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Office Hours Tues. - Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Emergency Priest Contact: (226) 234-8020

Vision

To be a home for those seeking Christ, united in diversity, for the service of God.

Mission

Empowering the faithful for the service of God by calling each person forth to know and share their gifts in mutual service.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:30 AM - St. Justin
9:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
11:00 AM - St. Justin
11:00 AM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**
11:30 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Tuesday

8:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
7:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**
6:30 PM - St. Justin

Wednesday

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**
6:30 PM - St. Justin

Thursday

8:00 AM - St. Justin
6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

Friday

8:00 AM - St. Justin
6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

Saturday

4:30 PM - St. Justin
4:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
6:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

NEW PARISHIONER

Please take the time to register at either the Welcome Desk, online or call one of the offices.

ADORATION TIMES

Thursday

5:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin

RECONCILIATION TIMES

St. Leopold Mandic

Tuesday - 6:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday - 5:30 PM

St. Francis-St. Martin

Wednesday & Friday - 5:30 PM

St. Justin

Wednesday - 6:00 PM
Saturday - 11:00 AM

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! We ask for a minimum of 12 months before the date you wish to begin our journey with you. Please make an appointment with one of the priests. We invite couples to attend a Marriage Preparation course recognized by the Diocese before the celebration of the sacrament.



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FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS

3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:30 PM
Contact: Marina Simonetta (519)933-9157



PASTOR'S PEN

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

From the prophet Ezekiel. God is faithful and even death will not keep him from the fulfillment of the love covenant between himself and Israel. "I am going to open your graves, and bring you back to the Land of Israel...." – your exile is not permanent, I hear your cries.

Romans 8:8 – "If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the Dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his spirit...." Because of our share in the death and resurrection of Christ (the Paschal Mystery) in Baptism we too have an eternal destiny, death will not have the last word.

John 11 – Lazarus, Martha, and Mary are close friends of the Lord. Bethany was like a "Camp David" for Jesus – somewhere to go to get away and rest and enjoy the company of people who knew and loved him. Lazarus falls ill; Jesus is sent for. He does not come. This seems strange at first, but there is always a reason with the Lord. On the fourth day (symbolic for devout Jews for the possibility that the soul remained with the body until the third day) – Jesus goes to Bethany and Lazarus was truly gone. Martha (the active, apostolic woman) runs out to see Jesus as he approaches, Mary (the contemplative) remains at home.

"Lord if you had been here...." Have we ever said these words of Martha to the Lord when facing death or tragedy? Where were you, Lord? These are not bad words; they are words of supplication, a cry for help and understanding. Martha, with great faith knows that "even now (in the face of death) God will give you whatever you ask of Him." Jesus reminds her of her faith, "Your brother will rise again." She believed in the doctrine, or the teaching of the Resurrection held by the Pharisees, but now something more than doctrine has presented itself to her. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." It is I Mary, the one standing before you – I am Resurrection, I am life in the midst of Death – you can touch, you can know Resurrection! Not a doctrine but a Person.

Do you believe? Yes Lord. Jesus is leading her to a deeper faith, taking her by the hand like a Father leading a child in the Dark into the Light.

Jesus began to weep. A simple statement, in some versions of the scriptures it is the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus Wept." Jesus sees the pain of loss, feels the pain of loss, and he weeps. He sees that death was not part of the plan of his Father as we experience it today. He sees how death separates loved ones – He, Christ – is all about gathering together, reuniting – making whole again. He will do this by his own death and resurrection.

Jesus prays, gives thanks to his Father, then commands, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus is brought back to mortal life. What I find most moving is the command that Jesus gives to the attendants around Lazarus, "Unbind him, let him go!" What keeps us in the darkness of the tomb? Where is there darkness in our lives? Sinful habits, addictions, judgmental attitudes or prejudices which keep us from experiencing the freedom God offers us in Jesus. Jesus stands before us with an offer.... "Unbind them. Let them go free." Let us bring to the Lord the things of death this Lent, so that we can be more and more set free as we experience New Life at Easter.

Happy Lent!

**Fr. Christopher
Pastor**

BEST YEARS GROUP

The Best Years Group will meet on Thursday, April 10th, at 1 p.m. in the church hall for coffee and goodies and also, to celebrate four April birthdays. Please bring along your own personal coffee cups, as disposable ones are no longer available. (Thank you) We will be playing bingo, as well as the ever-popular card game

"Newfie Nickels". Please remember your nickels.

