

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Sept 26

10:00 am **Grand Bend** - Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Thomas Farrell: John Farrell  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass  
7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Family of Andy & Marianne Roelands: The Children  
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Sept 27

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Joseph Glavin: Martina Glavin

Thursday, Sept 28

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Adrain & Maria VanderVloet:  
Chris & Barb VanderVloet  
9-10:00 am Adoration

Friday, Sept 29

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
10:00 am In Thanksgiving for Fr. Tony: Doug & Jeanette Pedlar

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Sept 30

4-4:45 pm **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Oct 01

9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners  
11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners

*May nothing stop you from living and growing in your Heavenly Father's friendship, and from witnessing to His infinite goodness and mercy*

*Pope Francis, August 14, 2017*

## The Parishes of **SACRED HEART** and **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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**September 24, 2017**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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We live in a culture that wants us to believe that our personal wealth, influence or possessions are what make us valuable. We are encouraged to compete, to measure ourselves against our friends, loved ones and neighbours. Who has more money? Who has a nicer car? Who works harder? We are greedy and fearful because it is a precarious way to live – at any given moment we could lose our place to someone who has hoarded more.

In today's parable of the wealthy landowner, we are shown a different kind of life. God's generosity offers all labourers the same share in the kingdom of heaven. Boundless, infinite, overflowing – the ability of God to give is beyond our ability to understand. Through his love, we are not measured on scales, but rather we are invited to live humbly, to take what we have earned and share what we can with others, all for the glory of the kingdom.

Each of us has a decision to make. Do we spend our lives competing and living with the fear of being found wanting? Or do we choose a life of generosity, service and humility, taking our fair share and holding out our hands to help those marginalized by society? Let us choose generosity, following the example found in today's gospel.

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Our Mission Statement:

*Our parishes of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary will live our faith through service to others, invite all people to become intentional disciples, to be fed by the Living Eucharist*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



**Sacred Heart School hosted a wonderful “Welcome Social” last Wednesday afternoon.** I was happy to have the opportunity to meet so many new parents and their children as well the new teachers who arrived this year. It was a great community event for our Catholic partners in education. Thank you to Mrs. Carabott-Lee for inviting our Pastoral Team to join them and to her staff and volunteers who welcomed us. I look forward to spending much time in the school this year with all the children including the new popular kid at Sacred Heart School, Levi Roelands.

Our pastoral worker, Julie de Gouw and I attended the Alpha Course at Holy Family in London last Wednesday. They started with lunch, a video called, “Who is Jesus” and an opportunity to share our thoughts and experience with a small faith-sharing group. More than 150 people from their parish and the surrounding area are participating in this 10 week program which they ran last year. Many parishes throughout our diocese are involved in the Alpha Course. With the support of our Parish Pastoral Council, we hope to offer the Alpha Course in our clustered parishes next year as we encourage everyone to become intentional disciples.

**Speaking of intentional disciples, we are about to begin our fourth year of Why Catholic?** This has been a fabulous experience for those who have participated thus far. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this journey through the catechism. This process enables participants to discover and embrace their own personal faith stories and allow them to reflect on, and answer the questions, “What does it mean to be Catholic? How did I become Catholic? Why do I remain Catholic? Let us remember that we cannot become intentional disciples if we cannot speak about our faith on a daily basis.

**Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** – **Strathroy and District Right to Life** – from 1:00-2:00pm (please arrive at 12:45pm). We will gather along Caradoc St. S., between Front St. and Carroll St. E. Please be considerate of driveways and business entrances. For more details call office at 519-245-2946. A second Life Chain can be located with the **London Area Right to Life** from 2:30-3:30pm. Join this cross country witness to LIFE as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for LIFE – in solidarity with the voiceless little ones in our city who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15pm at the NE Corner of Fanshawe Park Rd. & Richmond (meet in parking lot to pick up signs).

**Lost and Found Articles** – If anyone has misplaced a black, leather jacket (womans’) please contact the parish office. It was located in Sacred Heart Church several weekends ago. Also at Sacred Heart, please check the back lost and found cubby at the entrance of the church. Any unclaimed articles will soon be donated.

**Autumn Showcase Tea and Silent Auction** – CWL of Precious Blood Church, Exeter, invite everyone out to this event on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10am–2pm. Morning muffins. Sandwiches and baked goods offered for lunch, free refreshments. Silent Auction closes at 1:30pm. Admission: \$1.00, Lunch Plate \$5

**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities** –



Sun Sept 24: Ali Neeves, Campus Minister  
Mon Sept 25: Deacon David Callaghan  
Tue Sept 26: Fr. Paul Duplessie, O.F.M. Cap.  
Wed Sept 27: Fr. Kenneth McKernan, C.S.B.  
Thu Sept 28: Fr. Christopher Pietraszko  
Fri Sept 29: Fr. Vince Gulikers  
Sat Sept 30: Fr. Richard Charrette

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Workshop** - “Our Parishes of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary will live our faith through service to others, invite all people to become intentional disciples, to be fed by the Living Eucharist.”

