentment, hurt, anger, disappointment or guilt. Unless we make space for new life within us, it will never happen for us. It is in the letting go that we see Jesus. Change takes time. Planting a new seed takes time to grow. It does not bear fruit the day after you plant it. The seed may not bear fruit for years. This is the mystery of life but through it all, seen or unseen, believed or not believed, God is present.

This secret, this pattern of loss and renewal, will be unveiled everyday throughout Holy Week. I think that's why we hear this text today, a week before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. It's our preparation for Holy Week. And you know where Holy Week ends, right? At Easter, the empty tomb, the dawn of a new day, and the renewal of life. The single grain has become the Bread of Life.

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister.



At a glance ...

- The annual Mass of Chrism will take place on Monday, 25 March at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London. The faithful from across the Diocese are cordially invited to attend. The Mass will also be livestreamed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdunZmxCzmU.
- The next St. Vincent de Paul collection at All Saints will be held on April 6/7 weekend.
- SAVE THE DATE: Divine Mercy Sunday—April 7 at Sacred Heart Parkhill, Mass at 11:45am. All are welcome!
- SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 2, 2024 for the Body and Blood of Christ Outdoor Procession, at All Saints church, Strathroy. More information to follow.



DURING LENT.... STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every week until MARCH 22

All Saints Church 10:00am Wednesdays,

5:45pmThursdays (in Portuguese),

7:00pm Fridays

Sacred Heart Church 6:30pm Fridays

St. Charles Garnier Church 5:45pm Wednesdays



COME ONE
COME ALL
TO
The Knights of
Columbus
Family Fish Fry

On Friday, March 22, 2024 From 5:00pm to 7:00pm At All Saints Parish Hall

All proceeds will be donated to The Knights of Columbus charities

Adults ----\$20.00 Kids 6 -12 ---\$10.00 Kids under 6 ---- free





The Diocese of London is seeking men, who are being called to lives of service.

Are you one of them? Are you being called,

to consider becoming a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese?

The admission cycle for entry into the

Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study program

is open until June 10th, 2024.

For more information and to register as an inquirer

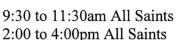
please visit: www.deacons.space/admissions

In person inquiry sessions will occur in the month of May.

Locations will be based upon inquirer registration response.

All registrations will be responded to with more information.

All Day Confessions Wednesday March 20th



5:00 to 6:30pm St. Charles Garnier

5:00 to 6:30pm Sacred Heart

7:30 pm - 9:00pm All Saints





Easter Flower Donations

Donations will be collected again this year to help offset the cost of Easter flowers in each of our parishes.

Please pick up a Flower Donations envelope, or send an envelope with the name of your loved one clearly written on

the outside and your name or envelope number. All names will be posted in the bulletin and on the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parish website on Easter Weekend.

We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Deadline is Sunday, March 24.



All Saints, Strathroy-Weeks of March 19-29

Confession times: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm

Tue, March 19 - Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Special Intention for Joe Nash/reposed soul of Frances Nash

- Joe

In Thanksgiving - Maria DaSilveira

Teresa Barreiras - Maria Gabriel

Valmont & Priscilla Grant - Suzanne Murray

Yvette & Michell Grant - Suzanne Murray

In Honour of St. Joseph & for Deceased family of Maria & Humberto

Gouveia

Wednesday, March 20—DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Thu, March 21 - Via Sacra 5:45pm / Mass 6:30pm (Port/Eng)

