

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 27

10:00am **Grand Bend** - Rosary starts at 9:30am
Herman Scholten: IHM CWL
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Ron Garinther: Pete & Julie de Gouw
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Feb 28

9:00 am **Parkhill** – Intention of Fr. Tony Laforet: A Parishioner

Thursday, Mar 01

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

Friday, Mar 02

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Barbara Ann Meloche:
Luke & Jean Mommersteeg
10:30 – 11:15am Adoration with Reconciliation
1:15pm **Sacred Heart School** - Confessions
7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Mar 03

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

Sunday, Mar 04

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

“Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.”

*Lumen fidei, Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis
Co-written with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, June 2013*

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

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February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

A central focus of our Lent journey is dealing with the tension between life and death. Like the disciples at the transfiguration, we too try to reconcile death with the glory of God. We often ask what this ‘rising from death’ means.

Occasionally we have a dramatic ‘rising from death’ experience when we, like Isaac in our first reading, walk away from a near-to-death experience.

More commonly, though, it means rising above the despair, hardships and poverties that Saint Paul lists in his letter to the Romans. After weighing the troubles of life against the glory of God, Paul concludes: “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

But eventually for Jesus and for each one of us as baptized Christians, ‘rising from death’ means passing from this life to the next, to eternal joy in the nearer presence of God. It is this dying and rising again that we celebrate at every baptism, each confession, and every time we gather around the altar to receive Christ at Mass.

Like the Transfiguration, Holy Eucharist draws us into the Paschal Mystery. As we receive anew the blessed and broken body of Christ, let us resolve to live into this mystery of the mercy of God.

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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,

We have completed our first week of Lent as we strive to grow closer to God through our practices fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We pray these practices are not seen as a chore but a profound joy which is making us stronger in our love for God and for one another.



Last Wednesday, the Grace Bible Church held the first Lenten Lunch & Worship. Many attended this prayer experience and were inspired by Pastor Steve and treated to a simple but wonderful lunch with soup and sandwiches. Next Wednesday, the Nairn Mennonite Church will host our Lenten Worship. Please plan to join us.

Thank you to Jim DeZorzi and the Sacred Heart Youth Group for leading us in prayer during the Stations of the Cross last Friday. We welcome everyone to participate and reflect on this powerful prayer we celebrate each Friday throughout the season of Lent. Please see the back page of this bulletin for times.

Thank you also to Karin and Gerry Lecker, (former parishioners but still friends of many here), who shared their story about married life and love during Couples Night last Friday night evening. We laughed and cried.....mostly laughed!

Last week, Fr. Paul Baillargeon and Joe Bezzina met with the Huron-Perth Deanery to give us an update on the Families of Parishes and the next steps for which we must prepare. Fr. Paul informed us that next two Families of Parishes would be announced January 2019 and those two Families would be implemented July 2019.

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.

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.

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.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Feb 25: Fr. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.
Mon Feb 26: Maria Mollica, Coordinator Youth Ministry
Tue Feb 27: Fr. Pio D'Oria
Wed Feb 28: Deacon Steve Cartier
Thu Mar 01: Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister
Fri Mar 02: Fr. John Pirt
Sat Mar 03: Fr. Kazimieras Kaknevicus

2018 Lenten Mission – with Rev. Enzo Del Brocco

Father Enzo is 48 years old, born in Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Catholic Religious Order of the Passionist Missionaries and was ordained in 1996. He is fluent in six languages and has degrees in Moral Theology and Human Resources.

The theme for our mission this year is "**Return with Your Whole Heart**".

The schedule will be as follows:

Sun. March 10/11 – Father Enzo will preach at all Sunday masses

Sun. March 11 7:30 PM – St. James Seaforth – "**I Wanna Go Home**"

Mon. March 12 7:30 PM – St. James Seaforth – "**God's Lost and Found**"

Tues March 13 7:30 PM – St. Patrick's Dublin – "**All or Nothing at All**"

– **Reception to Follow (Tuesday evening)** –

The Mission is taking place at the halfway point of Lent – a great way to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Easter – please feel free to invite family and friends! **All Are Welcome**

Please contact Robert Green at rtgreen@hay.net or call: 519-238-8981 if you wish to car pool to this Parish Mission in Dublin/Seaforth.

Day of Confessions

Pope Francis' 2018 Lenten message reminds us that: "Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life." Once again parishes across the Diocese of London are offering a Day of Confessions, which is planned for **Wednesday, March 21**. For information and resources to help guide your personal Lenten journey, visit our diocesan website at www.dol.ca/lent.

In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

Sacred Heart	9:00am – 12:00 (noon)
Immaculate Heart of Mary	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Sacred Heart	7:00pm – 9:00pm

In the meantime, our present parishes must be occupied with the work of evangelization, discipleship and mission. We need to be missionary disciples within our missionary parishes. These are the 3 elements of a Missionary Parish:

- 1) -reaches out to those who do not know Christ!
- 2) -educates and forms members in the faith.
- 3) -strengthens the spiritual growth of parishioners in order to live out their faith.

More details of this work will be shared in the coming months. Stay tuned!

In Peace, Fr. Tony

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) Share Lent Campaign

CCODP is the development arm of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is through this campaign and your generosity that CCODP, on behalf of Catholics across Canada, contributes to projects that alleviate poverty in developing countries and offers educational opportunities to Catholics here at home. The theme of the 2018 campaign is *Together for Peace*. It is about 'knocking down walls to build bridges' through "dialogue".

As your Bishop, I ask that you generously donate to the Share Lent Campaign in your parish in order that CCODP can continue to support projects that will better the lives of people in different parts of the world. This year, I also invite you to consider becoming a year-round contributor to the work of CCODP by pledging a monthly contribution. Those who wish to learn more about the 2018 campaign and Share Year-Round monthly giving can visit the CCODP website at www.devp.org and www.devp.org/shareyearround.

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London



Coffee Social – Sacred Heart – On **March 4th** there will be a coffee social in the parish hall following the 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

World Day of Prayer – Please join us as we pray with our neighbouring churches on Friday, **March 2, 2018**.

Grand Bend - 1:30pm - Church of God

Parkhill - 2:00pm - Grace Bible Chapel

Theme this year is: All God’s creation is very good. Service prepared by the women of Suriname. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Wednesday Worship

Ministerial Series

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.



Sacred Heart Youth (SHY) – March 4th – Youth Group Meeting has been **CANCELLED**

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.

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.



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!