

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

We are a Eucharistic faith community, inspired by the Gospel, committed to engaging each person in the joy of living in the service of Christ.

World Day of the Sick-February 11th

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8)

"Life is a gift from God. Amid today's culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that "gift" is the category best suited to challenging today's individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue - the premise of gift - creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. "Gift" means more than simply giving presents: it involves the giving of oneself, and not simply a transfer of property or objects. "Gift" differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. "Gift" is a reflection of God's love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church's care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance. Your volunteer work in medical facilities and in homes, which ranges from providing health care to offering spiritual support, is of primary importance. Countless persons who are ill, alone, elderly or frail in mind or body benefit from these services. I urge you to continue to be a sign of the Church's presence in a secularized world. Volunteer work passes on values, behaviours and ways of living born of a deep desire to be generous. It is also a means of making health care more humane.

A spirit of generosity ought especially to inspire Catholic healthcare institutions, whether in the more developed or the poorer areas of our world, since they carry out their activity in the light of the Gospel. Catholic facilities are called to give an example of self-giving, generosity and solidarity in response to the mentality of profit at any price, of giving for the sake of getting, and of exploitation over concern for people.

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian."

Excerpt from the Message of Pope Francis' for the XXVII World Day of the Sick, 2019.



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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

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

Or by appointment

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Bible Study: The Gospel of St Luke

Throughout 2019 we will listen to the Gospel of St. Luke during most of our Sunday Masses. Would you like to learn more about the Gospel of Luke? Many people are hungry for the Good News about Jesus and it is our duty to share it with them. As we learn more about the gospels we are better able to lead others to a meeting with Jesus. Our scripture study will begin on Thursday evening February 28th: 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm and run weekly until April 11th (seven Thursday evenings in a row).

Proposed Format for Each Session

- Lectio Divina on a passage of Luke's Gospel
- Introduction to the topic for the evening session
- Audio-Visual presentation by Sr. Barbara Reid, OP
- Reflections, Questions and Discussion

Please sign up for the course: online at our parish website or by calling our parish office.



Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! This year's theme is

"Hope in the Midst of Suffering." Takes place Saturday, March 2 from 9am to 5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. There will be inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring; there will be an adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits; there will be a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth. For additional information, please visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, call 647-243-9441, or email contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

Rediscovering Our Lost Family: Highlights and Lowlights in Contemporary Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Dialogue

Dr. Murray Watson - February 28, 2019 @ 7:30pm Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave. London.

Co-Sponsored by Center for Jewish, Catholic, Muslim Learning. Although Catholicism has a very long history of interacting with both Judaism and Islam, much of that history has been negative, tense and confrontational. This talk will provide a glimpse into some of the many good news stories and some of the struggles that challenge us to come to know each other better, and to interact respectfully, and thoughtfully, as partners and, increasingly, as friends.

Dr. Watson is a Catholic Biblical scholar and interfaith leader who has worked for 20 years in the field of interreligious dialogue and education. In 2004, Murray was one of the co-founders of the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning at King's College. For more information: kings.uwo.ca/veritas

Parish Breakfast



Your Knights of Columbus invite you out to enjoy a delicious breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday February 17th

after the 8:30am and 10:30am masses. Cost is goodwill offering. All Welcome!



Human Trafficking February 13, 2019 @ 6:30pm Kelly Franklin Guest Speaker Holy Cross Parish

Calling all Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and people with a strong sense of social justice! Human Trafficking is an issue that affects all of us in one way or another! Kelly speaks on human trafficking and works with organizations such as our local antitrafficking police units, the Ontario Police College, and victim services as well to educate and inform as many people as possible about human trafficking. She will provide vital information pertaining to this critical issue and deepen our awareness of the dangers this brings to our society.

The Opening Doors Project: Mental Health + Equity + Diversity Cherryhill Public Library 301 Oxford Street W. London Mental Health & Wellness 101

February 13, 10am - 12pm

This workshop promotes a broad understanding of mental health, introducing a variety of mental health perspectives and approaches. Participants will be encouraged to question the stigma and stereotypes associated with people living with mental health challenges and disabilities.