Teresa Barreiras - Nelson & Clara Barreiras

Arthur Macedo - Family

Modesta DaPonte - Teresa Salvador

Serafim Salgado, Horacio Sousa, Isabel Miranda

Francisco DaPonte e defuntos das familias DaPonte e Rocha

- Judite DaPonte

Pais e Sogros de Deolinda e Agostinho Pereira

Fri, March 22 - Mass 9:00am

Angelo Brum & Deceased family - Liliana Brum

Delfim & Jonathan Desa - Maria Desa

Antonio & Conceicao Farpelha & Deceased Family - Carlos Farpelha

Constance Riordon - Catherine & John Fabro

Susanne Walker - Suzanne Murray

Ada & Bill Murray - Suzanne Murray

Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm

Tue, March 26 - Rosary 6:00pm / Mass 6:30pm

Jeff LaMantia - Mom & Dad

Francisco, Trindade e Jose Francisco da Silva - Natalia Geraldes

Jorge Martins - Paula Martins

John Salgado - Sacristans

Jose e Leanor Martins - Fatima Luis e familia

Maria de Lourdes e Antonio Faria - Family

Wed, March 27 - Mass 9:00am

In Memory of Thomas Simpson - OLPA Board & School Community

Special Intention

Rita Timmers - Bobbie & Jerry Vens

Angelo Gabriel - Maria Gabriel

May Richards, Bob, Patsy & Doreen Martin - Suzanne Murray

Manuel Fernandes & Luis Ponte - Adriana DaPonte

Thurs, March 28 7:00pm HOLY THURSDAY

Fri, March 29 11:00am and 3:00pm GOOD FRIDAY



See insert for the complete West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule

Sacred Heart, Parkhill Weeks of March 19-29

Confession times: Tuesdays 5:30-6:15pm

Tue, March 19 - Mass 6:30pm

For health & wellness of family - Louis & Lucy Hendrikx Deceased members of VanderVloet & Meeuwssen families

- Estate

Thu, March 21 - Mass 9:00am

for the reposed soul of M. Michielsens for the reposed soul of W. Michielsens for the reposed soul of A. Michielsens

Fri, March 22

Stations of the Cross - 6:30pm

Tue, March 26-6:30pm

Peggy Wood - Maloney family

Henry Devet - Sacred Heart CWL

Thurs, March 28—9:30am Stations of the Cross with Sacred Heart School

Fri, March 29-3:00pm GOOD FRIDAY

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe Weeks of March 19-29

Confession times: Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm

Wed, March 20 – Stations of the Cross 5:45pm Mass 6:30pm

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Peter Heynen - David Skipper
Gisele Fournier - Marc Fournier

Gloria Copeland - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Wed, March 27 – Stations of the Cross 5:45pm Mass 6:30pm

Special Intention for Michael Bodsworth

- Eric & Virginia Hogervorst

Gary McNaughton - Rich & ML DePelsmaeker

Gloria Copeland - David Skipper

For the intentions of Jacob & Yvonne Simpson & Family

- Ben & Sarah Small

Fri, March 29-11:00am GOOD FRIDAY

All Day Adoration will be held during Lent on Fridays, at All Saints church, after the 9am Mass until 4pm.

Sign up for a time slot on the sheet foundin the purple binder in the narthex. Come and spend time with Jesus!

For more information, contact Ambily Thomas Phone 647-625-0574 or email ammutomas@gmail.com

If anyone would like to organize this for one of the other churches, please call the office.





From the Diocese of London

King's Open House

Experience the King's difference at our Open House on Saturday, March 23. From noon until 4 p.m. you can tour our beautiful campus, talk to faculty and staff, and connect with current students! This is your chance to discover why King's is a place to be and a place to become. Sign up today: www.kings.uwo.ca/open-house.

Take Action for the Care of Our Common Home: Water Water is vital to all life, a blessing and necessity. Yet many communities throughout the world, even in Canada, lack clean water supplies. Pope Francis warns: "Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century." (Laudato Si' 31). Over the year, we will continue to invite each person, each household, each community to consider what small steps can be taken in response to the cry of the poor and the cry of earth. Get the March action plan for Water at www.dol.ca/laudato-si.

Holy Family Retreat House is Hiring

Do you know someone who might be perfect to join the team at Holy Family Retreat House? Or are you looking for a rewarding part-time job? We are in search of individuals join us as Cooks, Kitchen Aides, and in Housekeeping. If you or someone you know is looking for some part-time work, please reach out. More info can be found at www.hfrh.ca/jobs.

Sacred Heart Parkhill—CWL NEWS

ALL WECOME - on Good Friday, March 29, there will be a Meatless Soup Lunch in the parish hall following 3:00pm service.



Come join in some fellowship.

St. Charles Glencoe—CWL NEWS

Next CWL meeting Wednesday March 27, 2024 at parish hall. SPECIAL NOTICE: Collection of feminine Hygiene Items for our 'Crowning of Mary 'Ceremony at upcoming April CWL AMM Convention. (donations will be shared with local food banks).

ALL WELCOME - March 29, GOOD FRIDAY 'Poor Man's Lunch 'in parish hall following 11am service.

Save our Environment ' Milk Bag Mats ' Program - drop off clean used milk bags which are cut into strips then weaved into mats for third world communities.

