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#### **SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

6:00pm

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST** 

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:05pm Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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# Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

"Remember Jesus Christ"

"Today, to each of us, the word of God says, Remember! Remembrance of the Lord's deeds guided and strengthened his people's journey through the desert; remembering all that the Lord has done for us is the foundation of our own personal history of salvation. Remembrance is essential for faith, as water is for a plant. A plant without water cannot stay alive and bear fruit. Nor can faith, unless it drinks deeply of the memory of all that the Lord has done for us. "Remember Jesus Christ".

Memory is important, because it allows us to dwell in love, to be mind-ful, never forgetting who it is who loves us and whom we are called to love in return. Yet nowadays, this singular ability that the Lord has given us is considerably weakened. Amid so much frantic activity, many people and events seem to pass in a whirl. We quickly turn the page, looking for novelty while unable to retain memories. Leaving our memories behind and living only for the moment, we risk remaining ever on the surface of things, constantly in flux, without going deeper, without the broader vision that reminds us who we are and where we are going. In this way, our life grows fragmented, and dulled within.

Yet today's Solemnity reminds us that in our fragmented lives, the Lord comes to meet us with a loving "fragility", which is the Eucharist. In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the memorial of God's love. There, "[Christ's] sufferings are remembered" (II Vespers, antiphon for the Magnificat) and we recall God's love for us, which gives us strength and support on our journey. This is why the Eucharistic commemoration does us so much good: it is not an abstract, cold and superficial memory, but a living remembrance that comforts us with God's love. A memory that is both recollection and imitation. The Eucharist is flavoured with Jesus' words and deeds, the taste of his Passion, the fragrance of his Spirit. When we receive it, our hearts are overcome with the certainty of Jesus' love.

The Eucharist gives us a *grateful* memory, because it makes us see that we are the Father's children, whom he loves and nourishes. It gives us a free memory, because Jesus' love and forgiveness heal the wounds of the past, soothe our remembrance of wrongs experienced and inflicted. It gives us a patient memory, because amid all our troubles we know that the Spirit of Jesus remains in us. The Eucharist encourages us: even on the roughest road, we are not alone; the Lord does not forget us and whenever we turn to him, he restores us with his love.

The Eucharist also reminds us that we are not isolated individuals, but one body. The Eucharist is not a sacrament "for me"; it is the sacrament of the many, who form one body, God's holy and faithful people. The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. Whoever receives it cannot fail to be a builder of unity, because building unity has become part of his or her "spiritual DNA". May this Bread of unity heal our ambition to lord it over others, to greedily hoard things for ourselves, to foment discord and criticism. May it awaken in us the joy of living in love, without rivalry, jealousy or mean-spirited gossip.

Now, in experiencing this Eucharist, let us adore and thank the Lord for this greatest of gifts: the living memorial of his love, that makes us one body and leads us to unity."

Excerpt from the Homily of Pope Francis, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 18, 2017.

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Basic Evangelization Training - Friday August 16 & Saturday August 17 - St. Anne's Centre, 20 Morrison Drive, St. Thomas, Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Registration

\$30 USD, \$15 (students). Join the staff of St. Paul Evangelization Institute to learn how to evangelize in your everyday life in easy and fun ways. The workshop includes presentations, small group discussion, practice, role playing, and more. For more information, contact: Laura Lee at llee@dol.ca or 519-631-3640.



In keeping with Venerable Patrick Peyton's mission to strengthen family life in our diocese where families pledged to pray the Rosary together, please join us at St. Mary's Church, 345 Lyle St.

London on July 6th, at 4:15 pm for the First Saturday Marian Devotion, with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary during the Marian Procession of the Immaculate Conception Statue with the Knights of Columbus. Following the 5 pm Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Dinner & Fellowship (\$10 for adults, \$7 for kids - all refreshments, snacks & desserts included) will prelude the 1939 Academy Award-winning film for Best Original Story *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. C*onsidered one of the greatest films of all time, and the greatest of Director Frank Capra's hits, it stars James Stewart and Jean Arthur. For tickets and information, please contact 519-434-9121. "The Church Family That Prays Together Stays Together!"

St. John the Divine Knights of Columbus Golf Classic - Knights of Columbus Council 11053 6th Annual Golf Classic Saturday August 17, 2019, 4-person Best Ball Shotgun Start 10:00am Fire Rock Golf Club. Proceeds donated to: The London Food Bank & The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Cost: \$125, includes green fees, cart, driving range, lunch on-the-run, roast beef/chicken buffet dinner &great prizes- dinner only \$45. Sign up now by e-mail another@execulink.com (Tony Nother) or patcolesberry@outlook.com (Pat Colesberry). Please make cheque payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11053 Registration & Payment deadline is August 1st @ 3pm. No entries accepted after this date. Further enquiries, please contact: Tony Nother: 519-657-5029; 519-871-5029, Pat Colesberry 519-204-6801; 226-927-0007.

Everyone is invited to our Installation
Ceremony. We will welcome in our incoming Executives. Tuesday June 25th at 7pm, Room 105 of the Parish Centre.
Refreshments will be served. This is a free event open to everyone in our parish. Hope you can join us.

