

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Jul 03

7:00 pm **Parkhill** –  
Adriana & Gus Roelands: The Family  
The 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, Jul 04

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am  
Bruce Shale: IHM CWL  
Rita LaBranche: Luke & Jean Mommersteeg  
Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass

Thursday, Jul 05

9:30 am **Craigiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig**  
Helen & Hanlon McDonald: The Family  
Intention of Fr. Tony Laforet: Casey & Annie Willemse

Friday, Jul 06

10:00 am **Grand Bend** –  
Ron Garinther: Rosemary Hartwick  
Souls in Purgatory: Maureen Arriola  
10:30-11:15am Adoration with Reconciliation

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday, Jul 07

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

Sunday, Jul 08

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

*Let us abandon a language of condemnation and  
embrace one of mercy*

Pope Francis

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

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**July 01, 2018**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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As I began to understand scripture, I was often struck by the many paradoxes I read. Jesus says one thing but means the opposite. He said one would find his life when he loses it. This made my head spin. What did those words mean? What was Jesus trying to teach me?

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Do not fear, only believe" – another paradox. He is challenging me to walk by faith, not by sight, even when I do not understand. Jesus is calling me to believe him when I am searching for and trying to find answers to my questions. I am a 'doubting Thomas' many times. I am beginning to realize that believing Jesus is not just hearing his words but absorbing them. My faith develops and grows as I gain insight from the words and example of Jesus. I begin to understand what's behind and beyond the words he proclaims. I realize there is much more than meets the eye in what Jesus is saying.

Today's Gospel clearly shows us who Jesus truly is. He is the Son of God. He could sense the "power had gone forth from him" when the hemorrhaging woman touched his garment. Yet, he was fully human – again, a paradox. Jesus is inviting and challenging us to walk in faith. May we begin to live not according to our limited view but by God's limitless possibilities.

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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 George Gershwin's famous melody we hear the lyrics, "Summertime and the living is easy.....", (unless you're a farmer, of course.) Like schoolchildren rejoicing in their newfound liberation, the days from Canada Day to Labour Day offer us many invitations to seek leisurely rest and relaxation. **These summer days are the perfect time to cultivate a Sabbath spirituality; a time to be still with God, our creator.** This could be a quiet walk through nature as we thank God for our beautiful country we call Canada, a time to work in the garden, an hour at church during adoration, a time to open our bible and pray with the scriptures, a pilgrimage to a holy shrine or even participating in a retreat during the summer. May each of us find this summertime Sabbath living an opportunity to re-connect with our generous and merciful God!

This past week, I was able to celebrate with our Graduates from Sacred Heart and Holy Cross. These Graduates have worked hard to complete their studies and are now ready to change the world! We pray that these young men and women will continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and fearlessly live the gospel with integrity and hope-filled joy. **Congratulations and blessings upon all our Graduates!**

This summer also brings another week of Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart Parish! Our organizers and volunteers are working hard to prepare for this annual event. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible as this camp fills up quickly.

Finally, summer marks a time for change. Last month, I spoke with our Music Ministry Team, Ian Carne and Dolores Tighe and the

**Pornography Hurts Campaign** - Following the mass on Saturday **July 14<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday **July 15<sup>th</sup>** the Immaculate Heart of Mary C.W.L. will have postcards available for everyone to sign and send to the government opposing pornography and the harmful effects it has on families and society in general. Members of the league will be available to answer any questions on this very important issue.

**Grand Bend Diners** - Meet at St. John's By The Lake Anglican Church at 12:00 noon on **July 12<sup>th</sup>** with Elinor Clarke as our guest speaker. We meet again on **July 26<sup>th</sup>** to hear Sandra Shields who will speak on Lifeline. Blood pressures will be taken for those interested on July 12<sup>th</sup>. For registration for dining dates, please contact Faye Skinner at 1-877-502-8277 before the events. All newcomers are welcome.

**"Pope Francis – A Man of His Word,"** the new documentary from Oscar-nominated filmmaker Wim Wenders is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. A rare co-production with the Vatican, features exclusive behind-the-scenes footage and sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor and wealth inequality, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face and calls for peace. Now showing in Forest, Ontario, at the Kineto Theatre, 24 King Street, on Sunday, **July 8**, at 2:00 pm and on Monday, **July 9**, at 8:00 pm. Admission is a good will offering only. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showing, come early as we expect a full house!"