Please call Julie 519-681-4571 / Fran 519-685-3498

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS HAPPENING SOON!

Join us for an occasion of great joy! Bishop Fabbro invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Visitation Parish in Comber. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. For more information and

to register, go to www.dol.ca/anniversary.



TODAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126

2nd Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel

John 8:1-11

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL

FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please

get in touch with

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For more information

visit our website:

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New members welcome



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Grand Knight**

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New Members Welcome

St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 @ 6:30 PM

(+) Misso & Walter Soares	Franco Family
(INT) Bona Yu	Jaesan
(INT) Michael Haight	Haight Family
(INT) Norna & Soledad Heddle	Dcn. Joe & Lori Manzara

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 @ 6:30 PM

All Day Confessions

(+) Isobel Carew	Gary Carew
(+) Alceo De Odorico	De Odorico Family
(+) Manuel & Joana Franco	Franco Family
(+) Moira Scott	John & Colleen Gruggen
(+) Pauline Buttler	Carol & Phil East

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 @ 8:00 AM

(+) Eleanor Hickey	John & Colleen Gruggen
(+) Ralph Ellul	Ken & Elisabeth Duggan
(+) Annamma Mathew	Eliz Mathew

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 @ 8:00 AM

(+) Sr. Priscille Therese Ducharme	Rev. Chris Bourdeau Family
(+) Kelly Hartwick	Ken & Elisabeth Duggan
(+) Desmond Lynch	Pamela Trainor Brooks
(INT) Lori Finch	Lori Finch
(INT) Pamela & Keith Brooks	

SOUP AND STATIONS

Join us for fellowship, a safe gathering, with soup and bread and a beverage. Stations of the Cross will be led by various groups within the parish followed by Mass.

From Wednesday, March 12th to April 16th
5:00 p.m. Soup | 6:00 Stations | 6:30 Mass

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

Regular Sunday Mass schedule

Holy Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m. St. Justin's

Holy Wednesday Mass: 6:30 p.m. St. Justin's

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper:

(Note: No 8:00 a.m. Mass) 7:00 p.m. Mass (incense).

Adoration after the Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday):

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Saturday: 10:00 a.m. at St. Justin's Hall, Morning Prayer –

The Liturgy of the Hours – with Hot Cross Buns and Coffee.

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Mass schedule

For more information, visit our website, londonsouthcatholic.ca

PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

Sunday, April 6 - Mrs. Annette Donovan-Panchaud, Pastoral Minister
 Monday, April 7 - Rev. Donald Pumputus
 Tuesday, April 8 - Parish Business Managers in the Diocese of London
 Wednesday, April 9 - Mrs. Lisa Kumidaj, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 Thursday, April 10 - Rev. Alan Mommey
 Friday, April 11 - Rev. John Johnson
 Saturday, April 12 - Deacon Joel Bénéteau



FISH FRY - GOOD FRYDAY



Friday, April 18, 2025 (Good Friday)
 St. Justin's Church Parish Hall

855 Jalna Blvd (corner of Jalna & Ernest) 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Cost \$20 (includes: full fish dinner, baked potato or fries, coleslaw, bun, dessert, and beverage)

"Take-out" orders are available.



SSVP YOUTH CONFERENCE OF LONDON PRESENTS:

WATER RIGHTS CORPORATE BUYOUTS

Who gets drinking water and who does not? Is it fair multimillion dollar corporations have the right to buy local sources of water at pennies/million litres when our Indigenous people do not have clean water. This is happening globally and as people who live on Mother Earth, we need to end huge companies from taking our water and making a profit.

See what is happening in under-privileged countries that can easily be our circumstance in Canada if we do nothing. Join us at St. Justin's Parish Hall on April 30th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments served.



ST. JOE'S CAFÉ COLLECTION



Our annual Lenten collection for the St. Joe's Café (602 Queens Ave.) will take place during the weekends of April 5/6 and 12/13. The need is greater than ever as the staff and volunteers continue to provide over 300 meals per day six days per week. This year they need the following items: mayonnaise, napkins, sugar, coffee (ground), pancake syrup, and pancake mix. Bins will be placed in the narthex to collect these items. Grocery cards are also welcome and can be placed in the SSVP lock boxes located in the narthex or in the offertory baskets. Thank you for your generosity towards those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for:
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