

Mass Schedule

Tuesday,

Wednesday,

NO MASSES

Thursday,

Fr. Tony away at conference.

Friday, Jun 15

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 am Barry Strong: Cathy & Andy Vrolyk
Immo Mohamed: Maureen Garinther

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Jun 16

4-4:45pm **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm **Grand Bend** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Jun 17

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

We would do well to let our encounter with the Lord's tenderness enkindle joy in our hearts: a joy greater than sadness, a joy that even withstands pain and in turn becomes peace. All of this renews our life, makes us free and open to surprises, ready and available for the Lord and for others.

Pope Francis

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June 10, 2018

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are about faith and hope, virtues that are much needed in a world where people suffer the 'demons' of poverty, racial inequality, fear of strangers, or fear of anyone who is different from what is accepted as 'normal.' When our safety and security are threatened, we try to hold on desperately to what we have and what we know.

Jesus gave freedom to those oppressed by demons because he was rooted in the love of God. The Pharisees, being rooted in the letter of the law, were not able to bring freedom to those who were suffering. They sought safety in the law: it was familiar and tried. Jesus stepped outside those boundaries and turned to the indulgent love of God to free the suffering.

We, like the Pharisees, are sometimes trapped by our fears and, not being rooted in the love of God, cannot think and act as Jesus did. In order to ask critical questions about why injustice exists, or to step outside of our comfort zone to try something different to alleviate suffering, we must be rooted in God.

In today's Eucharist, let us pray for grace to be rooted in God so that we, like Jesus, can confront evil and bring freedom to those who suffer.

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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 Scripture, Jesus, our Saviour, always entered the lives of many individuals who were looking for hope and a sense of belonging within the community. Having welcomed new members into our parish communities at Pentecost, I invited one of our newest members to share her story with us.

The story of a passionate Catholic convert, wife, and mother:

I was born into an Orthodox family, but we didn't go to church much, except on Christmas and Easter, if that. Despite this lack of significant church involvement, I always believed in God. I have always felt that God is the source of all that we call "good" explaining why people throughout time from all areas of the world have had an innate sense of "light and dark" or "good and bad". So I kept myself busy with the many distractions easily found in any adult's life, telling myself that if I do the right thing I will one day go to heaven.

I really do marvel at God. He had to do some tricky stuff to get me to pay attention. When I look back at how my journey to Catholicism began it brings me so much joy. About three years ago I signed up my girls for skating lessons. Through that process I met a lady who was also teaching piano lessons. Thus, I decided to sign my girls up for piano lessons and this is how I first stumbled on Sacred Heart Church, as this was the location of her lessons.

Sometime in September, 2016, following the piano lessons, my children and I entered Sacred Heart Church. This was the first time our children entered a church. We were greeted by Fr. Tony Laforet and Julie de Gouw. Our experience while at the church was incredible. I have never felt more valued, appreciated and accepted by



Sacred Heart Youth Group
Meeting Cancelled – June 17th!

Area Food Banks

Just a reminder, as we celebrate and enjoy the summer with family and friends, please keep in mind the less fortunate in our area. We are now collecting food throughout the year. It can be placed in the box/basket at the back of the church at any time. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!



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** at Brescia University College, London, please register by May 31 at the latest. For more information visit 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. Please pray for this important ministry

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



- Sun Jun 10: Deacon Carol Tamas
- Mon Jun 11: Deacon Guy Alden
- Tue Jun 12: Fr. John (Jack) Devine (deceased)
- Wed Jun 13: Fr. Dariusz Jagodzinski
- Thu Jun 14: Fr. Greg Blonde
- Fri Jun 15: Jim Cookson, Pastoral Minister
- Sat Jun 16: Fr. John Peter Dunstan, C.R.

CCLC Summer Camps – Cooks? - Preparations for our summer camps are in progress and we have decided to try something new this year for our kitchen staff. We would like to invite individuals and groups to come and volunteer for a day in the kitchen cooking for the campers and staff, with support from our staff and me personally.

We will welcome individuals and/or small groups for each day of camp and as a thank you we will offer a \$100 camp gift certificate toward camper fees for each day of coverage (at least 3 people). This means that you can help support a camper by filling their belly with good food and offering them some financial aid for their week at camp.

Please see poster at entrance of the church for details and camp dates. If you or someone you know is interested in donating some of their time please contact Kriss Pedro at cclc@dol.ca or Claire Bondy at cbondy@dol.ca.

