

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Apr 10

10:00am **Grand Bend** - Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Ron Garinther: Bobbie & Jerry Vens  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows Mass

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet and  
Meeuwse Families: The Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

7:30-8:30 pm Adoration with Reconciliation

Wednesday, Apr 11

9:15 am **Parkhill – School Mass**  
Nathaniel McLellan: The Family

Thursday, Apr 12

9:30 am **Chartwell Residence - Parkhill**  
Helen & Hanlon McDonald: The Family

Friday, Apr 13

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
10:00 am Pasing Santa Barbara: Jennifer & Gil Griarte

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Apr 14

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

Sunday, Apr 15

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

*We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offenses becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is imperative, from which we cannot excuse ourselves.*

Pope Francis

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

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**April 8, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

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One cold, grey Argentine morning, amidst rubbish piles, a small, scruffy child bent over a small fire trying to mend the strap on one of his plastic sandals. This is only one of a thousand mental images I have, will always have, of the poverty and brokenness in our world today. Aren't we called to something better?

Thomas felt the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus whom he had followed so eagerly but doubted so quickly. We all need the comfort of knowing we can be forgiven over and over again when we fail to take to heart "his commandments" which we know deep in our hearts "are not burdensome."

Yet still we doubt. We vainly try to tightly hold on to what earthly riches we have knowing full well that material possessions will not bring us closer to our ultimate goal. Simple lessons like the more we give, the more we will receive just do not seem to stick and need to be re-learned over and over again.

The early Christian community recognized the path. "There was not a needy person among them," because they shared their wealth. "It was distributed to each as any had need."

The risen Jesus entered the locked room and said, "Peace be with you." Can we hear his voice today? "This is the victory that conquers the world, our faith."

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT

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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,

Every month our Parish Pastoral Council meets to discuss what is happening in our parishes and how we are meeting the Six Pastoral Goals of the Diocese and our Parish Mission Statement. This past week our Pastoral Council met once again to review Sherry Weddell's book, Forming Intentional Disciples.



This week, we read, *Evangelization isn't about us. It is about Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, seeking the lost sheep through us. When we forget that, we alienate and even lose those whom God has called us to bring to Jesus.*

Indeed, the word, Evangelization, can sometimes scare us because we often think that we need to have all answers about our faith when someone asks us about our church or our Savior, Jesus Christ. It's not about us! Evangelization begins by building a relationship with those who have been lost; who have been away from the church. It begins by simply building a trust with those who inquiry about our faith.

*But trust cannot be built if (we) the evangelizers regard the unevangelized with fear and disdain.* We need to be welcoming and not see the unevangelized as a threat. (Excuse me, but you're sitting in my seat.) Rather, it is an opportunity to bring others to the faith. Sometimes evangelization is simply being a bridge to others or pointing them in the direction of Jesus, much like John the Baptist pointed the way to Jesus! (He knew it wasn't about him). Like each of the disciples, Jesus will equip us with the tools we need to bring others to the faith. Remember, *You may be the bridge that one day will lead others to a life-changing encounter with Christ.*

## **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](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.

**Employment Opportunity** - St. Philip, Petrolia, is seeking a part time, contract secretary and bookkeeper to cover a maternity leave. These two positions could be combined if the applicant has the qualifications. Details are available at <https://dol.ca/employment>

**Cluster Parish Mission** of St. Christopher's and Our Lady Help of Christians with Fr. Denis Grecco. Theme: "Where your heart is, there will be your treasurer!" **April 15, 16, 17** – Sunday, Monday, Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford. Everyone is welcomed to come hear this inspiring speaker.

### **Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



Sun Apr 08: Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus  
Mon Apr 09: Most Rev. Donald Theriault  
Tue Apr 10: Deacon Joseph Ryu  
Wed Apr 11: Fr. Leo Walsh, C.S.B.  
Thu Apr 12: Fr. Leonard Desjardins  
Fri Apr 13: Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minister  
Sat Apr 14: Deacon Andrew Alway

**Congratulations** to Lorraine Dixon on completing her Cursillo Weekend and to Bernice Cadman for acting as her sponsor! Congratulations and thanks to Danielle Lima, part of the team for the Cursillo weekend!

Mark your calendars now for next year! **Men's weekend March 14-17, 2019, Women's Weekend March 21-24, 2019.** Both weekends are held at the Michaelite House, London. Contact Danielle Lima for more information at [daniellelima77@gmail.com](mailto:daniellelima77@gmail.com).

**Centurion Gold Calendar** - The HCC School Parent Council is excited to once again sponsor a major fundraiser to support the students and staff of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. The Centurion Gold Calendar, with total prizes of approx. \$12,500 (daily prizes ranging from \$250 to \$750 value) will run during May. Every calendar sold has 35 chances to win! Limited quantities are available, only \$20 each, available until sold out or April 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mary Mueller at 519-294-0997 or [m.mueller@bell.net](mailto:m.mueller@bell.net) for more information or to buy a calendar. For sale at HCC school office and after masses at Sacred Heart on April 7/8 and 14/15.

**Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study Program** – the Diocese of London Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program will invite inquiries from men considering a call to the permanent diaconate. For more information please visit: <http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Your-Vocation/Permanent-Diaconate/24>

**Inquiry Sessions:**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:30-10:00pm  
Holy Angels Parish – 502 Talbot St., St. Thomas  
Sunday, May 6, 2018 1:30-4:00pm  
St. John Vianney Parish – 385 Dieppe St., Windsor  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 7:30-10:00pm  
St. Agnes Parish – 52 Croydon Dr., Chatham  
Sunday, May 27, 2018 1:30-4:00pm  
St. George Parish – 1164 Commissioners Rd. W., London

This weekend, we acknowledge our young children who had a life-changing encounter with Christ through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. **We congratulate Julia Leyten, Logan Van Hooydonk, Noelle Laporte and Vanessa Peters, who all celebrated their First Communion.** May this encounter with Jesus be the first of many encounters as they continue to grow in faith through the support of their parents, their family and our parish community.

Since spring has finally arrived, we soon will be moving our Saturday evening Mass to 5pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will begin our Saturday evening Masses on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us!

In the peace and joy of Christ's Resurrection,

Fr. Tony

**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.

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Dinner  
for London and Surrounding Communities**

This event will be held **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**, at the London Convention Centre. Individual tickets are \$125 or \$1000 for a parish table of ten. For tickets contact Mrs. Frances Barnard at 519-432-1824 extension 255 or at [bishopsdinner@dol.ca](mailto:bishopsdinner@dol.ca). Anyone interested in being part of a table of ten, please contact Julie de Gouw at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca). See posters at entrance of the church.

**North Middlesex Canada Day Brunch** - **Sunday April 15, 2018**, 9 am - 12 noon at Parkhill Community Centre, 225 McLeod St., Parkhill. All you can eat - eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, hash browns, fruit cocktail, maple syrup and drinks. Adults \$10, Children 5-10 \$5 and Under 5 Free. Monies raised pay for your Canada Day fireworks.



**Edge Youth Ministry** – EDGE Night in April: Come out and join us in April for another evening of EDGE! Open to youth in grades 5-9! Games, food and fun, combined with learning about our faith! Our next meeting is **April 18th** from 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall. For this Easter Season our theme will be “Defeated: An EDGE Night on Jesus’ Passion and Death.” As always, parents are welcome to stay and have a coffee with Father Tony and Julie upstairs. Parents or guardians dropping off your kids, please accompany them down to the hall to sign them in, and come down to pick them up at 8:30 to sign them out! Please contact Karen Minten for more information at [karenminten@rogers.com](mailto:karenminten@rogers.com)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Perhaps you know a person who is struggling with a health issue, has suffered a loss or needs to know that someone cares about them. There are **Prayer Shawls** displayed on the Quilt rack and on the table at the entrance of the church. **Pocket Prayer Shawls** and **Prayer Bears** are in a basket on the small table. Prayers are offered as each article is created. Please feel free to take one of the items.

There is no cost. We only ask that you write in the book provided: the article you take, to whom it is given (relative, friend) and sign your name.

The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry prayerfully make items for anyone who needs to feel warmth, comfort and a hug from God. If you have any questions, you may contact: Joan Brewer 519-238-5567 or Maureen Garinther 519-238-2759

**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](http://www.famfi.ca). For more information, contact Fr. Keith Morrison [kmorrison@dol.ca](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. There is still room for 4 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.

**Community Creative Cooks** – A hands-on exploration in cooking, using healthy, economical, locally produced items as well as items typically found in the Food Bank Hamper. This is free – no cost event. Held Friday, **April 27, 2018**, 10:00am – 3pm at the Parkhill Community Centre Kitchen Facility, 224 McLeod St, Parkhill. The number of participants is limited. To register for this event or more information call the Ailsa Craig and Area Food Bank at 519-293-3637. See poster at the entrance of the church for more details.



**Sacred Heart Youth Group** – **April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Come on out to the parish hall from 7-10pm and join us for a great time building our faith together! And don’t forget to invite your friends and bring a smile! Everyone high school age and older are welcome!

The Sacred Heart Youth Group would like to thank all those involved in the St. Josephs’ Hockey Tournament on March 24th. Seven teams with over 100 youth from across the Diocese participated. We’d like to thank the numerous volunteers who helped, and parents who came out to cheer their youth on. Special thanks to Father Tony for being available to hear confessions in the vicinity of the penalty boxes.