Know Your Rights 101 February 13, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Ideal for newcomers, service providers, mental health service users and mental health workers. Learn about the Ontario Human Rights Code and examine strategies to deal with discrimination and harassment. In partnership with the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC).

To register, please register for one or both workshops at: www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/programs or call 519-439-6456 ext. 2080 for more information.



World Marriage Day - Sunday February 10th:

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day! The permanent theme for

World Marriage Day is: "Love One Another" from the commandment given by us in John chapter 14. This gospel gives us a simple but challenging message of how our Heavenly Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision - simple, but challenging. Let's take time to pray for all who are called to the vocation of the sacrament of marriage.

Last Friday was a day set aside to pray for victims of human trafficking. Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour. It is often described as a modern form of slavery. At any given time, it is estimated 2.45 million people are being trafficked. We know all human beings are created in God's likeness and image. We are all his precious and loved children. We pray for awareness and understanding of the destruction and devastation of human trafficking and ask that God's Spirit fill our hearts with compassion for not only those who we can see, but also for those we are unable to see and for those who are locked in the darkness of present day slavery and bondage of human trafficking.

This past week our readings at Mass have called us to consider our missionary spirit. Too often we think that missionaries are special people chosen by God to preach the gospel in foreign lands. That is true. Some disciples of Jesus do receive such a call and are by definition missionaries. However, whether the mission area involves our home, parish school, workplace or social setting the same invitation is to proclaim a complete and radical re-orientation of our lives in the direction of Jesus. This is the way we all preach the kingdom of God to others.

How we do that is extremely important and one of the ways Jesus calls us to do it is – together. That's why he sent his followers out in pairs. Working collaboratively is essential to successful ministry in the church. Often we are tempted to simply want to do everything by ourselves as it appears easier but that's not what we are called to do. When we let that happen, there may be some new and creative ideas that come forward but unfortunately egos and rugged individualism get in the way. Working together with others allows us to experience dependence on other people, hospitality, sharing faith, and healing which requires people to encounter one another. Humility, simplicity, reconciliation and love must be practiced and not only preached. That just might be the key message. How we get along is also the message to others. That's what people see and remember.

Monday, February 11th is the World Day of the Sick. The minister of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. We don't neglect those who are sick and we recognize the effort of medical personnel, pastoral care workers and institutions that are present to restore health to those who are ill.

"Pope Francis frequently highlights our need for showing joy as one of the major marks of being Christian, and it is not surprising that he points towards the joyful possibilities that can be experienced even in times of sickness and ill health. He tells us that the development of the relationship of solidarity between sick people and their helpers can be a means to this joy. It is a gift we can give to each other to counter the seeming despair of the world in the face of suffering and our capacity to handle it. "(Moira McQueen)

Fr. Jein Mocklen

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, February 11 - 12:05pm Valerie Pumputis; Dominic Iarusso; Intentions of the Husatinsky Family;

Tuesday, February 12 - 7:30am
For the Souls in Purgatory; Peter Harding;
Julie Hutcheson

Wednesday, February 13 - 12:05pm Paul Pustai; Reginaldo Romero; Intentions of Marilyn & Jerry Holatko

Thursday, February 14 - 7:30am (St. Cyril & St. Methodius)
Prudencia Romero; Bill Donohue; Peter Harding

Friday February 15 - 12:05pm Lea McGugan; Rose-Mary Casaceli; Lucia Mazzotta

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, and all those who have died, including Mark Sawchuk, son of Ray Sawchuk, step-son of Penny Sawchuk, Eithne McCredie, wife of the late Dr. Jack McCredie, Patricia Dsilva, mother & mother-in-law of Crystal & David Sharp and ElisabethTonner-Keats, sister of David Tonner, and comfort for those who mourn.

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

Rev. Gerald Craig, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Arthur Hathaway, C.S.B.; Mrs. Christine Toffolon, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Glen Ball; Deacon Anthony Rebkowec; Rev. Philip Joseph; Rev. Clare Coleman

READINGS - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2019

First Reading - Jeremiah 17.5-8

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals; blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Psalm - Ps. 1.1-2,3, 4+6 (R.40.4)

R. Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

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Gospel - Luke 6.17, 20-26

Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!

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