REGISTER NOW - Compassionate Community Care, CCC ' Being With Volunteer Visitor / Patient Advocary Training Session on Saturday April 6, (10am—2pm) St.. Charles parish hall.

CWL 'Sisters in Christ 'Wishing ALL a Blessed Easter Season!

All Saints Strathroy—CWL NEWS

Installation of New Executive will be held after the 8:00am Mass today, March 17.



Good Friday, March 29—Meatless Soup Lunch after the 11:00am Mass. See insert for details.

Does anyone have the Vocation Crucifix with Prayer? We have one but trying to locate the second one. Please contact one of the executive if you know it's whereabouts.

Next General Council Meeting—Tuesday, April 2nd at 1:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: end of March through April 20, we will be having a collection of new items for numerous organizations. More details to follow

Mother/Daughter Potluck on May 7th at 6:00pm.

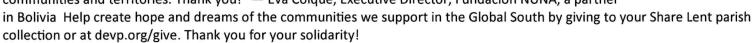
Week 5: March 17 - Solidarity Sunday

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Reaping our Rights campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy.

It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner



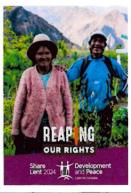


Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Reaping our Rights campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected [\$ amount]. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



Pastoral Team/Staff office: 519-245-0644

Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22

Fr. Christian Amogu, Associate Pastor ex. 25

Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Deacon Jim Vandersanden

Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26

Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21

Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0

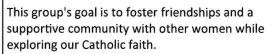
Marg VanderBurgt, Secretary ex. 24

Next Meeting on Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm, St. Angela's Room, All Saints.

EASTER APPEAL - 2024

During the month of March, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting non perishable items which will be donated to the Caring Cupboard, Oneida, Women's Rural Resource Centre, and the Children's Aid Society. This collection will take place in the narthex, starting Saturday, March 9th up to Sunday, March 24th. Thank you for your generous donations!

We want to invite all the women in our parishes to join us for our Abiding Together group, held the 3rd Thursday of each month, at All Saints church at 7 PM.



There is a place for you here.

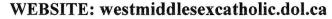
March 21th & April 18th

Questions or need a ride? Please contact Krista Lenders 519-666-2961 benkrista@live.ca

More information on our website. Go to "Increase your Faith" and look for Abiding Together Women's Group.

"Preparing for Holy Week" - Holy Family Retreat House -A Day of Reflection - Saturday, March 23

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this Day Retreat, we will prepare our hearts and minds to enter this sacred week as we meditate on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. There will be times of led reflection and personal time for prayer and contemplation. The day retreat is from 9am to 3pm and includes lunch and coffee/tea. Cost is \$55 per person, includes lunch and beverages. For more info visit www.hfrh.ca and click on "Upcoming Group Retreats."



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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

5:30—6:15pm Tuesday at Sacred Heart Parkhill church 5:30—6:15pm Wednesdays at St. Charles Garnier church 4:00—4:45pm Saturdays at All Saints church Also by appointment, or just ask a priest anytime.

Sacrament of Baptism:

SSVP

Congratulations! Please contact Julie de Gouw (jdegouw@dol.ca or 519-245-0644 ext. 26) at the office to arrange a baptism.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>: Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



All Saints, Strathroy

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am/11:00 am * 11:00 am will be livestreamed each week

Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Sunday 9:00 am



Knights of Columbus Strathroy will have a General Meeting on Monday, March 25 at 7:00pm in the Columbia Room, at All Saints.

Revenue & Expenses Feb 2024

All Saints Sacred Heart St. Charles

Revenue \$40,906.41 \$ 5,546.01 \$ 7,711.15

Expenditures \$50,076.46 \$ 10,596.42 \$ 9,727.41

Surplus (Deficit) \$ (9,170.05) \$ (5,050.41) \$ (2,016.26)

Thank you for supporting the work of Christ, through his Church

^{*}personal emails can be found on the website

^{*} messages can be left at the office for both Deacons



Crowning's of the Holy Spirit Domingas do Divino Espirito Santo

During the Easter Season we celebrate the Crowning's of the Holy Spirit in which families host a week of prayer, song, and praise. This year we have four Sundays still available for host families. They are the weekends of April 21st, April 28th, and May 5th If you are interested in hosting one of these prayer weeks, please contact Gloria Cravo at 226-678-5403. For more information, please contact Olga or Anna at the parish office.



