

## Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 13

7:00 pm **Parkhill** – Andy & Marianne Roelands: Charlotte Rock-Young  
Adriana Roelands: Rob & Jacinta Roelands & Family

7:30-8:30 pm Adoration with Reconciliation

Wednesday, Nov 14

10:00 am **Grand Bend** – Rosary starts at 9:30am

Bill Nicholson: Fr. Bob

Fr. John Devine: Maureen & Wayne Nelson

Thursday, Nov 15

9:00 am **Parkhill** – In Thanksgiving: Lucio & Alice Facchina

Emile Masschelein: SH CWL

9:30 – 10:30 am Adoration with Reconciliation

Friday, Nov 16

**NO MASS**

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Nov 17

6-6:45 pm **Parkhill** – Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm **Parkhill** - Intention of Our Parishioners

Sunday, Nov 18

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

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

*If there is one thing typical of the saints, it is that they are genuinely happy. They found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God. That is why we call the saints blessed.*

Pope Francis

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**November 11, 2018**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The Gospel today cautions us: hypocrisy and inauthenticity are worse than useless. In fact, they are condemnable. Putting on a show of righteousness will fool no one, and it certainly does not do the deceiver any good. Instead, we should cultivate authentic giving, like the poor widow who gave her last coins. Our gifts and our lives should be offered with humility and abandonment. If we grip tightly onto our last coin, we block God, grace and the potential of being transformed for our greatest good. The tale of the poor widow is meant to spark a conversion of the heart. It calls us to great openness. It is a big risk to surrender everything of value; when we surrender to a merciful God, it is called trust.

Today is also Remembrance Day, a day when we honour men and women who gave their lives in the pursuit of peace. Their self-offering was an act of hope. This is also a day when we are reminded of the horrors of war and of some of the worst aspects of our shared human nature. Our Gospel today underlines the necessity of each person accepting, and relying on, God's grace and goodness. Peace comes in every moment of conversion (literally, "turning"), away from the darkness in our hearts and in the world. When we turn toward the Lord, and offer him everything, we make room for peace to break in.

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Kate McGee, 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,



Today marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time but also Remembrance Day! This day, we honour the many men and woman who died as they gave their lives in service to protecting Canada. Their efforts have encouraged us to build a world of peace and joyful harmony for all people on earth.

On November 11 1918, church bells rang out spontaneously across the country to celebrate the signing of the Armistice. After four brutal years, the First World War was officially over on November 11<sup>th</sup> as relief and joy swept through Canada. This year, as people commemorate Armistice 100, communities across Canada will partake in the Royal Canadian Legion's Bells of Peace ceremony. In partnership with the Government of Canada, the bells will ring at sunset on Parliament Hill, city halls, places of worship, military bases, Naval vessels and at ceremonies across the country to honour the sacrifices of Canadians who served in the war and commemorate the end of the First World War. As the sun sets today, the first Bells of Peace will toll in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador and begin an historic journey from East to West as they ring out across the country.

Our newly formed Refugee Committee gathered this week. This is our first initiative to work as a Family of Parishes. There are two representatives from each of the four parishes. Joe and Johanna Minten, along with Lucy Hendrixx, have volunteered to represent Sacred Heart Parish. However, once a refugee family has been appointed to our Family of Parishes, we will need more volunteers to assist with various duties and tasks to help this new family settle into the area. Please pray and ask God if He is calling you to help with this new initiative.

**Inviting All Parishioners** of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes, to the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on **Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> @7PM**, as Pete Aarssen gives a brief (approx. 45 min) but informative presentation concerning aging demographics and social policy consequences colliding making Euthanasia an all too attractive option if government ignores moral concern. This presentation is being co-sponsored by The Knights of Columbus and The Sacred Heart CWL. Parish hall doors will open at **7pm** and presentation will begin at 7:15.

**Marian Pilgrimage** – Join Travel Merchant tours on a Marian Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Portugal, May 26, 2019 to June 9, 2019. Don't miss out on this experience of a lifetime escorted by Fr. Thom Blondin. For details see poster on bulletin board at the church entrance.

**Christmas Market** – On Saturday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9am – 1pm. St. Joseph's Church Stratford will hold a Christmas Market in the Parish Hall (96 Huron Street, Stratford, ON). There will be "Something for Everyone": Silent Auction, Crafts, Preserves, Baking, Great Christmas Items and gift ideas for all ages! There is a lunch counter with food and drinks available for purchase. All proceeds go to the St. Joseph's Church Restoration Fund!

**Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –**



Sun Nov 11: Fr. Mark Sargent  
Mon Nov 12: Louise Trapp, Parish Nurse  
Tue Nov 13: Brenda Atkinson, Pastoral Minister  
Wed Nov 14: Deacon John Doomernik  
Thu Nov 15: Fr. Pedro Zúñiga, F.M.M.  
Fri Nov 16: Fr. Benjamin Raze  
Sat Nov 17: Ron MacDonald, Pastoral Minister

## **Adoration 101 \*Silence**

We live in a demanding world. Everyday we have a multitude of activities that demand our attention. It could be our jobs, our family, our kids, bills, you name it; anything that the responsibilities of life brings us. It can leave us drained and mentally and physically exhausted. There's no time to do what we want. Although these demands are necessary, we have to have balance.

