

BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 2020

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday

6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 7:30pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday

12:05pm 7:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 to11:30am Saturday 4:30 to 5:30pm

Or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

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Our Winter Passover

The heart of our faith is the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the fact that what happened to Jesus is our destiny, too. We, too, in various ways and over time, will suffer, die and be raised up — all in the arms of a God who loves us. This is what we call the paschal mystery. We celebrate the paschal mystery every Sunday, and in a most important way once a year, in spring around the time of the Jewish Passover, when we baptize, confirm and welcome to the eucharist new believers at Easter. But did you know that even as we celebrate Jesus' birth in the flesh, we are in fact celebrating the paschal mystery? Have you ever noticed how Christmas is actually a second Easter, our winter Passover?

There are hints all over the gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. When the baby is born, he is wrapped in swaddling clothes; when the man dies, he is wrapped in a shroud. The newborn is laid in the manger, the feeding trough of animals. The man grows up to teach us, "I am the bread of life. If you eat of my flesh and drink of my blood, you will live forever." Angels herald his birth, and angels announce his resurrection to the three women. A star shines over the baby in the manger; the sun hides its face as the man hangs on the cross. And perhaps most ominously of all, the magi — those mysterious strangers — bring gifts that seem sentimental and sweet to us today: gold, frankincense and myrrh. But when this story would have first been told, the original hearers might have been puzzled or even horrified, for these were things people brought to a deathbed: gold coins to put in the mouth (as a sign of paying for the soul to take the ferry across the river of death), frankincense to burn (to cover the odors, and as a sign of the soul ascending), and myrrh to embalm. (Recall that the three women come to the tomb on Easter morning with a mixture of myrrh and aloes.)

And if there wasn't enough blood in the childbirth, recall that after Jesus is born, the Holy Family must flee into exile in Egypt to escape Herod, who slaughters in cold blood all the innocent baby boys of Bethlehem. As an adult, Jesus will right this wrong by shedding his blood on the cross for us all. But note that to protect Jesus, Mary and Joseph take him into Egypt, just as their ancestors had fled there centuries before to escape starvation and find the other Joseph, the son of Jacob. So Jesus ends up living as a refugee and an exile, just as his people had done. And just as they had crossed the River Jordan to enter the promised land after the first Passover, the adult Jesus is baptized in that same river as he begins his ministry that reaches its high point at Passover.

So Merry Christmas — and Happy Easter, too. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever!

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The Parish Secretary/Receptionist is responsible for greeting in a professional and congenial manner all who contact the parish in person, by email, and by phone. The person in this position is responsible for all non-financial clerical functions within the Parish and accepts secretarial projects from the Parish Leadership Team. A strong knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs, particularly MS Word and MS Publisher is essential. The successful applicant is also responsible for updating the Parish Website and all Social Media Accounts. Please contact Brian Galea at 519-432-3475 X226 or bgalea@dol.ca for a detailed job description. Closing date: Jan. 17/20.

Tribute Giving

It is important to recognize the power of tribute giving or legacy giving as part of an estate plan. Family members are often too distraught to consider the wishes of the deceased and often don't choose their loved one's parish when writing the obituary. By including your wish list in your estate plan, it could mean life changing gifts in your memory to the parish you love!

"Night Before the Oscars®" Presented by the St. Peter's Cathedral Catholic Women's League Saturday February 8, 2020 5:30pm to Midnight

5:30pm - enjoy a complimentary "Hollywood" Style Cocktail

7:00pm - Roast beef & chicken dinner (catered by Marconi Club of London)

Bring your family & friends and dance until midnight with a professional DJ. Limited seating available! Tickets are \$30 each, advance purchase only. Tickets available after masses, parish office, or by contacting Jane Jeffery at 519-438-0400 or email: jane.jeffery@bell.net

The Housing Crisis: A Christian Response Tuesday January 21, 2020 - 7:00pm

St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside Street, London On January 21st the Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a presentation in the Parish Hall on the housing crisis in London. The presenters will include Douglas Calderwood-Smith, Manager of Strategic Program & Partnerships for the City of London, and Stephen Giustizia, CEO of the Housing and Development Corporation for London. Reference will be made to the recently adopted 5 year action plan "Housing Stability for All" for the City of London. The Sisters of St. Joseph will provide the scriptural basis for the development of an effective Christian response to the housing crisis in our neighbourhood.