Plastics & Non-Biodegradable Social Justice Session 5 of 6 SJ Series

Our ocean, water systems and land are being taking over by plastics and other non-biodegradables, there will soon be more plastics than fish in our waters. Growing concerns with what is ending up in our land and waterways leads us to desperately "take action" in correcting our world's life habits. Pope Francis is calling everyone to step up and stop our Mother Earth from Suffocating under all the garbage we are tossing out.

Please plan to attend our Social Justice Session #5 on Wednesday April 3rd, 7:00 pm and learn more about what we all can do to make the change we want to see. Doing nothing and expecting things to be different is a fool's wish, time to take it into our own hands!

Hosted by: SSVP Youth Conference of London St. Patrick's Parish 1251 Dundas Street, London 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm All welcome, refreshments served.

EDGE - All youth from the West Middlesex Family of Parishes in grades 5-8 are invited to join EDGE for upcoming nights of fun and food. Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in at 6:30PM and sign them out at 8:00PM.

Mark your calendars with the following dates and locations

March 20 at All Saints April 17 at Sacred Heart May 15 at All Saints

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (birth years 2006 - 2009)



FUSE Youth Nights

Friendship, Faith, Fun, and Food All Saints Parish, Strathroy

Upcaning Dates

March 12th, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

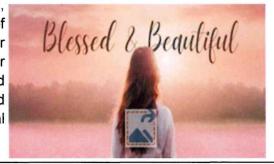
FUSE

March 27th, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM April 9th, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM April 24th, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM May 8th, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM May 22nd, 2024 - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FFI Annual Women's Seminar - "Blessed & Beautiful"

Family Foundations Institute (FFI) is hosting the Annual Women's Seminar on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. André Bessette High School in London. "Blessed & Beautiful" celebrates the essence of womanhood, encouraging every woman to recognize her unique beauty and blessings as a cherished daughter of God. The seminar is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together, share ideas, build friendships, and develop practical tools for embracing their mission in the world. The guest

speaker is Danielle Bean, creator and host of "Girlfriends," a podcast for Catholic Women. Register online at famfi.ca/aws and take advantage of early bird registration at \$45/individual (\$30/student).







The CWL- All Saints invites ALL PARISHIONERS of the Middlesex Family of Parishes

MEATLESS SOUP LUNCH

All Saints Hall, Friday Mar.29 after 11am Good Friday service

FREE-WILL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF L'ARCHE LONDON AND ST.JOSEPH'S HOSPICE

(If you have a favorite MEATLESS SOUP you want to share, you are welcome to bring it (and serve!) Bring in a slow cooker (preferred) or soup pot prior to 11am)

Make a new friend or bring someone new...
What a way to sample a bowl or two!



Soup, bun and beverage





The CWL Council of St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe invites you:

"Being With" Training

Sat. April 6/24, 10am-3pm St Charles Garnier Hall, Glencoe (Lunch will be provided.)

Gain the confidence to journey with those who are vulnerable:
suffering, socially isolated, sick, disabled or dying,
to renew their hope and purpose in life.
You will learn to recognize possible issues vulnerable people may have & support them in getting the help they may need to live fuller lives, be an effective advocate for the vulnerable, and be more confident in your visits with these individuals.

Please register before March 25th: Call or text Shirley Gilliland at 519-852-0394 or email dougandshirl3@gmail.com

No charge to participate.
Free-will donation accepted.









Training provided by Kathy Matusiak Costa, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care, and Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes Holy Week Schedule

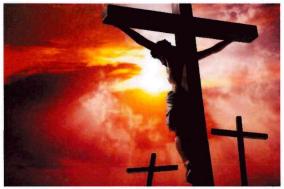


Monday of Holy Week, Mass of Chrism, March 25
All parishioners are invited to attend this celebration where the
Holy Oils used in the administration of the sacraments are blessed.
Monday, March 25, 7:00pm St. Peter's Cathedral, London.



*Incense will be used at All Saints Church Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm (livestreamed) followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm.





Good Friday Liturgies, March 29
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
All Saints Church
11:00am
3:00pm (livestreamed)
Sacred Heart Church
3:00pm
St. Charles Garnier Church
11:00am

EASTER

Holy Saturday, March 30
*Incense will be used
Easter Vigil Liturgy
at All Saints Church
8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses, March 31
All Saints 8:00am / 11:00am
St. Charles Garnier 9:00am