Would You Help Serve at Sunday Mass?

We are in need of more Altar Servers for our weekend Masses. In all of my priestly experiences, I have never met a more dedicated group of Altar Servers than at the Cathedral parish. They are a small group, but ever so faithful week after week. However, they need your help. We are looking for servers who are about 10 years of age and older. If you are willing to learn more about being an Altar Server please see Fr. Gary, Fr. Jim, Cathryn or any of our Altar Servers. We need your help!

**Learning & Support Group for Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma.** Learn how to be at peace with your past. For survivors, who want non-judgmental answers, just to listen, or feel you are not alone. This FREE, safe and welcoming group meets in the 1st floor Tonda Room at Central Library, 251 Dundas St. London on Saturdays: June 22, July 13 & 27, and August 17 (only 1 in August) from 10am to 12 noon. No need to register. Hosted by a survivor. For more information: 519-471-7608 or <a href="https://www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/programs/">www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/programs/</a> or the library's free ACCESS Magazine, in Health & Wellness.

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 19-30, 2020

Have you ever wanted to Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus? Fr. John Pirt, along with Mary Ann Alexander and Joan Bolt, have arranged for a pilgrimage to Israel next April. Please consider joining us as we visit Nazareth, the home town of Jesus. We will also celebrate Mass in Bethlehem. We will have an opportunity to walk the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent his 3 years of preaching. We will visit Jerusalem and the place of the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you would like information about this pilgrimage, please contact Joan Bolt at 519-471-6373, or email jpirt@dol.ca.

Retrouvaille London/St. Thomas Marriage Help Program

If your marriage has lost the sense of closeness it once had, if you are living more like roommates, Retrouvaille can help you recapture that closeness. To learn more about Retrouvaille, or to register for the upcoming weekend September 27-29, 2019, at the Michaelite Centre, email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at: <a href="www.helpourmarrriage.com">www.helpourmarrriage.com</a>.

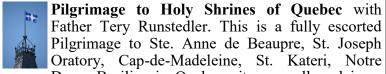
Each weekend we gather for the Eucharist and as with his disciples, we are challenged by Jesus to live as he did in the service of others. However, we cannot do that on our own. We accept the Eucharist as our nourishment as he gives himself to us so that we are able and willing to give ourselves for others. Where do I need now the nourishment to continue giving myself in service to those who hunger? Does my own hunger and thirst for Jesus urge me to see him in the needs of others?

A reflection from St. Ignatius of Loyola: "We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel."

The end of the school year brings many people together for graduation ceremonies. The Catholic Central High School community will join us on Thursday evening for Mass. As well elementary school, college and university ceremonies are taking place. We pray for all graduates. They have been blessed during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. They will continue to be challenged to make this world a better place because of their education. May they continue to grow in faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps. May God inspire them to serve others in effective ways and let them know he will always journey with them.

Fr. Sim Modler

# Priest Pension Fund Collection This year's Priest Pension collection began on Father's Day weekend, June 15-16. Please give as generously as you can and keep all our priests in your prayers. Your generosity is a sign of the care and affection that we feel for our priests, who retire after many decades of years having ministered to our spiritual needs. Our priests give us a lifetime of service, so let's give back!



Dame Basilica in Quebec city as well as leisure time in old Quebec city, August 19-23, 2019. Shared twin cost: \$692 plus \$103 taxes which pays for motor coach bus transportation, 4 night accommodations, 4 breakfasts and one supper. To register, call Marie Alexandre (519)352-6913 or George Cifa (519) 660-6966 (choose 'member services' and leave a message).

#### **CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY**

Monday, June 24 - 12:05pm (The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist) Steve Dittrich; Intentions of Frances Dittrich; Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, June 25 - 7:30am Theresa Kelly; Dominic Mendes; Fayomi Festus

Wednesday, June 26 - 12:05pm
Deceased Members of the Joseph Alphonsus
Devine Family; Melida Martinez & Carlos Ortiz;
Intentions of Margaret Byrne

Thursday, June 27 - 7:30am
Intentions of the Sabastine Ezugwu Family;
Mary Ducharme; Eamon Dorgan

Friday, June 28 - 12:05pm (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) Harry T. Rouse; Annie Spina; Mary Ducharme

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton and Ray Sawchuk, and all those who have died, including John Rumas and Catherine Capitano, and comfort for those who mourn.

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

Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood; Rev. Lucio Couto; Rev. David Connolly, O.F.M. Cap.; Mrs. Melissa Pacitti-Fallone, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Tom Ferrera; Mrs. Mary Heath; Rev. Paul Baillargeon

**READINGS - SUNDAY JUNE 30, 2019** 

First Reading - 1 Kings 19.16b, 19-21
Elisha set out and followed Elijah, serving him.
Psalm - Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (R.5)
R. You are my chosen portion, O Lord.
Second Reading - Galatians 5.1, 13-18
You were called to freedom.
Gospel - Luke 9.51-62

Jesus set his face resolutely toward Jerusalem.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR - JUNE 16, 2019**

Total Offertory	\$ 8,563.10
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