

## Mass Schedule

Sat Nov 25: Deacon Michael Horoky

Tuesday, Nov 21

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am  
D'Arcy Molloy: Helen Molloy  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation  
7:00 pm Gus Roelands: Adrie Roelands & Family

Wednesday, Nov 22

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Iris Malette: Cathie Fursman & Family

Thursday, Nov 23

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Margareta Richarz: Chris & Barb VanderVloet  
9:30-10:30am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Nov 24

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
10:00 am Roger George: IHM CWL

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday, Nov 25

6:00–6:45pm **Parkhill** - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:00 pm **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Nov 26

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

### Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –

Sun Nov 19: Fr. Dikran Islemici  
Mon Nov 20: Yana Adkinson, Pastoral Minister  
Tue Nov 21: Fr. Etienne Nadonye, O.F.M. Cap.  
Wed Nov 22: Deacon Don Hamelin  
Thu Nov 23: Deacon Andrew Labrosse  
Fri Nov 24: Fr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.J.B.



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**November 19, 2017**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The talents in this week's Gospel can be interpreted as money, gifts and even a crown, but we are to continue to use them and not save them. We are given these talents through God's great mercy and favour. We are in God's favour.

Recently, I felt as though my talent had been taken from me as I found myself on a very hard path. As I look at my everyday life, I often find that, not only has my talent not been taken from me, but it is revealed in how I choose to live each day. I have realized that through the gift of God's mercy, I am able to continue to use my talents each and every day.

Every one of us has a crown to wear, not a crutch to carry. Many will try and knock that crown off of our heads, but through perseverance and faith, we must continue to wear our crowns and to use our talents. If we do not, our crowns will become rusty and worthless. God's light shines on us when we use our talents, no matter how they manifest themselves.

Through reflection on this important Gospel, let us ask ourselves how we are using our talents. Are we allowing the mercy and grace of God to shine each and every day?

Jacki Lavigne, Kitchener, ON

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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*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Today we celebrate the first World Day of the Poor.**

This is an opportunity to grow in mercy and charity, shaping attitudes toward the poor and needy. It is also based on our understanding that each of us is poor in some way, and that we need to empty ourselves of certain things so that God's grace can fill us, God's mercy can fill us. There's so much we can learn from those who are poor as we try to provide.



**Pope Francis has announced the World Day for the Poor as an annual observance on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, a week before the Solemnity of Christ the King.** On this day, local poor and needy people will be bused to the Vatican for Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica, and will be offered a celebratory lunch afterward in different locations around Rome. In addition, Italian doctors, nurses and specialists from varying practices will provide free medical care to the poor and needy attending the World Day of the Poor. They will set up tents and offer free services to attendees the week prior.

**The logo for World Day of the Poor** portrays two people reaching toward each other – one from a doorway and the other from the outside – with a road in between. Both extend a hand; one to ask for help, the other with the intention of providing it. In reality, it is difficult to figure out which of the two is the true poor person. (Perhaps, both are poor.) The one who holds out his hand to enter asks for sharing; the one who holds out his hand to help is invited to go out to share. These are two extended hands that are found wherever someone offers something. Two hands that express solidarity and that prompt a person not to remain in the doorway, but to go to encounter the other. The poor person can enter the house, once the person in the house has understood that help means sharing.



**Office Closed** – The office will be closed the week of **Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be a 2 week bulletin issued on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulletin News Item**– Please keep in mind that there will be no bulletin December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Therefore a 2 week bulletin will be issued on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Any events/items that need to be placed in that issue must be in the office no later than 12(noon), **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### **Coffee Socials**

**Sacred Heart** - Thank you to **Joe and Johanna Minten** for hosting the Coffee Social following the 9:00am Mass today.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary** – All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us for a Coffee Social immediately following the 11:00am mass on Sunday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch Group B is in charge.



**Ailsa Craig Foodbank** is set to start filling their Christmas hampers! In a continued effort to help support our local foodbank, we are asking that you fill your grocery cart with a few extra items each week! All grocery items can be dropped off at the entrance to the church at Sacred Heart. This week's grocery item is: CANNED FRUIT. Thank you in advance for your works of mercy!

**What is Alpha?** - Alpha is a kerygmatic tool for parish and community renewal. Alpha introduces people to the first proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Kerygma: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you, and now he is living at your side to enlighten, strengthen and free you.'(Evangelii Gaudium, 164)

For a little preview of the program, go to the parish website [www.shihm.dol.ca](http://www.shihm.dol.ca) and click on the **ALPHA AT IHM** box for a link to watch a short video on ALPHA.

Join us on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall, for a potluck supper and a presentation by Father Bob Remark, of Holy Family Parish, London. For more information contact [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca)

## Rohingya Refugee Crisis

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is responding to the worsening Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh and Myanmar and has organized an emergency collection, with the Canadian government matching donations until December 5<sup>th</sup>. To read a crisis statement from Development and Peace, please visit [www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2017/comm2017-11-01](http://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2017/comm2017-11-01).

