

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar 06

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

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Joe Bax: The Bax Family
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Mar 07

9:15 am **Parkhill – School Mass** –
Deceased Members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwse
Families: The Estate of Frank J. VanderVloet
10:15 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, Mar 08

9:30 am **Chartwell Residence – Parkhill**
Jeff Mawson: Elea Thuss

Friday, Mar 09

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Bruno Pachlarz: IHM CWL
10:30 am **Grand Bend** – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Mar 10

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

Sunday, Mar 11

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

“It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us.”

*Angelus in Saint Peter's Square,
February, 2014*

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March 04, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

Our Lenten journey is well underway. Is the enthusiasm with which we welcomed Ash Wednesday, at the start of a season of inner growth, flourishing? Or has it dimmed? Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God. Has our progress been a source of delight to God? If not, it's never too late to begin!

Today's first reading reviews the Ten Commandments. God has expectations of us. Jesus later summarized the lot into two all-encompassing commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Are our relationships with others life-giving?

Today in John's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father's house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of spring-cleaning?

We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centred, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we!

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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,

Throughout the season of Lent we hear, **Take up your cross and follow me. (Luke 9:23)**

This week, I wish to share this reflection I found to be very challenging.



“Well, it’s just my cross to bear,” we say while going through illness, disaster or some kind of misery. We may live with a difficult spouse, work with an irritable colleague, grieve a rebellious child, discover nasty rumors about ourselves or disagree with someone politically, practically or fundamentally. **“It’s just my cross to bear.”**

The cross Jesus asks us to carry involves living in a world unselfishly where other’s needs are our priority. Lent is a time to put those needs ahead of our own, starting at home. Read to your child; do the dishes without being asked; play a game with the family; watch a movie together and then talk about it. Reach out to others by visiting a lonely neighbor or someone in a nursing home or hospital.

Those spontaneous acts of caring and comfort can go a long way in easing a burden. A cooked meal, an afternoon chat, an errand run, a gentle hug, a personal note, a phone call—any of these can mean the world to someone in pain.

Living unselfishly means eliminating excuses for not getting involved. This Lent, choose to give up excuses and take action. There are people waiting for you.

Fr. Ted and I will be waiting to hear confessions on Wednesday morning after Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. We will also be hearing confessions all day on **Wednesday, March 21st**. Please see the schedule on our Parish website.

In Peace, Fr. Tony

Share Lent 2018 – *Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria*

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace’s monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You will find brochures about the program as you leave the church. You can also register online at devp.org/shareyearround.

EDGE Update - There was a great turnout for our EDGE night last week. Our theme was Long Live the King and we had several youth come out to have fun doing challenges, crafts and photo booths! Most importantly, they also learned about the names of Jesus, what they mean, and about the kind of King that Jesus is and how He is at work in our lives. There are several pictures posted on the Facebook group and the parish Facebook page. Be sure to join the EDGE group (just search EDGE Ministries Sacred Heart Parkhill) for regular updates, meeting times and pictures from our meetings. Watch the bulletin and Facebook page for the next meeting night, sometime in March. All youth grades 5-9 are welcome - if you haven’t been yet, come out to a meeting to check out this exciting Ministry!

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Mar 04: Deacon Paul James
Mon Mar 05: Deacon Dominic Vu
Tue Mar 06: Fr. Jim Stenberg, C.S.B.
Wed Mar 07: Fr. Christopher Gillespie
Thu Mar 08: Fr. Frederick Howard-Smith
Fri Mar 09: Deacon Andre Dedecker
Sat Mar 10: Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister

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.

Paint Ontario - at the newly-renovated Lambton Heritage Museum runs daily from Mar 23 to April 14/18. Check out paintontario.com for demos, workshops and more information. Refreshments available each weekend so a social atmosphere will prevail while you enjoy the beautiful original art. You might even choose to buy an art piece. All monies raised support community cultural activities. Admission \$5. Opening Gala Free!

Daylight Savings Time – begins March 11th.
Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!



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

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL - All members are invited to attend the general meeting on Tuesday **March 6th** at 12(noon) starting with soup and sandwiches. Lunch Group "C" is in charge. Also, a reminder to bring shampoo and band aids for the Canadian Food for Children collection.



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

Sacred Heart Catholic School - continues to receive registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. To register a student in any grade FDK to Grade 8 please contact the school office to book an appointment. 519-660-2776

Documentation Required: Catholic Baptismal Certificate of Child or one Parent, Birth Certificate of child, Proof of Residence, e.g. utility bill, assessment notice, driver's license.

*Welcome to our newest students;
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!*

Easter Flowers - If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one/s for our Easter flowers, please PRINT the name of your loved one/s, your name/address on a piece of paper. Place the paper and your donation in an envelope marked "Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office by March 25, 2018.



Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **March 8th** with Andrea Martin as our guest speaker. We meet again on **March 22nd** to hear from Louise Flannigan who will speak on Stroke Prevention. Blood pressures will be taken for those interested on March 8th. For registration for dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Lenten Wednesday Worship

Ministerial Series

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.



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.

