

## Mass Schedule

**No Masses**  
**Fr. Tony on Retreat**

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday, May 12

4-4:45 pm **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 13

9:00 am **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

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

*Communicating means sharing, and sharing demands  
listening and acceptance.*

Pope Francis

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

Sun May 06: Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

Mon May 07: Fr. Gary Ducharme

Tue May 08: Fr. James Mockler

Wed May 09: Fr. Gerry Campeau

Thu May 10: Fr. Terrence McNamara

Fri May 11: Brothers of St. Louis

Sat May 12: Fr. Richard Janisse



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**May 6, 2018**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples and us his friends. Friendship is a valuable gift. It requires generosity, honesty and mutual love. A true friend understands us even when we remain silent and accepts us as we are. Jesus' self-giving love for us, his friends, forms the model for the love we are to have for one another.

Jesus has no secrets with his disciples. He opens his heart to them, revealing to them the knowledge the Father has given him and his love for each of them. He demonstrates his profound love and that of his Father by laying down his life for us, suffering and dying on the cross for our salvation. His love has no limits, embracing everyone and giving everything. Jesus invites us to enter into his love and to express this love in our daily lives. This challenging love consists in making sacrifices and reaching out to others freely. It involves loving to the end, with Jesus' same compassion and selflessness. Only if we love one another as he has loved us can we be his true friends.

Jesus offers us his love and friendship, a relationship that will transform our lives and give us true joy. Let us accept his offer today by having faith in him and sharing his merciful love with others.

Nada Mazzei, Toronto, 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,

In his exhortation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*,  
(March 1992), John Paul II wrote, *Today, in particular, the pressing pastoral task of the new evangelization calls for the involvement of the entire People of God, and requires a new fervor, new methods and a new expression for the announcing and witnessing of the Gospel. This task demand priests who are deeply and fully immersed in the mystery of Christ and capable of embodying a new style of pastoral life, marked by a profound communion with the pope, the bishops and other priests, and a fruitful cooperation with the lay faithful, always respecting and fostering different roles, charisms and ministries present within the ecclesial community.*



With these words in mind, a Catholic pastor and his lay associate began the work of evangelization by first changing the culture of the parish they were leading in Timonium, Maryland. Their efforts led to the book, **Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Matter.** It was two weeks ago that I and three other pastors from our diocese attended this Rebuilt Conference. Here are a few highlights from this conference.

The Rebuilt Conference was held at Nativity Church in Timonium, Maryland with over 1 000 participants from across the world. We were inspired by guest speakers such as, Jeff Cavins, Craig Groeschel, Fr. Michael White (Pastor) and Tom Corcoran. I also attended numerous breakout sessions which included topics such as Sacramental Prep for Kids, Creating Small Faith Groups, Stewardship, Volunteers for Ministry, Leadership and Challenging Church People. Through these sessions, I learned much and was surprisingly affirmed by the work we have already done in Creating Small Faith Groups through the Why Catholic Program and the Sacramental Prep for Kids in our parishes.

26 April 2018

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Early in the Gospel of Mark we read:

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves (6:30-32).

The life and ministry of a priest in our times is one filled with numerous satisfactions and untold blessings, but it is also one that includes many demands and challenges: how to proclaim the gospel in a society often closed to its message; how to provide pastoral care in an increasingly complex world; and how to adapt to the new realities of ministry in parishes that are changing. To meet these difficult situations and circumstances with wisdom and serenity requires not only personal skills and abilities, but, first and foremost, it necessitates that every priest be grounded in prayer in order to sustain and nourish his relationship to the Lord Jesus, who has designated him a shepherd of his people. In order to do so, priests, like the apostles in the gospel, need to "come away" for a while to be renewed in heart, mind and spirit.

It has been my long-held hope that the priests of our diocese might be able to "come away" together as a body for a time of silence, prayer and reflection. Now after much planning, my hope will be realized as all our priests will join together in a common retreat in two groups during the month of May.

Having chosen to disconnect from their pastoral responsibilities for a few days to purposely draw near to the Lord and each other, they need the prayerful support of the people of the diocese. *Therefore, I am inviting you to pray and offer sacrifices throughout the entire month of May for the priests of this diocese.* As individuals, as families and as communities, pray for your pastors, your associate pastors, your priest-chaplains and all of the priests who have touched your life over the years. Pray that they may be faithful and constant in carrying out the mission of Christ and that they may be reinvigorated and strengthened to serve in imitation of the one who came to serve and not be served and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.

