



Mass Schedule

January 2 – January 7, 2018

Tuesday, Jan 02

NO MASS

Wednesday, Jan 03

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Lucy Vander Vloet: The Bax Family

Thursday, Jan 04

9:30 am **Craigwiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig**
Hanlon & Helen McDonald: The Family

Friday, Jan 05

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Ron Garinther: Rose & Jerry Vanbruaene
10:30 – 11:15am Adoration with Reconciliation

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Jan 06

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

Sunday, Jan 07

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

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Dec 31: Institute of Secular Missionaries

Mon Jan 01: Sisters of Service

Tue Jan 02: Deacon Rudolph (Rudy) Pflanzler

Wed Jan 03: Fr. Canon Mitchell Kaminski

Thu Jan 04: Fr. Frank Leslie

Fri Jan 05: Deacon Gaston Mabaya

Sat Jan 06: Deacon Gary Flewelling

Coffee Social – On January 7th there will be a coffee social in the parish hall following the 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.



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

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The Nativity of the Lord

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,

This weekend, we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent but Monday, (actually Sunday evening) we will celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This is the shortest Advent we can experience. This short Advent Season reminds us how precious our preparations can be as we now greet this newborn child whom we call Emmanuel, God-with-us.



Just as many came to visit this miraculous child on that starry night in Bethlehem, we too will visit family and friends during this Christmas Season as we bring presents and glad tidings to all we meet. However, our true purpose in visiting family and friends must be to share the God News of Christ's birth. The shepherds and wise men greeted this child, Jesus with joy but did not stay in Bethlehem. They returned to their

Mass Schedule

December 26, 2017 – January 1, 2018

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| Tuesday, Dec 26 | NO MASS |
| Wednesday, Dec 27 | NO MASS |
| Thursday, Dec 28 | |
| 7:00 pm | Parkhill – Intention of Fr. Tony: A Parishioner |
| Friday, Dec 29 | |
| 10:00 am | Grand Bend – Family, Neighbours & Friends of Mickey Maguire: Ed & Peggy Maguire |
| Weekend Mass Times | |
| Saturday, Dec 30 | |
| 7:00 pm | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners |
| Sunday, Dec 31 | |
| 9:00 am | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners |
| 11:00 am | Grand Bend - Intention of Our Parishioners |
| 5:00 pm | New Year's Eve - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Parkhill – Intention of Our Parishioners |
| Monday, Jan 01 | |
| 9:00 am | New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners |
| 11:00 am | Grand Bend - Intention of Our Parishioners |

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Dec 24: Fr. Albert Williams
Mon Dec 25: Nativity of the Lord
Tue Dec 26: Fr. Seejo John
Wed Dec 27: Fr. Lawrence Mousseau
Thu Dec 28: Fr. Martin (Sam) Johnston
Fri Dec 29: Ministers to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Sat Dec 30: Fr. James Roche

The Christmas Mass on TV - For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass:

Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00pm ET and yesTV at 10:00pm ET
Christmas Day at 8:00am and 12:00pm ET on VisionTV and 11:00am ET on Salt + Light. 1:00pm on yesTV. You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com

New Year's Mass Schedule

December 30th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:00 pm – Sacred Heart

December 31st – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am – Sacred Heart
11:00 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

December 31st – New Year's Eve
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
5:00 pm – Sacred Heart

January 1st – New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
9:00 am – Sacred Heart
11:00 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – 12 Days, April 14-28, 2018. For details contact Joan Bolt at 1-800-530-4667 or joanbolt@execulink.com



Thank You – Immaculate Heart of Mary, extends a special thank you to Westland Greenhouses, the VanAdrichem Family, for donating a large number of flowers for the Christmas season

communities and shared the Good News of Jesus' birth with their families, friends and the poor, the blind & the lame; those who once lived in darkness but now have seen a great Light!

During this Advent Season many groups including students at Sacred Heart School, students from the North Middlesex District High School, Sacred Heart Children's Choir, Edge Ministry Group and Sacred Heart Youth all shared the Good News and the joy of music with our seniors at the Chartwell Residence. As well, many parishioners, with the support of the Ailsa Craig Food Bank and Blessings in Zurich, shared the Good News with families in need. Thank you to all who organized these efforts and those who contributed to sharing this Good News!

This year we are overjoyed to share the Good News with you and your families as offer you our gift of Scott Hahn's book, Joy to the World. Please take one copy per family and share the book with others after reading it. You should find it an easy read and a great opportunity to grow in appreciation of our faith. Thank you to Ron Minten for providing us with the opportunity to share this book and spread the Good News.

There are many 2018 Marian calendars at the entrance of the church. Since there is an abundance, please feel free to take more than one if you wish.

Your pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting an **Open House on Friday, December 29th** for all parishioners from Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart who volunteer their time and talents to our parishes. If you have been involved in any way in our communities, please come and join us. **The Open House will run for 2 pm to 9 pm at 153 Ann Street;** your pastor's home! Please bring an appetizer or a dish to share. The pastor and your Parish Pastoral Council will provide all the drinks! We hope to see you at the Open House for a joyous time of fellowship and good cheer!

May you and your family celebrate the joy of Christ's birth at Christmas and the bright hope of this New Year!

In Peace, Fr. Tony



Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who made donations towards the purchase of our Christmas Flowers: Your generosity is very much appreciated!

We remember and pray for the following:

Peter De Jong,
Marinus De Jong,
Ron Garinther
Harry Kennes
Anila Nowicki and Joseph Nowicki



Community Christmas Dinner – You are invited to spend quality time with friends and neighbours at our 7th Annual Community Christmas Dinner. Come join us from noon to 4:00pm at the Parkhill Community Centre, McLeod St, Parkhill on Monday **December 25th**. Dinner is free of charge. We will accept donations to the Ailsa Craig Food Bank if you wish. Please call Lucy Hendrikx at 519-294-6413 to reserve your place and assist us in planning an appropriate amount of food.

Benevolent Fund – Christmas is a time to remember those among us who will have no joy or peace at Christmas because the day to day struggles of making ends meet, is just too hard! Help your parishes help those in need by donating to our Benevolent Fund.



Sacred Heart Youth (SHY)
December 31st – Meeting - Cancelled

Income Tax Receipts – Please note that donations made at the New Year's Eve, December 31st Mass will be considered as a 2018 donation.

Liturgy Meeting - It would seem that this meeting notice is in the wrong season, but, yes, in no time at all we will be preparing for Lent! Join us **Wednesday, January 10th** for a Liturgy Meeting lunch at Sacred Heart, as we begin planning for Lent and Easter! An RSVP would be appreciated to jdegouw@dol.ca if you are attending.

“Looking for healing?” Closure? If you are divorced, separated, or civilly remarried, consider applying for a declaration of nullity (an “annulment”). The Roman Catholic Diocese of London would like to help you. If you are interested in a Declaration of Nullity or if you simply have questions, please give us a call at 519-439-1553. There is no obligation in calling, and the process is free of charge.”

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Debbie or Darcy @ 1-800-705-6356, 1015@retrouvaille.org or visit our website: SaveOurMarriage.ca

Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on January 11th. We will be having Melissa from Hear Well Be Well speak. We meet again on January 25th to hear from Sherri Lynn who is a mobile dental hygienist. Blood pressures will be taken for those interested on January 11th. For registration for any of the dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Holiday Office Hours – The office will be closed from December 26 – January 2nd. It will re-open on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 9:00am.



Save the Date! First Communion Parent Meeting! **January 18th**, 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost of the materials. For more info contact jdegouw@dol.ca.