Balance, in my estimation, brings about stability. We cannot be simply jumping from one task to another without taking a breath. That would leave us in a state of anxiety, worry and unrest. Why? because we're taking life on by ourselves. It creates a mindset that says, "I have to get this done and it's all up to me." It separates us from the help we need to remain calm that we find in the only one who can really "get things done." I'm talking about God. We can be the ideal Christian in faith, hope and love, in mind, but what are we to say that the source of our faith, hope and love is being left out during your busy-ness? What is a relationship with someone when we do things for them but never have time for... well... THEM?

This is why we absolutely must readjust our life's schedule to include Him. Here's a fact you may find intriguing: There are 1,440 minutes in one 24 hour day. Do you know what just 1% of that is? 14.4 minutes. Now, ask yourself, do I spend just 1% of my day in silent prayer before my Saviour and Lord?

Shocking, isn't it! I was challenged as well. Many of you do spend that much time with Him, and some even more, but for your average Catholic even 14.4 minutes a day is difficult. Examine your lives and see what percentage you spend on other things. Yes, be convicted like I was. But we must always know that when we desire to be faithful Christians personal, and intimate time spent with Jesus is vital to keep the relationship healthy. Just like in our human relationships.

There are several opportunities for Adoration, please check our bulletin or website for Adoration times. You can find your 14.4 minutes (or hopefully more) at ANY time of day. Jesus is always there for us, we just need to discipline ourselves to respond to His calling. And if you think time is just too tight, remember all the great Saints, the Popes and all the holy men and women who made time for silence with Jesus despite their own busy schedule. God will provide for everything else. Just trust the words that He told St. Faustina and say, "Jesus, I trust in You." And make it happen!

by Paul A. Ray, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Sterling Heights

A Presentation on Immigrants in London will be taking place at 3:30 pm on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Western University. Please register at <https://journeyofmigration2108.eventbrite.ca> or see your pastor for more information.

Our Alpha Course resumed last Wednesday as we looked at How and Why Do I Pray. This week, our Alpha Course will review the question, How and Why Should I Read the Bible. Join us at 6 pm for dinner and some amazing discussions.

Our RCIA classes will continue this week at Sacred Heart Parish on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. Come join us as we make new disciples, followers of Jesus Christ.

On a personal note, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. The eye surgeon gave me permission to begin driving once again. Be careful on the roads!

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

Fr. Tony

**Confirmation Preparation!** - Confirmation is a sacrament through which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us stronger and more perfect Christians and true witnesses of Jesus Christ. It is a sacrament of our initiation which began in Baptism and continues in the Eucharist. As the candidates come forward to be confirmed, they profess their faith in the Catholic Church. The period of Confirmation preparation builds on the candidate's faith foundation, encourages community building, and helps the candidates to make good life decisions. Preparation sessions are held Fridays 3:30 to 5:00 pm, at Sacred Heart parish hall, Parkhill. Contact Julie [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or Father Tony [tlaforet@dol.ca](mailto:tlaforet@dol.ca) for more information. We are most fortunate to have Deacon Tom MacLeod joining us for our sessions. Come journey with us! Please check the website for up to date information on class dates.

**Family of Parishes Mission** ~ for Immaculate Heart of Mary (Grand Bend), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Mt. Carmel), Precious Blood (Exeter), St. Boniface (Zurich), St. Peter's (St. Joseph) and St. Peter's (Goderich) You are invited to attend a Mission with Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R. Themed talks start at **7pm** each evening.

**St. Peter's Parish** (156 North Street, Goderich)

Sunday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm - “Intimacy with God/Self”

Monday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm - “Living the Reign of God Today”

**Precious Blood Parish** (200 Sanders St. West, Exeter)

Tuesday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm - “Reconciliation”

Wednesday, **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. – 7pm - “Discipleship”

The mission will be led by Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., a priest who was born in Ireland and emigrated to Canada with his family where he later joined the Redemptorists. Fr. O'Reilly has been giving missions since 1983. He has a particular interest in music and has composed a number of religious songs. Mission Preaching is Fr. O'Reilly's full time ministry and he brings to it a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humour and a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world in which we live. We encourage you all to come out for the mission, and bring your friends.

**Precious Blood C.W.L. – (Exeter)** - Autumn Showcase Tea and Silent Auction - Saturday, **November 17, 2018** - 10am-2pm. Sandwiches and baked goods offered for lunch. Start your early Christmas shopping from many fantastic vendors.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Women's League** – will hold their next general meeting on Thursday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Guest speaker at 7:15pm. Join us for meeting, guest speaker or both. See you there.



**Sacred Heart Youth** – **November 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Youth Night** – Join us



in the Parish Hall from 7-10pm for a crazy fun time! Be prepared to enjoy a night filled with faith, friendship and fun! Invite your friends! All youth high school age and older are welcome!

**Something 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 **November 29** at Sacred Heart Parish hall, 7pm. For more information please contact Julie at [jdegouw@dol.ca](mailto:jdegouw@dol.ca) or phone 519-294-6844 ext. 24.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All Saints Parish Mission** (Strathroy) - **Co sponsored with Our Lady of the Pillar Academy** – Fr. Ben Luedtke will preach at all the Sunday Masses (Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and Nov 18<sup>th</sup>). Themed talks starting at 7pm, Sunday evening. The themes are listed below:

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm  
7pm – “Time & Eternity”  
Coffee to follow

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm  
7pm – “Forgiveness”  
There will be many priests available for confession.

**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm  
7pm – “The Holy Eucharist”  
Coffee to follow

**Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7pm – “Blessed Virgin Mary and the Cross”  
Coffee to follow

**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7pm – Meet and Greet at Our Lady of the Pillar Academy (6100 Calvert St. Strathroy)