

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar 13	
10:00am	Grand Bend - Rosary starts at 9:30am Conchita San Juan: Jennifer & Gil Griarte Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass
7:00 pm	Parkhill – Jerome Spruytte: Andy & Marianne Roelands
7:30-8:30 pm	Adoration
Wednesday, Mar 14	
9:00 am	Parkhill – Emile & Maria Janssens: The Estate
12:00 pm	Parkhill – Lenten Worship & Lunch
Thursday, Mar 15	
9:00 am	Parkhill – Gus & Adrie Roelands: Bob & Hen Vanhie
9:30-10:30 am	Adoration with Reconciliation
Friday, Mar 16	
9:30 am	Grand Bend – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am	Barbara Ann Meloche: Luke & Jean Mommersteeg
10.30 am	Grand Bend – Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Parkhill – Stations of the Cross
Weekend Mass Times	
Saturday, Mar 17	
6:00–6:45pm	Parkhill - Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 pm	Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners
Sunday, Mar 18	
9:00 am	Parkhill - Intention of Our Parishioners
11:00 am	Grand Bend – Intention of Our Parishioners

“Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust in God.”

Interview in the New York Times, September, 2013

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March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

While it may seem odd, I look forward to Lent all year because it permits me the luxury of meditation on the rich tradition of lament that is often forgotten or ignored altogether. Lament is the action of truly mourning the incompleteness of our lives, our society and our world in the sight of God. There is a wealth of emotions bubbling in the reading from Chronicles as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple has effectively terminated the sacred worship space of the Jewish people. Psalm 137 reiterates the destruction and we are drawn into the devastation through the psalmist’s plaintive words.

John’s Gospel shows a way out of the lament and devastation: “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son.” Love is the path out of lament and devastation. Through this ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, we become people of the light forever abandoning the darkness that threatens to overshadow hope.

In a few days, we will set our faces to Jerusalem, to liturgically journey with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. Today, we witness the second Scrutiny for the Catechumens. The scrutinies are rites for spiritual self-searching. We as church support the elect with our prayers as they journey toward the Cross.

Marilyn-Ann Elphick, Mississauga, ON

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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,

Today is Laetare Sunday, the midpoint of Lent. Laetare means “rejoice!” The entrance antiphon in the Missal reads, **“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”** We don’t often use the entrance antiphon because we begin the liturgy with a hymn.



Here’s an opportunity to bring joy and show your support to someone who’s experiencing loss through death, divorce or relocation; someone who’s received a dire diagnosis or is facing bitter disappointment; or someone feeling unappreciated, worried about job security, or thinking they’re a failure. Many suffer in silence, believing no one understands what they’re going through.

While it’s easy for us to run and hide from someone who’s hurting, we need to share their pain and offer a shoulder to lean on. Later, they might not remember your words, but they’ll remember that you showed up, held their hand, and cried with them. Knowing they have a lifeline and are not facing their struggles alone makes life more bearable for them. Even though you can’t fix their problems, you can offer your presence and concern.

Empathetic people connect easily because they’ve been in the same boat as those who are hurting. They speak loudly through their presence: **“I’m standing with you.... I’m hurting with you. Take my hand. We’ll make it together.”**

Just knowing that someone will drop everything and be there with their undivided attention can help ease the burden of hard times. Compassionate care is costly, but real friends are willing to pay the price.

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.



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!

Grand Bend Diners - Meet at St. John’s By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **March 22nd** to hear from Louise Flannigan who will speak on Stroke Prevention. For registration for dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



- Sun Mar 11: Joan Robinson, Pastoral Worker
- Mon Mar 12: Fr. Gerard Bedard
- Tue Mar 13: Fr. Joseph Kannath
- Wed Mar 14: Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister
- Thu Mar 15: Fr. Russell Shantz
- Fri Mar 16: Sr. Magdalena Vogt, Pastoral Minister
- Sat Mar 17: Mary Jean Horne, 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.

Summer Theatre - Everyone is invited to see WEST SIDE STORY at the Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend for the 2 pm show, Thursday, **June 7, 2018**. Tickets are \$40.00 each and are available from Joanne Vandenberg bjberk@hay.net or 519-238-5927. Please make your own arrangements for lunch or supper www.grandbend.com/dining.html

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.

Show your gratitude by writing a thank-you card and send it to someone who stood by you when others walked away.

Speaking of gratitude, I wish to thank Deacon John Lammers for his service in celebrating and sharing God's message with us this weekend

In Peace, Fr. Tony

Share Lent 2018 - *A school of community leaders in Peru*

For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

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



Coffee Social – Sacred Heart – There will be a Coffee Social in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 18th** following the 9am Mass.

Sacred Heart Youth – March 18th –

Youth Group Meeting - Join us from 7-10pm in the Parish Hall, for games, learning about our Catholic faith, and building lasting friendships! Invite your friends and be prepared for a great time!



The **Sacred Heart Youth Group** attended the annual **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** held at the Toronto Convention Center, on March 3rd 2018. With a full bus of Youth decked-out in bright yellow shirts we made our way to the Youth Rally in Toronto! Through the fun and exciting bus rides, the inspiring talks and testimonies, Adoration and the opportunity to receive our Lord in the most Holy Eucharist, the day was indeed a great experience for all! We grew deeper in our faith together and formed many, many new friendships!



Knights of Columbus - The next meeting of Council 8961 (Parkhill) will be held on Thursday, **March 15th** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7:30pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME.**

Pilgrimage to Italy - Fr. Tony, with the assistance of Joan Bolt, will be leading a Pilgrimage to Italy from September 6th to 19th. There is still room for 7 more people on this pilgrimage. Please contact Fr. Tony or Julie de Gouw for more details of this amazing tour of Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome.



Lenten Wednesday Worship

Ministerial Series

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 CWL - will be accepting donations for the Men's Mission & Rehabilitation Centre beginning the 1st week in March. This Centre functions as an emergency hostel for homeless men age 16 and over (**111 beds**), as well as a residence for men who require longer term care and support (**35 beds**). In addition to providing traditional accommodation and meals, the Men's Mission & Rehabilitation Centre also offers as a part of its program, Rehabilitation Counseling, Chapel Services and Men's Clothing Room

Crucial items needed and will be GREATLY appreciated

- Socks for men
- Men's underwear in all sizes
- Travel size shaving cream for men
- Good quality razors for men
- Bottled water (disposable)
- Bus tickets
- Men's footwear
- Deodorant for men
- Incontinence products

The above items are listed as crucial, but anything is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



All Ladies of Sacred Heart Welcome !! Come join us on Thursday, evening, **March 15th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room for a time of **Faith and Fellowship**. Afterwards consider joining us at our Catholic Women's League March General Meeting. Connect with some of the ways we are answering God's call to service for others. *(New Suggestions and Ideas are always welcome!)*