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January 13, 2019– Baptism of the Lord

Today gives us the chance to reflect on the power of the Sacrament of Baptism. As Jesus is baptized by John, the Father's voice is heard: "You are my Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased." God speaks the same words when we are baptized. God rejoices in us, His beloved children. He touches us with grace in baptism and fills us with the Holy Spirit. As we renew our baptismal promises this weekend, may we be grateful for the life of grace that has been given to us and seek each day to grow in holiness.

Let us strive in 2019 to grow in our daily prayer and attentiveness to the working of the Holy Spirit. This takes patience. We are often distracted in our prayer or we allow the busyness of the day to deter us from spending quality time with the Lord. We have to create opportunities to let the Lord into our lives. These daily moments are key to building a foundation of trust and confidence. Strengthened by these moments of prayer, we are able to weather the daily storms that come our way.

I will be in London for 2 days of meetings with the Bishops (Tuesday & Wednesday) so please be aware of the changes in the daily mass schedule this week to accommodate this. 2019 is going to be a challenging year and will require great patience, openness and trust from all of us as we strive to meet the challenges of discipleship.

Parish Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau ext. 22

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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Mass Schedule

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 10:00 a.m.

Daily Masses ~ Consult inside

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday ~ 11 a.m. to Noon

Weekdays by request

Baptism

Expectant parents are asked to contact the Pastor to discuss baptism.

Baptism preparation is required

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individual anytime-contact Pastor for appointment.



Please Contact the office.

Office Hours

Tue., Wed., Thur., & Fri.

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Monday.

Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...	 Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Monday, January 14 10:00 am *note time*	Ints. of Mary Keltika- Her sister-in-law Mary Keltika Rona, George, Beryl & Jason Huggins- Art & Sylvia Huggins Andree Halle- Veronica Manera
Sister Mary Boere Pastoral Minister	
Tuesday, January 15 Fr. Jude Ogbenna	No Mass Today
Wednesday, January 16 Deacon Thomas MacLeod	No Mass Today
Thursday, January 17 7:00 pm *Note Time Change*	Tom Ventimiglia- Franca & Gerri Adamo Leo Magni- His Family Louise Gignac- Claire Birch
Fr. Martin Nyland	
Friday, January 18 9:00 am	Helen Kunda- Paula Miller Andrew Grenon- Theresa, Mike & Matthew Leonard Duhanaj- His Family
Deacon Reginald Quesnel	
Saturday, January 19 5:00 pm Deacon Mark Castanier	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, January 20 10:00 am <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Most Rev. John Michael Sherlock	Intentions of the Parishioners <i>Isaiah 62.1-5</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12.4-11</i> <i>John 2.1-12</i>

Have you recently moved? Please contact the parish office to update your records. This will insure you receive your tax receipt and other mailings. Many thanks.



PASTORAL CARE Remember when being admitted to the hospital to inform them that you are Catholic. That way the Hospital Chaplain will be able to provide for spiritual care and arrange for reception of communion. If preparing for surgery, please contact Fr. Rob to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: A reminder to please check your schedules and upon arrival for mass, check in the sacristy to ensure we have enough servers, lectors and ministers of communion for each mass. Thank you!



A special thank you goes out to the parishioners and Knights of Columbus gentleman who helped make our annual bottle drive for Special Olympics a resounding success. The bottle drive was held on behalf of Knights of Columbus Council # 8919 in St Francis Hall on Saturday January 5. It helped raise more than \$400 to help disadvantaged and intellectually challenged children and teens participate in Special Olympics. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Dennis Robillard, Committee Chair



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Join us Tuesday, February 5th for games night, 6:30-8 pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST



Parents are reminded of the very important meeting this Wednesday, January 16th at 7 pm in the Family Centre. Please bring all completed documents and be prepared to choose dates for the reception of these sacraments.

A major change this year is that **all catechesis** will be done in the parish for all the children receiving these sacraments.

Catechism classes will be on Thursday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm in the Family Centre for all children and begin January 31st until Easter.

