

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 20

Grand Bend - NO MASS

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Martin Schram: SH CWL
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Feb 21

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – In Thanksgiving for Fr. Tony Laforet:
Doug & Jeannette Pedlar

Thursday, Feb 22

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Emile & Maria Janssens: The Estate
9:30-10:30 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Feb 23

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Barry Strong: The Family
10:30 am **Grand Bend** - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Feb 24

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

Sunday, Feb 25

8:30 am **Parkhill** – Rosary - Led by - Knights of Columbus
9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners
10:30 am **Grand Bend** - Rosary – Led by - Knights of Columbus
11:00 am **Grand Bend** – Intention of Our Parishioners

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1st Sunday of Lent

The more pain and sacrifice you experience on your journey, the more satisfying your arrival at your destination.

Athletes who train excessively will say that the victory, the medal is well worth the extra work. Students who hit the books instead of going to a movie or to a party will always have as their reward the satisfaction of knowing that they have achieved the best grade possible.

Jesus was thrust into the wilderness for 40 long days and was constantly tempted by Satan. We know, of course, that he did not succumb to any temptation and he was provided divine, angelic support in his struggle.

The athlete and the student who choose to sacrifice have a specific goal in mind. Their self-oblation is driven by the long-range reward of achieving a medal or a diploma. When they see their friends or classmates enjoying the things that they deny themselves, they are sustained by thoughts of the final victory.

Like Jesus, we are expected to endure our 40-day fast as an unconditional offering to God, not because of the promise of reward when the summit is finally reached. Still, when the time of our sacrifice and commitment is fulfilled, the inherent bounty is that the Kingdom of God is nearer.

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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,

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery and to renew it in our lives.

Today the Church invites us to prepare for Easter by doing individual penance and penance as a group; by reading God's word more carefully; by praying more ardently, including sincere prayer for sinners; by giving of ourselves to the service of God's people. (Living Lent)

Please visit the National Liturgy Office of CCCB website and click on documents to see this entire article and "Keeping Friday".

This weekend, through the Rite of Welcome, we introduced our candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the children who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our candidates, Bianca Schioppa from Sacred Heart and Robert Quaid from Immaculate Heart of Mary have been studying the Catholic faith along with their sponsors, Julie de Gouw and John Peters. Bianca's three children, Melissa, Vanessa and Brenden along with sisters, Hannah and Isabella Beierling are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. Please continue to pray for these candidates and these children as they prepare for Full Communion with our Church.

Last weekend I read Bishop Fabbro's letter urging us to participate in the Call for Conscience Campaign as we ask MPP's to establish laws to protect the conscience rights of our healthcare workers, Catholic hospitals and to provide adequate palliative care and mental health



Seminary Come and See Discernment Weekend - St. Peter's Seminary invites men 17-45 years old to a discernment retreat for men considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual help for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. The weekend is scheduled for **March 2-4**. Contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca, or 519-432-1824 ext. 204, for more information or to register.

PARISH MISSION – **Save The Date** – We have invited Rev. Enzo Del Brocco a member of the Catholic religious order of the Passionist Missionaries to lead us in our Lenten Mission this year. This will be at St. James, Seaforth and St. Patrick's, Dublin. He will be preaching at all masses on the weekend of **March 10/11**. (Saturday at 5 pm at St. James; Sunday morning at 9 am at St. James and 11 am at St. Patrick's). And then he will be on a three-day mission beginning **Sunday evening at 7:30pm until Tuesday 7:30pm**. The theme of the mission is "Return with Your Whole Heart."

King's University College Awards - King's University College has a number of Awards and Scholarships for students who are entering, or wish to enter, studies at King's and are a parishioner in the Diocese of London (Bishop Sherlock Award), and/or a graduate of a London District Catholic School Board school (Sisters of St. Joseph Scholarship), or are from outside our diocese (Cardinal Collins Scholarship). For more information, contact Student Financial Services at studentfinance@kings.uwo.ca or 519-433-3491 ext. 4319. The 2018/19 application deadline is March 15.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Feb 18: Deacon Jose Viveiros
Mon Feb 19: Fr. Ross Bartley
Tue Feb 20: Fr. Mark Poulin
Wed Feb 21: Fr. Mark Maloney
Thu Feb 22: Deacon Larry Lamphier
Fri Feb 23: Chrisandro Shipper, Campus Minister
Sat Feb 24: Fr. Rodrigo Tagnines

Employment Opportunity - St. Patrick Parish, Lucan, is seeking a part-time caretaker. This position includes a variety of work inside and outside of the church, rectory, and parish hall. Pay will be according to the Diocese of London pay scale. Please phone Fr. Ross Bartley, at (519) 227-4726, ext. 21, if you have any questions, and if you would like a full job description sent to you. Resumes with cover letters may be sent by mail to: The Hiring Committee, St. Patrick Parish, 32922 Richmond Street, Lucan ON N0M 2J0, or by e-mail to stpatlucan@dol.ca.

