

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Jan 09

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am
Pauline Krupa: IHM CWL
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

6 - 6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Adoration with Reconciliation
7:00 pm Intention of Jim & Tammy Vandersanden (25th Anniversary):
Pete & Anne Roelands

Wednesday, Jan 10

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Sr. Rita Dietrich: SH CWL

Thursday, Jan 11

9:30 am **Chartwell Residence – Parkhill**
Lucy Vander Vloet: SH CWL

Friday, Jan 12

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Paul Maguire & Family: Ed & Peggy Maguire

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Jan 13

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

Sunday, Jan 14

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

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Jan 07: Fr. Lawrence Pare
Mon Jan 08: Fr. Michael O'Brien
Tue Jan 09: Sr. Marija Ivic, Pastoral Worker
Wed Jan 10: Fr. Josef Denys
Thu Jan 11: Fr. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.
Fri Jan 12: Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister
Sat Jan 13: Fr. Michael Parent

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Epiphany of the Lord

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,” Isaiah says. He calls us to know God’s presence, God’s light on us, around us, and commands us to spread that light.

Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the light of God’s blessing shines on them and beyond them. He sees nations streaming to them, attracted by God’s light. Some Israelites thought God’s favour was exclusively theirs. But God’s light can be shared without diminishing it.

Every year at Easter the paschal candle, the Light of Christ, comes into a dark church and light is shared so the whole church glows. We proclaim light divided but never dimmed.

Epiphany celebrates God’s light being revealed to all nations. The gospel, Paul says, has spread to the Gentiles. They have seen and received the light of Christ. Matthew tells of even earlier Gentile observers of that light, the Magi: “We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

The light that shone on the Magi shines on us. Jesus shares his light with us and asks us to spread it. The light of our faith may seem fragile, but a small light can set the world on fire! Sharing the light of God’s love, God’s blessing does not diminish it – it grows in strength as it is shared. Let’s keep it burning brightly!

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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,

This weekend we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord. The Magi, having discovered Jesus, the Messiah in Bethlehem, return home to the East but by a different route. This different route indicates that their lives have changed. They are not returning to their old way of life but a new life. Their eyes are open to the vision of a child who brings peace and the hope of a world where harmony and justice will prevail forever. As we begin this new year, let us pray that we will not return to our old ways either but seek a new life in which we may acknowledge God's daily presence in our lives through a child who is called Emmanuel, God-with-us!

As our Christmas Season ends on Monday with the Baptism of the Lord, I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to all whose efforts made our celebrations a joyful and prayerful experience. We are grateful to our decorators, musicians and choir members, altar servers, sacristans, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and ministers of hospitality. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure. Thank you also to all who blessed me with gifts and your words of encouragement written in many of the Christmas cards and letters which I received. I am grateful for your generosity and kindness.

Our Open House last week was a great opportunity to unwind and relax with friends and parishioners from both parishes. Thank you to all who joined us and the many hours of service you provide to our parish communities.

It may seem strange that we just finished celebrating Christmas but we need to begin our preparations for the season of Lent which begins next month on February 14th. Therefore, **everyone is welcome to join us for a Liturgy Meeting at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, January 10th**. We will begin at noon with lunch and proceed with a review of the Christmas season and plans for the seasons of Lent and Easter. Please join us!



Finally, as we continue to invite our parishioners to pick up their offertory envelopes for the new year, it would be good to remind everyone that all monies donated to the **Building/Restoration Fund** will go directly to the parish. There is no assessment of these funds and so the diocese does not receive any portion of these donations. **These donations will help us cover cost of a new church building at Sacred Heart and a new sound system at Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Please consider directing your donations to the Building/Restoration Fund.

In Peace, Fr. Tony



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.

On Sunday, **February 25, 2018**, at 2:30pm at Sacred Heart parish hall, Joan Bolt will host an information meeting for a Pilgrimage to Italy! Come and hear details about the wonderful tour of Holy sites and so much more!

Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. 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