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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

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2024

“Gaudete Sunday” – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”

Today we don the rose vestments and are called to rejoice – we draw near to the birth of our Lord. We now shift our attention from the coming of the Lord at the end of time, to his birth in history, the promised coming of the messiah. From the book of the prophet Zephaniah, joy literally leaps off the pages of sacred scripture. “Sing aloud....shout, rejoice and exult...” Why? “The Lord has taken away the judgements against you....turned away your enemies.” “The Lord your God is in your midst.” God cares for his people; he keeps his promises.

The second reading gives the title for our celebration today, rejoice – Gaudete! “The Lord is near.” One important command is given; “do not worry about anything.” Take everything to God in prayer. Worry and anxiety are the chief enemies of the spiritual life.

What should we do the Baptist is asked. Two coats – share with others. Food – share with others. Tax collectors – collect what is owed, no more (they were known for cheating). Soldiers – don’t extort people, don’t use your authority to harm others.

People saw John and thought, maybe he is the Messiah. John was quick to reply, “No, I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. When he comes, he will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” John’s baptism was a symbol – Christ’s is effective.

Rejoice in the Lord!

**Fr. Christopher
Pastor**



2024-2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Church year began on the first Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024. The new Sunday Missals for 2024-2025 are available on the book rack. The cost is \$6.00 each. Please put your money in the slot on the book rack.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES - REMINDER

The cost of the Devotional candles is \$5.00 per candle and the money goes into one of the two lock boxes at the St. Therese Shrine.

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

2nd Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister at (519) 685-2795 Ext. 227 or via email: mcbishop@dol.ca For more information visit our website: londonouthcatholic.ca



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New Members
Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

(INT) Fr. Christopher Bourdeau Parishioner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 6:30 PM

(+) Carlos Benevides Family

(+) Carl Wilson Marianne & Joe Hare

(+) Armando & Maria Rosa Rodrigues Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 9:30 AM

SIR ARTHUR CARTY SCHOOL MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 6:30 PM

(+) Jacob Okoh Faith Baya

(+) Luong Thi Nhan Pham Family

(+) Jose Manuel Salvador Salvador Family

(INT) Thanksgiving St. Joseph's Ministry

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 @ 8:00 AM

(+) Fr. Richard Masciangelo Fr. Christopher

(INT) John Baya & Faith Baya Faith Baya

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 @ 8:00 AM

(+) Emelita Torrefranca Tony Torrefranca

(+) Charles Bezzina Imelda Bezzina

(+) Jack Brooks Pamela Trainor Brooks

(+) Robert Jibson Damian Lynch & Family

(INT) Fr. Christopher Bourdeau Parishioner

BEST YEARS GROUP

The Best Years Group from St. Justin's will meet for our Christmas Lunch at Swiss Chalet (Wellington South), **12 p.m. noon on Thurs., Dec. 19.** A \$5 gift exchange is optional. Following lunch, anyone wishing to play bingo or the popular card game "Newfie Nickels" can come back to the Church hall. Please remember your nickels. We were happy to see some new faces at our last potluck.

All are most welcome from our Family of Parishes.

Please call: Julie 519-681-4571

Fran 519-685-3498

CHRISTMAS FAMILY GATHERING
NEWCOMERS MINISTRY
Christmas Gathering for Newcomer Families!
for a festive evening of Christmas cheer, family dinner, and connection!
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SUNDAY **15** DECEMBER
1:30 - 5:30 PM
REGISTER AT [LONDONSOUTHCATHOLIC.CA](https://www.londonsouthcatholic.ca)
Limited spots are available! Register with your family

PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:
Sunday, Dec. 15 - Rev. Christophe Mbunzu O.F.M. Cap.
Monday, Dec. 16 - Deacon Brian McDonald
Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Deacon David Kraemer
Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Rev. Augustine Ogundele
Thursday, Dec. 19 - Deacon Daniel Lemire
Friday, Dec. 20 - Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.
Saturday, Dec. 21 - Mrs. Christa Mailloux,
Coordinator of Children's Ministry



PRAY THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Christmas Novena Prayers will take place in the Church after each Mass, beginning **Monday, December 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

Christmas Novena

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayers and grant my desires, (mention your request here) through the merits of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you didn't receive your Offertory Envelopes for 2025, contact Sherry Rowland at the office 519-685-2795 ext. 241. Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025. Any charitable donations for the Church for 2024 must be received by the office by Friday, December 31, 2024.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for December 7/8, 2024:

\$6,440.60

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Reached Goal of \$50,000!

THANK YOU, for your donation!



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