

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 15	
10:00 am	<b>Grand Bend</b> - Rosary starts at 9:30am Intention of Fr. Tony Laforet: Luke & Jean Mommersteeg Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass
7:00 pm	<b>Parkhill</b> – Gerry Vandersanden: Pete & Anne Roelands
7:30-8:30 pm	Adoration with Reconciliation
Wednesday, May 16	
9:15 am	<b>Parkhill – Mass celebrated with the School</b> Deceased Members of the VanderVloet and Meeuwssen Families: The Estate of Frank J. VanderVloet
Thursday, May 17	
9:00 am	<b>Parkhill</b> – Hanlon & Helen McDonald: The Family
9:30-10:30 am	Adoration with Reconciliation
Friday, May 18	
9:30 am	<b>Grand Bend</b> – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am	Ron Garinther: Andy & Cathy Vrolyk
<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>	
Saturday, May 19	
4-4:45 pm	<b>Grand Bend</b> – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm	<b>Grand Bend</b> - Intention of Our Parishioners
Sunday, May 20	
9:00 am	<b>Parkhill</b> - Intention of Our Parishioners
11:00 am	<b>Grand Bend</b> - Intention of Our Parishioners

*Mercy always pierces evil in order to transform it. It is the mystery of God our Father: he sends his Son who pierced into what was evil, he took on sin in order to transform evil. This is his mercy.*

Pope Francis

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

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**May 13, 2018**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

On this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the Church pays special attention to communication in our world, and encourages us to spread the good news of God’s saving grace, revealed in Jesus and made present through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The accounts of the ascension in both Acts and Mark entrust us, as Jesus himself entrusted the eleven, to share the good news. The sacraments equip us wonderfully for the task of witnessing to the “whole of creation.” In Baptism, we became light to the world. In Confirmation, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit that empower us to be the Christ-bearers of unity. And through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are nourished and strengthened for our mission.

Communicating the good news is a work in progress. There has never been a time in history when people did not need the news of salvation. When much of the communication around us tears down rather than builds up, we have the opportunity to build bridges through our encounters with others.

Jesus is the benchmark for all of our communications. Following his example, may our lives communicate God’s love and mercy and be a sign of hope to the world.

Louise McEwan, Trail, BC

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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***

Julie's Jottings,

As many of you know, I am about to complete my first year of studies in the "Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Formation Program" otherwise known as the CPM program, for short. Many thanks for the prayers and support offered during this learning period of my life! Perhaps you are interested in knowing what it is I have been learning and how the certificate program works?

The day begins nice and early with a drive to St. Peter's Seminary! One Saturday a month, from 9 am in the morning until 8 pm at night, we are privileged to listen to professors from St. Peter's Seminary and Kings College University, lecture us on the subject matter for the day. I learn by writing things down, so needless to say, I take a lot of notes! Some of my classmates actually record the audio of the day's lectures to review at a later date. So far, we have studied, Diakonia; What Does it Mean to Serve, Mystery of God, Spirituality and Discernment, Mystery of Christ, Mystery of the Church, Introduction to Scripture, Principles of Liturgy, and Social Justice. Next month we will study principles of Moral Theology. Each session requires a pre-read, usually a book and some articles related to the topic to be discussed. After each session, we are to submit a three page paper outlining not only what we learned, but how we will apply what we learned to our ministries and everyday lives, what spoke to us or touched us, and how the material and the day enabled us to grow personally in faith and spirituality. The evening sessions are what I describe as, more practical and hands on learning. For example, before Easter, we delved into the Triduum and examined in depth Holy Week liturgies.

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To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, Ascension Sunday, we listen to the passage in the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus commissions his disciples: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). After he ascends to the Father, his disciples "went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it" (Mk 16:20). Next week is Pentecost Sunday. The whole Church will join in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we, like the early disciples, will be turned into bold and courageous heralds of God's wondrous deeds.

Four years ago, I established a task force to look into the Future of Pastoral Care in the Faith Communities of the Diocese of London. It proposed a 'Family of Parishes' model. The excellent work done by the task force will help our parishes to be vibrant and active in the Church's mission of evangelization – the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus.