**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



Sun Jul 01: Colleen Hanley, Pastoral Minister  
Mon Jul 02: Deacon Wayne Waechter  
Tue Jul 03: Deacon Roy Brother  
Wed Jul 04: Fr. Andrew Dwyer  
Thu Jul 05: Fr. Frank O'Connor  
Fri Jul 06: Fr. Ted Johnson, C.S.B.  
Sat Jul 07: Patricia Vandevenne, Parish Nurse



**7Up\* Survivor Challenge** - Join us for Mass @ 9:00am on **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018** at Sacred Heart Parish in Parkhill. Following Mass, we will have a PIZZA LUNCH. Pizza is \$2/slice, please bring a small dessert to share. After lunch we will have our SURVIVOR CHALLENGE! All \*Grades 7 and UP are welcome to come! Invite your friends and be prepared to have a blast! For more info contact Veronica Roelands @ (519) 294-0663 or veronica.roelands\_4@hotmail.ca

**Cat Chat VBS** – Vacation Bible School returns with our Cat Chat theme “Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer, with Amazing Angels and Super Saints”. Our 100% Catholic VBS, empowers today's kids with rock solid Catholic doctrine and provides an enjoyable way for youth to learn more about their faith! The VBS will run mornings of the week of **August 6-10<sup>th</sup>**. Visit our parish website [www.shihm.dol.ca](http://www.shihm.dol.ca) for registration forms and more information. Registrations close July 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is just \$20 per child! In order to host such an energetic week, many volunteers are needed to make the program run smoothly. If you would like to participate as a leader, either youth or adult, or be part of the support team contact Karen Minten ([karenminten@rogers.com](mailto:karenminten@rogers.com)) or Frances Diggins ([fldiggins@gmail.com](mailto:fldiggins@gmail.com))



**Retrouvaille Weekend** - Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. The next Retrouvaille weekend program will be held August 24-26. Please contact Greg & Anita at 519-243-0687 or [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com), or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) for more details.

Sunday choir about our parish's need to move from maintaining what we have and allowing the parish to become a missionary parish which reaches out beyond the church doors. As a result, I have asked Ian and Dolores to step away from their ministry in order to hire a new music director and organist for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Ian has faithfully served as choir director over the last 19 years and Dolores has generously served as our organist for the last 35 years. We are so very grateful for their commitment and dedication. Thankfully, they have agreed to stay on with these ministries until we hire a new music director and organist this summer or in the early fall. Those who are interested in applying for these positions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish are invited to visit the diocesan website to review these job postings.

May we all be moved by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Fr. Tony



**Are laws allowing euthanasia & assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path?**

Join us on Wednesday **July 4<sup>th</sup>**, 7pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall, for a screening of “Fatal Flaws” Legalizing Assisted Death. This is a documentary film by filmmaker Kevin Dunn. Guest Speaker Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will be on hand to speak about this issue and answer questions. Contact Tammy Vandersanden for more info [tvandersanden@execulink.com](mailto:tvandersanden@execulink.com).



**Office Update** - Please be aware that the office will be closed on **July 3, 2018** reopening on July 4<sup>th</sup> and from **July 10-13<sup>th</sup>**, reopening on July 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Bulletin News Items** – Please keep in mind that during the summer months the bulletins are only printed every other weekend. Remember to plan ahead and get any announcements in early. The first 2 week bulletin will start **July 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Welcome to Our Parish Family** – Congratulations to Annalyn McElrea celebrating entrance into the church through the waters of Baptism during the month of June.



**New Day (London and area)** - New Day is a faith-based support group for people living with mental health issues. Come receive and share in the compassion and strength of this welcoming group. We meet every Tues. afternoon 1:30 - 3:00 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral Parish Community Centre, 196 Dufferin St, London. For further information call Bob or Joanne at 226-377-4831, email [info@newdaylondon.ca](mailto:info@newdaylondon.ca), or visit [www.newdaylondon.ca](http://www.newdaylondon.ca).

**You Are Not Alone (London and area)** - Are you giving support to a person struggling with mental issues? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. We meet at 7:00 pm the second Wed. of the month, at St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside St., London. All are welcome. If you would like to chat first to see if YANA is the support you are looking for, please call Cathie at 519-850-0600 or Dorothy at 519-204-2931.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** – The children of John & Gera Peters invite you to celebrate our parents 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. It is on **July 20, 2018** starting with Mass at 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. No gifts please, donations will be accepted on behalf of Fr. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T. and Fr. Tom Donohue's charities.



**North Middlesex Canada Day Celebrations** – July 1<sup>st</sup> – **6pm** – Live music, children's games, fireworks at dusk. Food and drink for sale. Donations welcomed. 32217 Kerwood Road, Ken Vernon Park (West Williams Community Centre).

The **Knights of Columbus** take part in the **Wheelchairs for the Third World** each year. The cost of a wheelchair is \$185.00 delivered to a third world country. To assist us in this humanitarian effort we are taking up a collection at the doors of the church after Mass on the weekend of **July 7/8<sup>th</sup>**. Please give generously.



This year the Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for a **FAMILY BRUNCH** after the 11am Mass on **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Grand Bend. All the food will be prepared by the Knights and we know that you will enjoy it. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 6 - 13. Kids under 6 eat free. The proceeds of this event will go to our charity work. Tickets will be available at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart Churches after Mass for two weeks prior to the event. Please support this effort.

**Holy Land Wood Art** – The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem - The Birth Place of Jesus - is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing The Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy sites such as the Church of The Nativity. On **July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

