

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar 20

- 10:00am **Grand Bend** - Rosary starts at 9:30am
 Ron Garinther: John & Gera Peters
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass
- 7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Deceased Members of the de Gouw Family:
 The Family
- 7:30-8:30 pm Adoration

Wednesday, Mar 21

- 9:00 am **Parkhill** – Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet &
 Meeuwsen Families: The Estate of Frank J Vander Vloet

All Day Confession

- 9:30m–12noon **Sacred Heart – Parkhill** with Adoration
 2 pm – 5 pm **Immaculate Heart of Mary – Grand Bend** with Adoration
 7 pm – 9 pm **Sacred Heart – Parkhill** with Adoration

Thursday, Mar 22

- 9:00 am **Parkhill** – Helen & Hanlon McDonald: The Family
 9:30-10:30 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Mar 23

- 9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 10:00 am Intention of Paul & Sally Johnson for 50th Wedding
 Anniversary: Mark & Dianne Tucker
- 10.30 am **Grand Bend** – Stations of the Cross
 7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Mar 24

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

Sunday, Mar 25

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

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5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah believed that God was fully aware of sin in human history, and so God had come up with a new strategy for addressing the problem: a new covenant that would make it possible for human beings to be faithful. In this loving plan, a lasting and intimate bond between God and God’s people would be formed when the law was written directly on people’s hearts (minds and wills), and past sins would be forgiven and forgotten.

Although the author of the letter to the Hebrews knows Jesus was Son and sinless, he insists the Son did not go through life without feeling the temptations and sufferings we all do. Faced with his imminent death, Jesus experienced his own agony. Indeed, Jesus could become the source of eternal salvation in large part because he shared our humanity.

Jesus’ death is the moment in which the divine love for human beings – is most powerfully revealed. It is the means by which a new and intimate communion between God and believers, facilitated by God’s Holy Spirit, is inaugurated. Happily, then, we ask for clean hearts and blotted-out transgressions so that our solidarity with Christ can shine forth fully for other’s sake.

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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 Solidarity Sunday when we acknowledge the work of Catholic organizations such as Development and Peace – Caritas Canada and support them in their commitment to build a peaceful and just global community. Dialogue, reconciliation and education are important aspects of “creating a new heaven and a new earth”. (Revelation 21:1).



Sara Michel, Alberta-Mackenzie animator of Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace spoke of her work among the poor in an article in the **Western Catholic Reporter (December 17, 2012)**. She says,

It is our role and responsibility to firmly stand up to destructive cultural, social, economic and political policies and practices such as the exploitation of resources, destroying peoples livelihoods, communities and identities, the exploitation of people through modern day economic slavery and the marginalization and disempowerment of the voiceless and the poor through adverse aid and foreign policies.

It is our role and responsibility to raise awareness of the not so pleasant realities of this world, and at the same time, to celebrate those who are striving to change them.

It is our role and responsibility to deliver these messages unequivocally, out of love for God’s people, and in love towards those people and institutions who through poverty awareness or spirit act unjustly.

New at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary regarding Baptisms!

FAITH FORMATION FOR PARENTS!

Parents are invited to attend a meeting that has been designed to help parents and godparents prepare for their child’s entrance into the sacramental life of the Church. They will explore the profound effects and mission of the Sacrament of Baptism. These meetings will be held four times a year. Parents are encouraged to attend a meeting before their child is Baptised, either before or after their baby is born. The next meeting will be held **May 31** at Sacred Heart Parish hall, 7pm. For more information please contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.

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 18: Fr. Stephen Savel
Mon Mar 19: Sisters of St. Joseph
Tue Mar 20: Ministers to Migrant Workers – Diocese of London
Wed Mar 21: Deacon James Panchaud
Thu Mar 22: Fr. Murray Sample
Fri Mar 23: Deacon Brad Lewis
Sat Mar 24 Sylvain Patry, Coordinator Youth Ministry

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

Priestly Ordinations - The Diocese of London and St. Peter's Seminary announce the ordinations of Rev. Mr. Paul Kim and Rev. Dr. Robert Weaver to the ministerial priesthood. The Sacrament of Holy Orders will be celebrated by Bishop Fabbro on Saturday, **April 28** at 11am at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 196 Dufferin Ave., London. All are welcome to attend. We assure Deacon Paul and Deacon Robert of our support and prayers, as they prepare for ordination.