If you would like to donate **through the parish**, your donation needs to be in the offertory basket or to the office by/on the weekend of November 25/26<sup>th</sup>. The monies will then be forwarded to Development and Peace at that time. Any donations received after that time will be forwarded, however, they may not be eligible for matching by the Canadian government. Other ways to donate are listed below:

- Via telephone: call toll free 1-888-664-3387
- By text message: text the word, PEACE to 45678 to donate \$10
- Online at  
<https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24441>

For further Information about the government matching donation program, please visit: [Government for the Crisis Relief Fund](#)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT** – For all those children, preparing for First Reconciliation, and their parents, our retreat is this coming Saturday, **November 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin at 9 am with coffee and snacks in the parish hall and will aim to be finished by noon! If you have not yet registered your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, contact Julie de Gouw to do so. Email [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24 for more information.



**November is the Month for Remembrance** – You are invited to write the names of loved ones and friends who have died in the past year in the “Book of Life” which will be at the foot of the altar in both parishes throughout the month of November. They will all then be included in the Prayer of the Faithful throughout the month.



Pope Francis writes: “**Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no “ifs” or “buts” or “maybes”:** they are hands that call down God’s blessing upon their brothers and sisters”.

Indeed, there are many ways for us to extend our hands and help the poor both near and far. **Our Catholic partners at Development and Peace are inviting us to make donates to Rohingya Refugee Crisis.** Every dollar donated by December 5<sup>th</sup> will be matched by our Canadian Government. See this bulletin for more details. As Advent approaches, we will be invited to help the poor locally through the Giving Tree at each of our parishes. Donations of canned goods are always welcomed throughout the year. Please see this bulletin for requested items for the Food Bank.

Bishop Fabbro is inviting all parishioners to sign a petition to defeat changes being made to Bill C-51. In summary, Bill C-51 is meant to update the Criminal Code. At issue is Clause 14. By repealing Section 176, the Government of Canada will remove the provision in the Criminal Code that directly protects the rights of Canadians to freely practice their religion peacefully, lawfully, and unobstructed, whatever that religion may be. Furthermore, in a time when attacks on religious communities in Canada are increasing, Clause 14 in Bill C51 lessens the protection to religious leaders and faith communities across the country. For more background information and resources, please visit our diocesan website at <https://dol.ca/news/interfaith-letter-concerning-bill-c-51>

Here are several events to look for in the upcoming weeks:

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Concert at Ailsa Craig United
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Day Confessions
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart School
December TBA	Blue Christmas Service at Immaculate Heart of Mary

## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

### **December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

4:30 pm - Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:00 pm - Sacred Heart

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am - Sacred Heart

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm – Sacred Heart

8:00 pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary

### **December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

9:00 am – Sacred Heart

11:00 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

### **December 30<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:00 pm – Sacred Heart

### **December 31<sup>st</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 am – Sacred Heart

11:00 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

### **December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**

5:00 pm – Sacred Heart

### **January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day**

9:00 am – Sacred Heart

11:00 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please check our website for the latest update on our Building Project at Sacred Heart.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Fr. Tony

*The more Jesus occupies the centre of our lives, the more He allows us to come out of ourselves and brings us closer to others*

*Pope Francis, September 19, 2017*

## Strong and empowered women: lasting and inclusive peace!

Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* says: "The Church acknowledges the indispensable contribution which women make to society through the sensitivity, intuition and other distinctive skill sets which they, more than men, tend to possess. I think, for example, of the special concern which women show to others, which finds a particular, even if not exclusive, expression in motherhood (103)".

Did you know that a peace agreement is 35% more likely to last at least 15 years if women help build it? By adopting effective community-based and non-violent approaches and by forming networks that cross political, religious and ethnic boundaries, women transform peace and reconciliation processes. This fall, join the Development and Peace – Caritas Canada campaign to learn more about the role of women in violence prevention and peacebuilding. For more information, visit [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).

Please find in today's bulletin an Action Sheet. Please take the time to see the role women play: in many cultures they are at the *heart of change*.

**Have you heard about EDGE?** It's an exciting new program being offered for youth at Sacred Heart! It's a fun way to interact with friends and make new ones, while strengthening our relationships with Jesus! Our next EDGE night will be Thursday, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7pm in the parish hall! **If you are in grades 5-9** and interested in having a fantastic evening, come out and "Rise and Shine" with us! You read that right! **We are now opening up EDGE for grades 5 and 6!** For more information, please check out the parish Facebook page and the EDGE at Sacred Heart Parkhill Facebook group, or contact Karen Minten at [karenminten@rogers.com](mailto:karenminten@rogers.com).

**Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – November 19<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Meeting** – Join us in the Parish Hall from 7-10pm for a good time with friends learning about our great faith. Invite your friends and bring a smile! All youth high school age and young adults are welcome!

