

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Apr 24

Grand Bend - NO MASS

- 7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Intention of Andy & Marianne Roelands
(Wedding Anniversary): The Children
7:30-8:30 pm Adoration & Confessions

Wednesday, Apr 25

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

Thursday, Apr 26

- 10:00 am **Parkhill** – Our Lady of Good Counsel: SH CWL

Friday, Apr 27

- 9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Confessions
10:00 am Rosemary Slater: Helen Molloy

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Apr 28

- 11:00 am **Parkhill** – **Memorial Service** – Hilliard Robinson
3:00 pm **Grand Bend - Wedding** – Mark Pedlar and Robyn Skinner
5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Apr 29

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

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April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings are especially poignant to the western world. North America culture is over-saturated with marketing. Advertisers promote the message that if we buy their products, we will be complete. Most of us have experienced the disappointment of a newly purchased item falling short of our expectations.

Today's readings especially the Gospel, contrast God's true love with worldly promises of love that fade. Jesus uses the analogy of the Good Shepherd and compares his authentic concern for the flock with that of the hired help who only care about their pay cheque. They flee the scene at the first sign of danger, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. This message is also present in the other readings. In the first reading, from Acts, Peter states that "there is salvation in no one else." To put our faith in others, whether they be advertisers or celebrities, will lead to disappointment. In Psalm 118, the psalmist praises God who has protected him when all else failed.

God promises us a greater love that we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love.

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*To live as true children of God means to love our neighbor
and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.*

Pope Francis

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,

On Thursday, we read from **Acts 8:26-40**, when Philip was led by the Holy Spirit to guide and assist the Ethiopian official as he was reading the Sacred Scriptures. Philip leads with a question and the Ethiopian official responds with a question and soon a conversation has been begun.



The following is an excerpt from the Word Among Us. *Sharing our faith can feel intimidating, but it doesn't have to beLike Philip, we can care, ask and listen.*

***First, care:** Philip was ready to go wherever God led him to share the good news of Jesus. You may not receive visions directing you as Philip did, but the Spirit can help you notice the people God sends into your path. He can help you care about them and find the time to make contact with them. Even if it's just by smiling and looking them in the eye, you are telling them that they matter to you. And that can make a world of difference.*

***Next, ask:** Just ask a question. Many people live isolated lives. They may be delighted when you take an interest in them, their family, their concerns. You can find out what is going on in their heart. Remember, you're not the only one who likes to talk about himself; everyone does!*

***Finally, listen:** Don't try to convince; just try to connect. Listen to what they have to say. Your job isn't to persuade them; it's to walk beside them on the way to their own encounter with Jesus. Many lasting relationships—and conversions—have begun over friendly conversations about God.*

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 31st** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7pm. Other meeting dates in 2018 are August 30th and November 29th. For more information please contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.

Foundations in Parish Nursing - Are you a registered nurse who would like to integrate your spirituality with your nursing practice and also learn more about the exciting field of parish nursing? Join us from **July 8-14, 2018** at Brescia University College, London. For more information visit <http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21> or contact Catherine Leach at cleach4@uwo.ca or 519-432-1824 ext. 281, toll-free at 1-888-548-9649 ext. 281.

Employment Opportunity - CCLC, the Catholic Christian Leadership Camp of the Diocese of London, is seeking one Assistant Camp Coordinator and four Camp Team Leaders. Details are available at www.dol.ca/employment

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Apr 22: Deacon Leonard Hughes
Mon Apr 23: Fr. David Furlonger, C.Ss.R.
Tue Apr 24: Fr. David Butler
Wed Apr 25: Fr. Zvonimir Kutlesa, O.F.M.
Thu Apr 26: Fr. Matthew Kucharski
Fri Apr 27: Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky
Sat Apr 28: Fr. Bogdan Molenda, S.Chr.

Summer Schedule Reminder – The last Saturday evening 7:00pm mass at Sacred Heart Church was **Saturday, April 22nd**. On **April 28th** Immaculate Heart of Mary will begin the **5pm** Saturday evening summer mass schedule which will run through Thanksgiving Weekend. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church has a 7pm Saturday evening mass for those who are unable to attend the 5pm Saturday evening mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Sunday mass times at both Sacred Heart (9am) and Immaculate Heart of Mary (11am) will remain unchanged.