Bible Study of St. Matthew Continued

On Thursday, February 27th we will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet for six consecutive Thursday's during the

season of Lent. Newcomers are welcome to join us for the second part of our study. To register or for more information, please go to our parish website or call the office at 519-432-3475.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Welcome to all who knit and crochet. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Group is January 16, 2020 at 7:00pm in Room 105 of the Parish Centre. See everyone then!

Leap into the Wisdom Years

Saturday February 29, 2020 10:00am - 2:00pm St. Justin's Parish 855 Jalna Blvd., London Light Breakfast from 9:15am - lunch provided Tickets \$20 per person

Are you praying your prayers or just saying your prayers? Join us for the third annual St. Justin's Parish Wisdom Years retreat on Leap Day, Saturday February 29, 2020 from 9:15am to 2:00pm. If you are in the second half of your life this is for you. Fr. Clare Coleman will lead us in a thought provoking and prayerful day. Recently retired, Fr. Clare will assure us that our relationship with God can never retire and can be vital throughout our Wisdom Years. Get tickets before February 20 (so we have accurate count) by calling St. Justin's Parish, 519-685-2795.



St. George Roman Catholic Parish "Mission of the Spirit" Holy Hour Series

Thursday February 13, 2020 after mass from 7:15pm to 8:15pm

St. George Parish invites everyone to come and spend time in quiet prayer, reflection and music. Come and pray before the Lord, our Master, Teacher and Saviour. It will change your life.

Offertory Needed	January 5, 2020			Surplus or (Shortfall)
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With a Canadian and Western University connection we mourn the loss of all passengers and crew on Flight PS752. We pray for them and their grieving families. The bonds knit together in life never become unraveled in death. May they rest in peace.

Baptism is a gift and calls us to be one who makes the love of Jesus and his mission present in our world. There is no guarantee it will be easy but we do it because it is the right thing to do. It will always bring us joy and hope but occasionally it will be difficult because we are invited to live a life of service - the same selfless service Jesus offered. I can end up asking "When does becoming a disciple of Jesus call me to difficult places where I have to give up something? When being a Christian comes with a price how do I experience God's support and guidance? Where do I look for it? Do I look for it?





The Diocesan Venerable Father Patrick Peyton Marian Pilgrimage to Boston, Massachussetts & Area May 10-15, 2020

Thames Travel & Tours Ltd, and Full of Grace Productions invites you to join us for The Diocesan Venerable Father Patrick Peyton Marian Pilgrimage in 2020 to Boston, MA and area May 10-15, 2020! Be part of history as the Diocese of London reunites with the legacy and mission they helped to ignite over 70 years ago for Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, the world-renowned Rosary Priest on his way to Sainthood who coined the famous slogan "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together!" Pilgrimage highlights with a Spiritual Director include: The Headquarters of Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Easton, MA founded by Father Peyton, his new Museum of Family Prayer and his gravesite; The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy & the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA; an inclusive tour of Boston, Chef Lidia Bastianich's famous "Eataly," the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine, The Boston Pops; Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard. For more information contact Cheryl at Thames Travel & Tours Ltd. at 519-652-7777. Deadline is February 3, 2020. Everyone is welcome!

Retrouvaille

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CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, January 13 - 12:05pm

Roy Sebastian; Intentions of Larry & Connie Mellen; Clarence (Sonny) Gnatlsowski

Tuesday, January 14 - 7:30am

Tani Balallo, Quimba Family; Jose & Olivia Mendonca; Teresa Buckle

Wednesday, January 15- 12:05pm

Alfonso Tan; Intentions of Jack & Margaret Armstrong; Intentions of Edie Konecny

Thursday, January 16-7:30am

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Dinh Quang Intentions of Marilyn & Charlie Feeley

Friday, January 17 - 12:05pm

Vicente P. Samoza Sr.; Mile Matijevic; Elizabeth Korba

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Michael Parent; Sister Mary Boere, C.S.J, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Jude Ogbenna; Deacon Thomas MacLeod; Rev. Martin Nyland; Deacon Reginald Quesnel

READINGS - SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

I will give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation.

Psalm - Ps 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9(R.7-8)

R. Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 1.29-34

That They May Be One Veritas Lecture Series - Bishop Linda Nicholls Thursday January 23, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre
266 Epworth Avenue, London

In the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and amidst polarizations, both within Christian traditions and between us, how is Jesus' prayer in John 17, "that they may be one..." being lived today? The current climate of polarization drives wedges within and between Christian communities. Are there signs of hope? From experience of parish and diocesan leadership and ecumenical dialogue, Bishop Nicholls will explore the signs of hope for unity. Co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese of London. Free parking and admission free will donation.



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