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.

Wedding Anniversary Mass – Save the Date

The Most Reverend Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B., Bishop of London, invites all married couples to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **June 3** at 3pm at Good Shepherd Parish, Tecumseh. More details will follow at a later date

National Catholic Mission 2018 – The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. will be broadcast during Holy Week on Vision TV and Salt & Light. The mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com . See the bulletin board for broadcast times and other details.

Sara and others like her are striving to create a new heaven and a new earth. This was also the focus of my reflection last Wednesday at our Ministerial Lenten Worship at Sacred Heart. About forty parishioners from the surrounding churches joined us in prayer and a wonderful but simple lunch prepared and served by the members of our Catholic Women's League. Thank you to everyone who participated in this ecumenical gathering and helped collect a total of \$147.50 for the local Food Bank.

The 7 children who are preparing for their First Communion along with their parents gathered last Saturday morning for a retreat. It was a tremendous experience for them and their parents. Many thanks go to Julie de Gouw for organizing the retreat, Michelle Peters and Debbie Godts who gave presentations and our team of ladies who provided and served us lunch. I am grateful for your efforts and we are blessed to have such marvelous members in our community who are willing to serve the needs of our parish community and model such great leadership and discipleship!

In Peace, Fr. Tony

Day of Confessions

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, **March 21**, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent, Day of Confessions, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Sacred Heart	9:30am – 12:00 (noon)
Immaculate Heart of Mary	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Sacred Heart	7:00pm – 9:00pm

Please be generous with your time and sign up to spend an hour in **Adoration** with our Lord. Sign up sheets can be found at the entrance of both churches.

Share Lent 2018 - Solidarity Sunday - We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign *Together for Peace*, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Sacred Heart Youth – March 30th – Invites you to a movie night, in the Parish Hall at 7pm! We will be watching the Passion of Christ and a talk from Jim Caviezel afterwards. Brings lots of blankets and pillows the floor is cold and hard! Invite your friends, all youth high school age and older are welcome!



Edge Youth Ministry – will be meeting for another night of faith, learning and fun on Thursday, **March 22nd**, at 7pm in the parish hall. All youth grades 5-9 are welcome! Parents are welcome to stay for coffee with Fr. Tony upstairs in the meeting room and chat. Come out and check out this exciting ministry! For more information please contact Karen Minten at karenminten@rogers.com.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish – invites everyone to attend a showing of The Passion of the Christ on our new wide screen in the Parish Hall on Good Friday, **March 30th** at 7pm. Refreshments to follow.

2018 Annual Women’s Seminar – You are invited to attend this event on Saturday, **April 7, 2018**, at John Paul II High School. Tickets: \$35 Advance / \$40 at the door. See bulletin board for details.

Lenten Wednesday Worship
Ministerial Series



March 21 – Parkhill United Church
Worship at noon. Light lunch to follow.
Free will offering for Ailsa Craig Food Bank.

Men of Faith Conference, Listowel - All men & young men are being invited to the upcoming **Men of Faith Conference**. Saturday **April 14 2018** at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Listowel. Theme: **Faith Explained**. Come join us for the fellowship and opportunity to grow in your faith. 8:30am - 3:30pm; Includes Hot Lunch of Pulled Pork! \$10/person advance. \$15/person at the door. Register online at www.famfi.ca. For more information, contact Fr. Keith Morrison kmorrison@dol.ca, call toll free 866-559-5210 ext. 4.

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.



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**.

Financial Update

<u>Immaculate Heart of Mary</u>	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
\$11,075.66	Deposits YTD	\$12,760.90
<u>17,078.90</u>	Expenses YTD	<u>15,338.44</u>
(6,003.24)	Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,577.54)
(3,537.23)	Net Change this Month	(3,236.29)

Thank you for your generous support of our two parish communities!