

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Nov 20

NO MASS

Confessions at Precious Blood Parish, Exeter - 7pm

Wednesday, Nov 21

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

D’Arcy Molloy: The Family

Intention of John & Gera Peters (50th Ann): Paul & Sally Johnson

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual help follows Mass

Thursday, Nov 22

9:30 am **Craigwiel Gardens – Ailsa Craig**

George Regier: SH CWL

Hans Grote: Rosemary Hartwick

Friday, Nov 23

9:30 am **Grand Bend** – Sacrament of Reconciliation

10:00 am Barry Strong (1st Ann): The Family

Intention of Deacon John Lammers: The Vocations Team

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, Nov 24

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

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

Sunday, Nov 25

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

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

Big cities bring together all the different ways which we human beings have discovered to express the meaning of life, wherever we may be.

Pope Francis

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November 18, 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples to learn the lesson of the fig tree, that summer will follow new leaves. He asks us to also be attentive to the end of things. At the close of the church year, we practise being attentive to the ends of things: suffering, darkness and things falling apart.

Jesus promised that when we see darkness and destruction, suffering and pain, “he is near, at the very gates.” Ironically, in the most difficult times of our lives, many of us are more likely to feel alone and distanced from God. It is easy to see summer coming after the spring, and harder to recognize the winter as the birthplace of spring. Jesus is inviting his disciples, and us, to remember that he draws near now, in the messiness of our world.

The central mystery of our faith is that death is followed by rising. God brings new life from ashes, sends a baby to save the world, dies to death when he walks out of the tomb. No matter how messy life has become, God invites us to be the people who pay attention, who wait for and expect new life.

May our hearts turn with gratitude toward God in the midst of struggle, hoping to see what gifts he will bring out of the difficulty.

Leah Perrault, Saskatoon, SK

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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,



On this 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the church celebrates the Second World Day of the Poor. In his annual message, Pope Francis proclaims,

On this World Day, we are asked to fulfil the words of the Psalm: “The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied” (Ps 22:26). We know that in the Temple of Jerusalem, after the rites of sacrifice, a banquet was held. It was this experience that, in many dioceses last year, enriched the celebration of the first World Day of the Poor. Many people encountered the warmth of a home, the joy of a festive meal and the solidarity of those who wished to sit together at table in simplicity and fraternity. I would like this year’s, and all future World Days, to be celebrated in a spirit of joy at the rediscovery of our capacity for togetherness. Praying together as a community and sharing a meal on Sunday is an experience that brings us back to the earliest Christian community, described by the evangelist Luke in all its primitive simplicity: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:42.44-45).

It is for this reason that we are invited to care for the poor in our society. Therefore, we encourage everyone to donate food supplies or offer monetary donations for our local foodbanks. In addition, we continue to assist one our families through the Benevolent Fund. Unfortunately, this account has run dry and so we are asking parishioners to donate to our Benevolent Fund that we may continue to assist those families which are struggling financially. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Sacred Heart Youth – November 18th – 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!

November 24th – Float Decorating Party - Come on out and help us decorate our float @ the Vander Vloets. The party starts at 8:00pm and ends when they kick us out...or 12am which ever comes first! Feel free to bring a snack to share, and fresh ideas for decorating our float! We will get our float decorated then continue the fun with a games night! Invite your friends to help make this a great time!! And bring a smile! For directions or more info contact Mary-Beth Vander Vloet @ betty_v_vloet@hotmail.com or (519) 294-6468

November 25th – Parkhill Christmas Parade - Once again, we have our redneck Keep Christ in Christmas float in the Parkhill Christmas Parade! Although we are open to suggestions for a new idea for decorating our float! Meet us at the church at 4:00pm to order your pizza dinner and hop on the float! Don’t forget to warm up your singing voice for some cheerful caroling and don’t forget to dress for the weather! We will hangout and have our pizza dinner in the church basement afterwards.

All youth high school age and older are welcome!

Pray for Priests and Religious Communities –



Sun Nov 18: Fr. Mark Gazin, C.S.B.
Mon Nov 19: Fr. Dikran Islemeci
Tue Nov 20: Yana Adkinson, Pastoral Minister
Wed Nov 21: Fr. Etienne Nadonye, O.F.M. Cap.
Thu Nov 22: Deacon Don Hamelin
Fri Nov 23: Deacon Andrew Labrosse
Sat Nov 24: Fr. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.J.B.

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/or at the entrance of each 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. 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

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 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

Two Parish Missions are beginning in Goderich/Exeter and Strathroy this evening. Please see this bulletin or our website for more information. As a result, I will be at All Saints Parish in Strathroy on Monday to help with confessions and on Tuesday, at Precious Blood Parish in Exeter helping with confessions. Please join us for this opportunity for healing and renewal.

Our Alpha Course will continue on Wednesday as we discuss, **How Does God Guide Us**. Join us at 6pm for dinner and some inspirational conversation.

Our RCIA classes will continue this week at Sacred Heart Parish on **Wednesday, November 21st** at 12pm. Come join us as we make new disciples, followers of Jesus Christ.

Our Confirmation classes also resume this Friday at 3:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. For parents and students who missed our first Parent/Candidate Meeting, please be sure to join us this Thursday, **November 22nd** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. This will be the final opportunity to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please RSVP to Julie de Gouw.

On **Saturday, November 24th** all parents and children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be attending a retreat from 9am to 2pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Please note in your calendar the upcoming events in our parishes:

Advent/Christmas Concert at SH on
Friday, December 7th at 7 pm

All Day Confessions at SH and IHM on
Thursday, December 13th

Blue Christmas Service at IHM on
Sunday, December 16th at 7pm

Open House for Parish Volunteer at rectory on
Friday, January 4th at 4pm

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

Fr. Tony

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 18th**

7pm - "Intimacy with God/Self"

Monday, **November 19th**

7pm - "Living the Reign of God Today"

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

Tuesday, **November 20th**

7pm - "Reconciliation"

Wednesday, **November 21st**

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.

Employment Opportunity – St. Christopher, Forest, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford, Parishes are seeking a full-time Receptionist/Secretary. Details for this and other available positions are listed at www.dol.ca/employment.

May our way of communicating help to overcome the mindset that neatly separates sinners from righteous.

Pope Francis

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 17th and Nov 18th). Themed talks starting at **7pm**, Sunday evening. The themes are listed below:

Sunday, November 18th – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm

7pm – "Time & Eternity"

Coffee to follow

Monday, November 19th – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm

7pm – "Forgiveness"

There will be many priests available for confession.

Tuesday, November 20th – Adoration 6:30 – 7pm

7pm – "The Holy Eucharist"

Coffee to follow

Wednesday, November 21st

7pm – "Blessed Virgin Mary and the Cross"

Coffee to follow

Thursday, November 22nd – 7pm – Meet and Greet at

Our Lady of the Pillar Academy (6100 Calvert St. Strathroy)

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 have begun for students in grades 7 & 8, are held Fridays 3:30 to 5:00 pm, at Sacred Heart parish hall, Parkhill. Contact Julie jdegouw@dol.ca or Father Tony 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.