Closing date: February 28, 2018. We welcome all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted

Flu and Cold Season - If you are not feeling well, check your symptoms before coming to work or church and running the risk of exposing your co-workers and fellow parishioners to your illness. If you experience symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, diarrhea, or vomiting, you may have the flu. If you think you have the cold or flu, please do **NOT** come into work or attend Mass.

Exposing your co-workers and fellow parishioners to your illness can have both short and longer term consequences. Please limit your exposure if you are sick. To help prevent the spread of germs, cough into your elbow or a disposable tissue, and wash your hands frequently. For more information about the flu, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/flu-facts>

Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **February 22nd** to hear from Sherri Lynn who is a mobile dental hygienist. For registration for dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

services. The members of the Catholic Women's League will be standing at the entrance of the church this weekend asking everyone to register for this campaign. For those who do not have an email account, you will find a letter you may send to your MPP. You will also find a copy of the Bishop's letter on our bulletin board at the entrance of the church. For more information visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Thank you for participating in this significant issue regarding the protection of human life. Let us continue to pray for our government leaders and our healthcare workers.

In Peace, Fr. Tony

Lenten Wednesday Worship

Ministerial Series

February 21 - Grace Bible Chapel
February 28 – Nairn Mennonite Church
March 07 – St. James Anglican Church
March 14 – Sacred Heart Church
March 21 – Parkhill United Church

Worship at noon. Light lunch to follow.
Free will offering for Ailsa Craig Food Bank.



Pilgrimage to Italy - 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!



Coffee Social – Immaculate Heart of Mary - All parishioners and visitors are welcome to our coffee social on Sunday **February 25th** in the Fr. Beck Auditorium after the 11:00 mass. Lunch Group “A” is in charge.

If you have a baby to be Baptised or you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism Join us for REBORN as we explore the deeply personal relevance of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptised. Meeting will take place **Thursday, February 22** at 7 pm in the parish hall at Sacred Heart. For more info contact jdegouw@dol.ca

EDGE is back! All youth in grades 5-9 are welcome to join us in the parish hall on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00pm for a night of faith and fun! Bring a friend or two with you! Parents are welcome to stay! Contact Karen Minten at karenminten@rogers.com for more information.

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.

“We are in front of a global scandal of around one billion people who still suffer from hunger today. We cannot look the other way and pretend this does not exist. The food available in the world is enough to feed everyone!”

In a video message launching “One Human Family, Food For All,” a global campaign against hunger, December, 2013

Office Closed – Please be aware that the office will be closed on **Tuesday, February 20th** .



London Area Cursillo - “Cursillo has helped Catholics to grow spiritually, to deepen their personal relationship with Christ, to understand the truths of our Catholic Faith, and to be bold witnesses to the Gospel in their families, their place of work, and the society in which we live.” Bishop Ronald Fabbro.

The dates for the London Cursillo weekends in 2018 are **March 8-11** for the **men’s** weekend, and **March 15-18** for the **women’s** weekend. Try it, you won’t be sorry! For more information, contact Danielle Lima at (519) 691-5708 or daniellelima77@gmail.com

Our Annual Gala is March 8, 2018; Save the Date!! -

London and Area Right to Life Association will be holding their Annual Gala on March 8, 2018 at the Hellenic Centre with Alex Schadenberg as our guest speaker. Alex will address the issue of Euthanasia and Medically Assisted Suicide. Tickets are \$ 42.50 for adults and \$ 25 for students. **ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY.** Invite your friends and neighbours! Eight people to a table.

We all need to become educated about this issue. Consider sponsoring young people to attend. There will be a 50/50 draw and a penny raffle with lots of chances to win anything from a gift certificate to the theatre to a basket of maple sugar delights!! **** NO Silent Auction this year.****

Doors will open at 5:30 pm; dinner will be served at 6:25 pm. This event is a major fundraiser for us. We appreciate your support so that we can continue to have pro-life billboards in London, have a booth at the Western Fair, and more..... For more information or tickets contact Jim Vandersanden at 519-871-6838.



Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – February 18th – Youth Group Meeting has been **CANCELLED.**