“Hush” Documentary Film - You are invited to view the documentary film, “Hush”. It is informative, educational, and , thought-provoking. This film takes an honest, scientific look at the long-term effects of abortions on women’s health; it’s connection to breast cancer, premature future births and psychological problems. COME OUT AND BE INFORMED! “Hush” will be shown at St. Boniface Church, Zurich (22 Mary Street) on Thursday, **May 3, 2018** at 7pm. This evening is open to all who wish to attend.

10th 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 . Anyone interested in being part of a table of ten, please contact Julie de Gouw at jdegouw@dol.ca See posters at entrance of the church.

Summer Theatre - ACT NOW!! Everyone is welcome to see “WEST SIDE STORY” at 2pm Thursday, **June 7th** at the Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend. Tickets are \$40.00 each, available from Joanne 519-238-5927 or bjberk@hay.net (Please make your own arrangements for lunch or supper www.grandbend.com/dining.html) Ticket payment by cheque, payable to *Joanne Vandenberg* accepted only until **April 30th**.

Talking about God doesn’t have to be complicated. Start small: care, ask and listen. As he did with Philip, the Holy Spirit will give you opportunity to share your faith—at just the right time.

Let us seek the courage from the Holy Spirit to begin these conversations; to be intentional disciples and bring the Good News to all who seek God’s mercy and unconditional love.

The Rebuilt Conference I attended last week in Maryland was an awesome experience and I hope to share it with you in the next few weeks as I continue to decipher all my notes. Thank you for your prayers.

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.

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada – On **April 26th, 10am** at Sacred Heart Church there will be Mass with the intention being for Our Lady of Good Counsel. A coffee social and sharing time will follow this Mass. All Catholic Women's League members are invited, as well as all women in our parishes and especially our Sisters in the League from Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sacred Heart Youth Group – **April 27th – Spring Dance** - We're



having our 3rd Annual Spring Dance! Come with a spring in your step and get ready to chase your winter blues away! Feel the sun on your face and get into the swing of this spring! We might not feel like spring chickens after a winter like that but we're ready to hop into spring! This will be one spring fling you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$7, casual clothes, drinks and snacks will be provided. Contact Veronica Roelands if you want a ticket or need directions @ veronica.roelands_4@hotmail.ca or (519) 294-0663. All youth high school age and older are welcome! Invite your friends!

World Day of Prayer For Vocations will be celebrated in our parishes on Sunday **April 29**. Join the Knights of Columbus to pray the Rosary for Vocations 30 minutes before all Sunday Masses. The Vocations Committee will be distributing a "Prayer for Vocations" prayer card, and a "Rosary for Vocations" brochure. Please accept these gifts to use as you pray for vocations!

Priest Appreciation Sunday - Join us after the 11am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, **April 29**, for a Pot Luck lunch in the Fr. Beck Auditorium to celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and our own Pastor's Ordination Anniversary! Our parishes have been blessed with wonderful vocations! Let us remember to keep praying not only for additional vocations but to offer support for those who have answered the call thus far! Lunch Group "C" is in charge. For more information contact Julie at jdegouw@dol.ca or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafes, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

First up there's ...Food

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at alpha. Most sessions start with food because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

Then a... Talk

Talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long and delivered over about 8 weeks, they can be given as a live talk or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from *Who is Jesus?* and *How can we have faith?* To *Why and how do I pray?* and *How does God guide us?*

Followed by ... Discussion

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Where and When ...

All Saints Parish Hall in Strathroy: Thursdays...**April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** from 6pm – 8:30pm starting with a Potluck (Bring Food!) with the session beginning at 6:45 (if you can't make it for the potluck). Hope to see you there!

SH CWL - *CHANGE OF DATE*****

Mother/daughter banquet has been changed from April 26th
TO: Thursday May 24th – watch bulletin for more info. ☺