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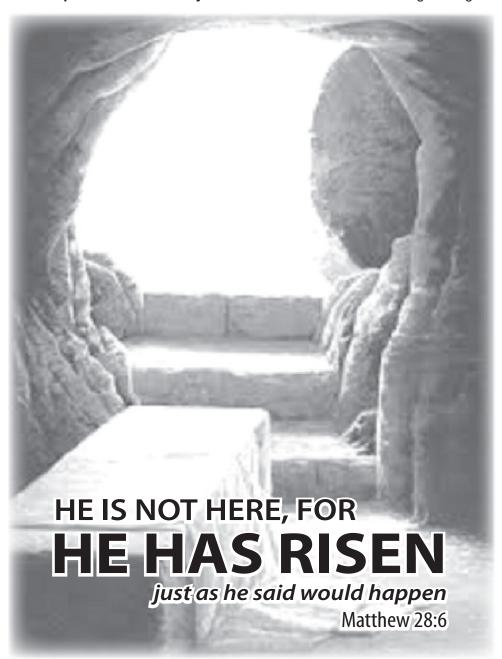
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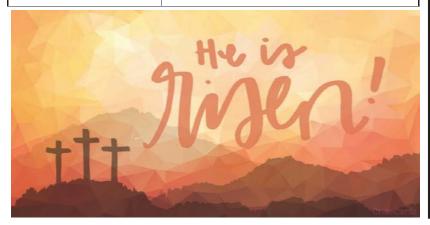
#### **Pastoral Team**

Pastor: Fr. Rob Rocheleau
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jim Higgins
Pastoral Minister: Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry: Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony: Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM





Fr. Donald Pumputis



### A Message from Fr. Rob

Alleluia the Lord is Risen. What joy we feel today as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. After our Lenten journey of renewal, we are now spiritually prepared to live the joy of the Easter Season with new life. The next 50 days are meant to be an expression of Christian joy and trust in the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord.

New life brings signs of hope to our faith family. Welcome to our new Catholics, given God's grace through the Sacraments of Initiation: Elsie Morgan, John Morgan,

May the Lord bless you in your new life of discipleship.

The Easter Season will bring with it the celebrations of first communions over the next few weeks. May the Lord bless the children in these final weeks of preparation for this special gift. We will also celebrate baptisms with a number of families who are rejoicing in the birth of their child. All great signs of hope and new life.

Many thanks to all who helped to make our celebrations of the Sacred Triduum so meaningful: servers, ushers, lectors, ministers of holy communion, music ministers, decorators and all those who helped with our spring cleaning. Your dedication and service to our Family of Parishes is deeply appreciated.

Happy Easter to all of you!

#### 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 our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

#### Ordination Breakfast:

Saturday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Vocations London is inviting young men 14 and older to a special Ordination Breakfast at St. Michael's Parish. This event offers the unique opportunity to meet with our Bishop and those preparing for ordination, to hear their stories and learn more about their vocation. For more details and to register visit www.dolpriest.ca/ordination-breakfast.

#### Ordinations to the Priesthood

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, we are pleased to announce the call to the Order of Priest of Rev. Mr. James Prins, Rev. Mr. Matthew R. Sawyer and Rev. Mr. Tony J. (TJ) Vandermeer. The Mass of Ordination will be on Saturday, 27 April 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London. All are invited to attend or watch the livestream. Please keep these men in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination to the priesthood.

#### **Admission to Permanent Diaconate Formation**

The Diocese of London is seeking men, who are being called to lives of service. Are you one of them? Are you being called to consider becoming a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese? The admission cycle for entry into the Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study program is open until June 10, 2024. For more information please visit: www.deacons.space/ admissions. In person inquiry sessions will occur in the month of May and the locations and time are posted at the link. All registrations will be responded to with more information.



Rev. Champagne 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rev. Robert Champagne will be celebrating his 50th anniversary to the priesthood on Saturday May 11. 2024. Mass at will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m., followed be a reception at

Visitation Parish in Comber. Please RSVP, by May 1, at robertchampagne50thanniversary@gmail.com.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9528**



Bottle Drive for Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, April 6th in the parking lot at St. John Vianney church. Set aside your cans and bottles and plan to drop off between 9 am and 2:30

pm. Thank you for your support.



Chicken Pot Pies: CWL(OLA) sell small chicken pot pies for \$6 each every Monday in Parish Hall from 1pm-3pm. No pies sales on Mondays that fall on a holiday (Apr 01, May 20). Thanks for your support!

Tues. Apr. 2 @ 6:30 pm- 8 pm	OLA	Parish Family Youth Group (Atonement Family Centre)
Tues. Apr. 2 @ 7pm	OLA	K of C #8919 (St. Francis)
Wed. Apr. 3 @ 6:45 pm	OLA	First Eucharist Class (Vianney Hall)
Wed. Apr. 3 @ 7:30 pm	OLA	Prayer Group
Thurs. Apr. 4 @ 6:30 pm	OLA	First Eucharist Class (Atonement Family Centre)
Thurs, Apr.4 @ 7 pm		Finance Council (St. Francis)
Sat. April 6 9 am- 2:30 pm	SJV	K of C #8965 @ SJV Bottle Drive for Special Olympics
Tues. April 9 @ 7 pm	SJV	CWL-SJV (Vianney Hall)
Thurs. April 11 @ 7 pm	SJV	K of C #9865 (Vianney Hall)

BUILDING UPDATE: you may have noticed that the years have not been kind to either of our church parking lots. We are presently working with the

Diocesan Building coordinator to investigate what needs to be done for repair and replacement. It is our hope that this can be done in 2024.

#### THE BELOVED RETREAT EXPERIENCE

April 26-28, 2024 at Holy Family Retreat House. Cost is \$350 includes all meals, lodging and supplies. The retreat is an interactive weekend retreat experience inviting participants to contemplate that we are passionately loved by God. We offer a safe, open and inclusive environment in a quiet, pastoral setting where you can explore your relationship with God and yourself.

To register: Anne Marie Staley: 519-566-9585 amstaley02@outlook.com. More info? Nancy Asciak: songbird.nancy@cogeco.ca 519-984-9457

#### UPCOMING NURSING HOME MASSES 2 pm

April 2 @ Riverside Place April 9 @ Heron Terrace April 23 @ Aspen Lake

Volunteers should arrive at 1:30 pm in order to greet the residents. Please check the doors as you enter for any masking requirements.

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

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