This mission statement of our parish family, invites all of us into service and to become Intentional Disciples of Christ! What better way to do this than to be involved in ministry such as you are! Our faith journey, as Intentional Disciples, is a never ending journey! We need to be open and ready to the promptings of the Holy Spirit! We also need to be ready to learn and expand our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

The Workshop you are invited to on **September 30** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, presents just this opportunity! Beginning at 9am, we will explore what it means to be involved in Ministry, in light of our Baptismal Call. Practical topics on “how to” will also be covered. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity for the readers to be critiqued.

Whether you have been involved in your particular ministry for a long period of time or you are just starting your journey into a ministry of service, you are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop. You may have already noticed that there have been some changes made to protocol for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please attend the workshop so that you will be brought up to date with the changes made and why they will be implemented.

Thank you for your commitment to our parishes. Your participation in our parish liturgies, makes us, in the words of Bishop Fabbro, “a vibrant community, evident by the number of parishioners engaged in the life of the parish.”

For planning purposes, please reply by **September 25<sup>th</sup>** to Julie de Gouw at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca)

Next weekend we will install 7 new extraordinary ministers for Holy Communion. This is perfect timing since all our readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are strongly encouraged to join the Ministry Workshop at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. This is an opportunity for those who serve in these ministries to make improvements in their service and grow in their understanding of their role. Please make every effort to attend this workshop.

We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for organizing our recent Food Drive. However, the **Huron County Food Bank** is also asking for monetary donations as well. If you wish to contribute to their efforts, please take a donation form, found at the entrance of the church, home with you.

On a personal note, my mother has returned home safely from her two week pilgrimage to Italy. Led by Joan Boldt and Fr. Gary Goyeau, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, mom travelled to Rome, Assisi, Florence and Venice. She a wonderful time but is glad to be back home. God willingly, Joan Boldt and I will lead a group from our clustered parish next year in September. Please speak to Julie de Gouw if are interested in joining us next year

Fr. Tony

**Hope & Bereavement Support Group** – This group, with the assistance of Hospice Sarnia, will meet each Wednesday evening at St. Christopher’s for ten weeks, beginning **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30pm. Our bereavement ministers are lay people and deacons who have been trained in bereavement ministry and who are committed to their work with the bereaved. Many of our volunteers have been called to this ministry through their own experience of loss and have recognized the need for programs to support those who are grieving. Our goal is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with their Church family during a difficult time. You must register prior to attending by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call Linda Manser 519-899-4708.

**Food Drive** – The Knights of Columbus seeks your help. We are organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive from September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 1<sup>st</sup>. The non-perishable food collected will be sent to:

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Blessings – Zurich

Sacred Heart – Ailsa Craig Food Bank

Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church.



**40 Days for Life** – 40 Days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach for an end to abortion. Our Day is **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. For more information see poster on bulletin board at Sacred Heart Church or contact:

Anne Roelands at [pandarolands@gmail.com](mailto:pandarolands@gmail.com) or

Tammy Vandersanden at [tbvandersanden@gmail.com](mailto:tbvandersanden@gmail.com)

**Young Adult Retreat, An Unforgettable Journey - November 3-5, 2017** @ JP2 Cultural Centre ~ Ages 18-35 (**Note date change**) - Awaken God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate in this three-day retreat. Exploration of the Wild Goose DVD series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR sets the stage for a personal encounter with The Holy Spirit. Rustic cabins within the wooded background of the JP2 Cultural Centre in Port Burwell add a cozy charm to the weekend along with volleyball and evening camp fires with acoustic music. Mass, confessions and a special candlelight rosary procession through the woods will make this weekend most memorable. For more information contact Connie at [cvanderheyden61@gmail.com](mailto:cvanderheyden61@gmail.com) space is limited - pre registration is required. Please register online at [www.ffipurelife.com](http://www.ffipurelife.com) .

*Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.*

*Saint Gregory Nazianzen*

**Coffee Sunday – Sacred Heart** – Everyone is invited to attend the coffee social immediately following the 9am Mass on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Hall.



### **Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Parents with a child in Grade Two are invited to register their children at a meeting for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and \$10.00 to purchase a lesson book.

**Employment Opportunity** - Sacred Heart Catholic School is currently looking to hire adult noon hour supervisors. We are looking for individuals who would be available to work on an on-call basis for one hour per day (11:50-12:50 p.m.) supervising students while they eat their lunch and play outside, have the ability to supervise a large number of students of elementary school age, have experience in caring for the general needs of children, have the ability to work outdoors in varying weather and temperatures depending on the season. This is a paid position with the London District Catholic School Board. If you are interested, please contact the school at 519-660-2776 or [hepofficeadmin@ldcsb.ca](mailto:hepofficeadmin@ldcsb.ca).

### **Attention CWL Members of Immaculate Heart of Mary-**

Please return your sold tickets for the bazaar as soon as possible. They can be returned to Rita Smits, Annie Baltessen, or placed in an envelope with your "Name" and "Bazaar Tickets" written on the outside and placed in the collection basket at Mass on Sunday.