Bishop of London

**Wedding Anniversary Mass** - The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 3pm at Good Shepherd Parish, Tecumseh. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please visit [www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary](http://www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary), or phone your parish office.

**Pilgrimage** - Join Father Thom Blondin on an Italy & Holy Land Pilgrimage, October 14 to 28, 2018. Presentation/Question & Answer Session at All Saints Church, 124 Front St E., Strathroy, Sunday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** following the 11:30am Mass!

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec** - Mon., Aug. 06 - Fri., Aug. 10, 2018. We will visit Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Ste.-Anne-de-Baupré, & St. Joseph's Oratory, plus....

**Spiritual Advisor: To be announced**

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**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.

Prayer Shawls are available at **Immaculate Heart of Mary** as well as **Sacred Heart!** 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

If you would like hear more about Rebuilt or would like to be a part of our Parish Leadership Team, please contact me or Julie for more information.

Please remember in your prayers Marie Srokosz and her family. Her husband, Charlie died this week. His funeral will be celebrated on **Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** at Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Time to be determined)

This week, I and many priests from our diocese will be on retreat from Monday to Friday. Please see Bishop Fabbro's letter in this bulletin and keep us in your prayers this week. If you are in need of a priest during my absence, please contact Fr. Matthew George in Zurich or Fr. Len Desjardins in Mount Carmel.

Please also remember in your prayers those who will be welcomed in the church on **Pentecost, Sunday (May 20<sup>th</sup>)**, Bianca and her children, Melissa, Vanessa and Brendan, Isabelle and Hannah Beierling and Robert Quaid. They and their sponsors will be on retreat **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

In the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

Fr. Tony

### **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:**

Sunday, May 6, 2018 1:30-4:00pm

St. John Vianney Parish – 385 Dieppe St., Windsor

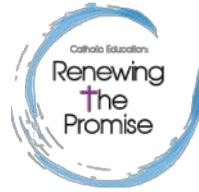
Wednesday, May 16, 2018 7:30-10:00pm

St. Agnes Parish – 52 Croydon Dr., Chatham

Sunday, May 27, 2018 1:30-4:00pm

St. George Parish – 1164 Commissioners Rd. W., London

**Catholic Education Week** - Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on **Sunday, May 6**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.



This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Renewing the Promise*," and it combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

We invite you to learn more about our HPC Mission project the St. Andre Bessette Trust Fund. The fund's mission is keeping with the mission of Jesus Christ, whose primary concern was for those who may find themselves in need. The Fund supports those in our Catholic schools whose learning and well-being would be enhanced by the benefits it would provide. As we recognize that sometimes existing resources do not always fulfill each and every individual need. The St. André Bessette Trust Fund has been established to help students' families whose needs are beyond what organizations can offer. For more information or to make a donation please visit: <http://www.huronperthcatholic.ca/Pages/Catholic%20Education/St--Andre-Bessette-Trust-Fund.aspx>

**The Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** is on Friday, **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. This celebration promises to be an awesome family event! If you love to party and enjoy working with others, we can use your help to organize this special celebration! To offer your help, please contact [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.



**Sacred Heart Youth Group Meeting** – **May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Come on out to the Sacred Heart Parish Hall and join us for a great time building our faith together! Don't forget to invite your friends and bring a smile! Everyone high school age and older are welcome!

**Sacred Heart CWL** – The next general meeting will be **May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in the parish meeting room. Come join us.



**Office Closed** – The office will close on **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** and will **re-open at 9am on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bulletin Announcements** – Since there will be a couple of short weeks, please have all bulletin announcements in by noon on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9am on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for publication in the respective weekend bulletin.

**Mother's Day Brunch** – The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** following the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart. This event will be held in the parish hall and everyone is welcome to attend.



**EDGE Night** - Come out and join us in May 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 **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall. The theme this time will be "Triumphant: An EDGE Night on Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension." 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 youth 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)

**Employment Opportunity** - Sacred Heart Catholic School is currently looking to hire **adult noon hour supervisors**. We are looking for individuals who would be available to work on an on-call basis for one hour per day (11:50-12:50pm) supervising students while they eat their lunch and play outside, have the ability to supervise a large number of students of elementary school age, have experience in caring for the general needs of children, have the ability to work outdoors in varying weather and temperatures depending on the season. This is a paid position with the London District Catholic School Board. If you are interested, please contact the school at 519-660-2776 or [hepofficeadmin@ldcsb.ca](mailto:hepofficeadmin@ldcsb.ca).