Attendance is required in order to receive the sacraments as the content is not taught at school.



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Please join us after masses next weekend for a time of fellowship and enjoy some refreshments in St. Francis Hall. It will be hosted by the members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

At every mass, the offertory gifts are brought forward. These gifts: bread and wine to be consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ and our monetary gifts, represent our thanks to God for our many blessings. The ushers are always looking for people to bring forward these gifts. Please say yes when they approach you to participate in this important part of the mass, representing all of us coming before the Lord with grateful hearts.

NURSING HOME VOLUNTEERS

Part of our outreach is providing pastoral care to Riverside and Heron Terrace Nursing Homes. We celebrate mass the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to help bring the residents to mass and back. We also bring communion on the Sunday morning following the Tuesday mass. If you would like to get involved, contact Robin in the office.



Again we offer our thanks to all who made our celebrations over the Christmas Season so wonderful. Its is sad to see the decorations come down but all looked beautiful. The liturgies were moments of grace thanks to the many who put in extra time and effort: music ministers, ushers, lectors, servers, communion ministers, decorators and dustbusters.

Thanks also to **Leon Janisse and Windsor Chapel Funeral Home** for the gift of the calendars. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our family through the waters of baptism this weekend:

Alerie Brunette & Luigi Bracaj

May the Lord bless them as they begin to follow Jesus.

The next preparation class will be on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 pm and the celebration of baptism will be on February 10th and March 3rd. Please make arrangements now with Fr. Rob

ORDINARY TIME

We are entering the Season of Ordinary Time. Today's Feast of the Lord's Baptism completes the Christmas Season. We were blessed to have such a long and rich season, though so many in society think Christmas ends on Boxing Day. We were given the chance to really pray about the meaning of the Incarnation and how we are touched by Grace and the Light of Christ.

We are prepared now to enter into the mystery of Christ's Mission. Each week the Gospels will unfold for us who Jesus is and how His teachings and miracles help us to live our baptismal calling. May these weeks really help us to grow in holiness and may we open our hearts to hear the Good News.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for those who have died:

Jeanne Piccinato, Margaret Vrabel

May the Lord comfort those who mourn them.

Upcoming Events

Tues. Jan 15	6 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Wed. Jan 16	7 pm Meeting with First Reconciliation and First Communion Parents
Thurs. Jan 17	1 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30 Parish Council Meeting
Fri. Jan 18 & 25	10 am Centering Prayer Gathering
Jan 19/20	Coffee Social following weekend masses hosted by Prayer Shawl Ministry.
Thurs. Jan 31	6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

Retrouvaille Program: You Can Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning on the weekend on Feb. 1 – 3, 2019, call 519-243-0687 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com



SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please **DO NOT USE any 2018 envelopes**. Your number has changed for 2019. We would appreciate if you put your name and address on your envelope for the next couple weeks to ensure proper recording.

PAR: pre-authorized remittance is also available if you would like to start using this method for your Sunday offering. Please contact Mary in the office to sign up for PAR or make changes to your current contributions.

Assumption University—2019 Christian Culture Series

There are many upcoming learning opportunities such as:

Summer in the Forest: The Life of Jean Vanier movie viewing on **Tuesday, January 15** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel or **Tuesday, January 22** at Most Precious Blood from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Religion & Politics: This course explores how contemporary religious life intersects with the political sphere. Learners will examine the separation of church and state, limits of toleration and religions influences on political decisions and actors. **Wednesdays (February 20, 27 & March 6, 13,) 1—3pm**

“Megaphone or Echo Chamber: Canada and the Prophetic Voice of Pope Francis”: The Church's Social Teaching has been enriched by Pope Francis' interventions on various contemporary issues: refugees and immigrants, the environment, the economy, war and peace. Archbishop Durocher will present some of the Pope's main ideas and reflect on how they challenge us here in Canada. **Tuesday, March 26th @ 7 pm** at Ste. Anne's Church Hall, Tecumseh. For more information on the above and other classes available call (519)973-7033 press '0' or cbertrand@assumptionu.ca



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