Now that the task force has completed its mandate, I have established a diocesan commission to build on the work that has already been done. The commission will oversee the implementation and development of Families of Parishes that are oriented on our mission of evangelization. It will assist parishes in the realization of the goals of the 'Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of London'. It will help us especially: to enter into a close, personal relationship with Jesus and become intentional disciples (Goal #1), to minister with justice and compassion to the wounded and marginalized (Goal #3), to have vibrant liturgies in our parishes (Goal #4) and to promote continuing formation of pastoral leadership – priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers (Goal #5).

The commission will use the different media to communicate, so that we can be more effective in our mission of evangelization. In the weeks ahead, there will be a series of bulletin inserts that will explain the different aspects of this mission.

Our most important task is the commitment of each of us to prayer. I urge you to join together in prayer that we the baptized – you and I – support one another in growing closer to Jesus. Today, as we celebrate the Lord's ascension, I invite you to reflect on Jesus' commission to the first disciples. It is our mission. May we, through our words and deeds, go out and proclaim the Gospel with boldness and courage, inviting others to experience the joy of meeting Jesus. We implore the help of our diocesan Patron, our Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception, and ask God to bring to completion the good work he has begun in us (cf. Phil 1:6).

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.

**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-Beaupré, & St. Joseph's Oratory, plus....

**Spiritual Advisor: To be announced**

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### **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.

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

Sun May 13: Deacon Richard Walter  
Mon May 14: Deacon Jerome (Jerry) Lozon  
Tue May 15: Sr. Elizabeth Mruzek, Pastoral Minister  
Wed May 16: Fr. Raymond Lawhead  
Thu May 17: Sue Hofgartner, Pastoral Minister  
Fri May 18: Fr. Thomas Kuriacko, C.S.T.  
Sat May 19: Fr. William Thompson, O.M.I.



Twice a year, we have “Super Saturday” an extra day of formation for CPM’s with Cathryn Hall, Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry, to study specific sacraments.

Other classmates consist of the men enrolled in the first year of the Permanent Diaconate Program, and their wives. Class discussions are awesome! So many different backgrounds, so many ideas to share, never a dull moment!

Throughout the day, there is time for morning Mass, Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours), breaks and meals where all those studying in the CPM and Diaconate, from all years of the programs, come together. Sometimes the Seminarians and resident Priests join us too! The day goes by so quickly! Yes, there is lots of reading and lots of homework which at times, can be challenging to keep up with, but the benefits far outweigh the work load! One Year done (almost), two more to go! Can't wait!!!

Peace & prayers

Julie



**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, 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

**Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church!** How appropriate that we receive new members into the Catholic Faith this weekend on the Birthday of the Church! Please join us after Sunday morning Masses, on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** at Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary for a time of celebration and welcome! All are invited 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)

**Sacred Heart Youth Group Meeting & Bonfire** -

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Hey it's the long weekend! Come join us in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 7-10pm for our regular Youth Group Night. Don't forget to bring your friends because we're having a bonfire afterwards to celebrate the long weekend! After the meeting we will carpool over to the Vander Vloets. Please bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided. If you need directions or more info feel free to contact Mary-Beth Vander Vloet at [betty\\_v\\_vloet@hotmail.com](mailto:betty_v_vloet@hotmail.com) or (519) 294-6468.



**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<sup>st</sup>** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7pm. Other meeting dates in 2018 are August 30<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Julie at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.



**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** – Please have all bulletin announcements in by 9am on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for publication in the bulletin on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

**\*\*Coming - Thursday, May 24th\*\***

**Mother/daughter (sister, niece, friend) BANQUET ☺**

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Mark it on your calendars!!! Come out for a Potluck supper followed with fun-filled games. (Supper at 6pm)

**Crowning of Mary at Sacred Heart School** - The Rosary Apostolate would like to invite the parish community to attend this activity on Wednesday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** at 1:10pm in the school gym.

**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.