Save the Date! Celebrate the Klondyke Marsh! - In 1947, Gerard VandenBussche bought 1200 acres of marshland south of Grand Bend, from the Canada Company. Over the next several years he had the bog cleared and drained, then started to sell parcels of land to families from the Netherlands and Belgium, eager to begin farming in their adopted country of Canada. On Sunday, **July 22, 2018**, 2-4pm, at the Alhambra Hall on Klondyke Road, south of Grand Bend, the descendants of those first farming families will honour their history with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and book. The book will be available for \$10 per copy while supplies last. Join us, as we celebrate the families of the Klondyke! Pre-order your copies before June 30, by contacting one of the committee members:

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44th 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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any church in my entire life. I provided Fr. Tony with a quick snapshot of our lives, my desire to convert, and verbalized to him that both my husband and I intended to baptize our children Catholic.

Orthodox baptism includes the reception of the Eucharist and Confirmation. In order for me to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, I began studying along with my children, by attending RCIA classes in the fall of 2017 at *Sacred Heart Church*. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I realized that something important was going on in there, and I knew that I wanted to participate. It was definitely a supernatural desire, something I cannot account for on my own. Here I was longing for Jesus in the Eucharist.

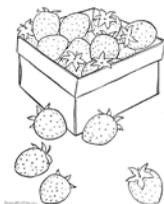
I also began attending every Sunday mass I could and remember feeling guilty for the Sunday's I could not attend. I had so many, what I call, "aha moments" throughout this journey. One "aha moment" that is vivid in my memory was during a Mass where Fr. Tony spoke about forgiveness and so it happened that at the time I was struggling in my life and hearing him talk about forgiveness was like God was talking through him, like God was sending me a message to forgive so I can move on.

I made my Profession of Faith at Sacred Heart on Pentecost, on May 20, 2018. On this amazing day we also baptized our three children. I was surrounded by the people I love, such as my family and friends, my sponsor, *Julie de Gouw*, who had prayed for my conversion since the day I met her. I became fully united to the Church that Jesus Himself established 2,000 years ago. You can't get more connected to the early Church than that and facing the congregation, tears in my eyes, I just knew that I was finally home. In that moment I realized that my need for Jesus is not a one-time event, whether that is through a prayer or the reception of a sacrament but it continues on a daily basis throughout the rest of our lives. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support. I am certain that if I continue my relationship with God I will most certainly sit by His side one day in His Kingdom.

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SAVE THE DATE... Wednesday, **June 20th** for the 19th Annual HAM & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL, 5:30pm in the Auditorium at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League. Tickets are \$15.00 each, available for sale at weekend Masses. Everyone is welcome! Contact Joanne Vandenberg 519-238-5927



Thank You – To all the parishioners who so generously donated in any way to the Canadian Food For Children project this year. The truck was fully loaded and this collection was a wonderful success!



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. This ministry is on holidays for the summer months and will resume meeting again in the fall.

Priest Pension Collection - This year's Priest Pension collection will be taken up on Father's Day weekend, **June 16-17**. Please look for a special envelope and flyer in our bulletin and give as generously as you can. Please also keep all our priests in your prayers. Your charity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after having ministered to our spiritual needs for generations. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, this Father's Day let's give back.



2019 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics – If you have children 7 and up who might benefit from this book please put your order (name & money) in an envelope (\$7.00/book) and drop it at the office or in the collection basket no later than **June 12th**. We will then order the missals which should arrive in November.

Edge Night: Come out and join us in June 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 **June 14** from 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall. Our theme will be "Water Wars" - Please come prepared to get wet! 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.

Cat Chat VBS - Another week of Cat Chat Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching **August 6-10**. This is a great opportunity to teach the Faith to the children of our parish while having fun! We are looking for volunteers to help lead and run the program. If you would like to be involved or if you would like more information, please contact Karen Minten (karenminten@rogers.com) or Frances Diggins (fldiggins@gmail.com)



Feast of the Holy Spirit - On **Sunday, June 24th** at All Saints Church, the Festa do Divino Espirito Santo "adult brotherhood" begins with a Bilingual Mass at 10am followed by a procession at 11am from the church to the Portuguese Club where everyone is welcome to enjoy a free traditional soup lunch and spend an afternoon of entertainment, auctions and bazar. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**