



# London South Catholic Family of Parishes

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## 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

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**  
6:00 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**

## FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS

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

## ADORATION TIMES

### Thursday

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

### Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

### Tuesday - Friday

5:30 PM - St. Leopold Mandic  
**Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday**  
5:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin  
**Wednesday**

6:00 PM - St. Justin

### Thursday

5:00 PM During Adoration at  
St. Francis-St. Martin

### Saturday

11:00 AM - St. Justin

## NEW PARISHIONER

New parishioners to the London South Catholic Family of Parishes are welcome – please take the time to register at either the Welcome desks or online or call one of the offices.



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# PASTOR'S DESK

## 2nd Sunday Of Lent - February 25, 2024

Three Mountains – Mt. Moriah, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor – 3 acts of Faith. Our readings from the Word call us to radical faith.

The aged Abram (100 years old) is promised a son through the barren womb of Sarah (90 years old) – he is to be called Isaac. Through Isaac, Abram now Abraham will have descendants more numerous than the sand of the shore or the stars of the sky. This takes radical faith to believe.

God then asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, his only son. What is going on? If Isaac is central to the fulfilling of the promise, why should he be killed? So many questions, yet Abraham obeys. Just as he is to immolate his son, he is stopped. “For now, I know that you fear God since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

For Christians, we see the image of Isaac bearing the wood of his immolation as a prefiguration of Christ bearing His cross for our salvation. In obedience, both Abraham and Jesus go to a type of Calvary. Abraham goes to Mt. Moriah to sacrifice his son; Jesus climbs Calvary to offer himself the Son, the only son of the Father. Isaac, with much pathos, asks his father where is the lamb of sacrifice (not knowing that he was to be that sacrifice). Abraham replies God will provide; the Father provides the Lamb of Sacrifice in the person of Jesus on Calvary.

In Psalm 116 we hear of the struggle when we are called to believe, to obey when we can't make sense of a situation or event. “I kept my faith, even when I said I am greatly afflicted.”

Paul to the Romans reminds us that the Father gave His Son for us, the ultimate sacrifice, the ultimate sign of the Father's love for us. “He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will He not with him also give us everything else?”

The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mt. Tabor – His glorification before the weary eyes of Peter, James, and John is a moment of supreme grace for these disciples. Soon, they will descend this mountain of encounter and see Jesus climb another hill, not to be glorified in transfiguration but to take on the image of our sin and death itself. Transfiguration is to prepare the disciples for the scandal of the cross. The scandal of the Cross is prefigured in the anguish of Abraham in his struggle to obey and lose his only son.

Moses and Elijah appear with the transfigured Lord, the Law and the Prophets represented in these figures. In other Gospels, we are told that they (Moses and Elijah) are discussing with Jesus his upcoming passion in Jerusalem. Peter wishes the moment to last forever and to build three tents. A cloud descends, and the voice of the Father is heard, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to Him!” Peter, James, and John are told not to relate this experience until after the Son of Man is risen from the dead, and they ponder what this could mean. They, too, are asked to obey and to walk in faith as Abraham, Sarah, and all who strive to follow the Lord. So, we too, are asked to obey, to walk by faith and not by sight – even when we can see no possible good come out of a situation. As the disciples looked at the crucified Lord, did they realize the marvelous event that they soon would experience in the resurrection of the Lord? We too, need to endure the scandal of the Cross with faith – the Good Fridays of our lives and wait in prayer for a new beginning in Jesus.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Christopher

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

#### 2nd Reading Romans

8:31b-34

#### Gospel Mk 9:2-10

### POPE'S PRAYER

#### INTENTION

#### FEBRUARY 2024 FOR

#### THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### DIVINE MERCY

#### CHAPLET

1st Friday of the Month

Prayers occur in the Church on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. **Please consider joining us this Friday, March 1, 2024.**

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER*

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For more Sacramental information, visit our website:

[londonsouthcatholic.ca/lturgy-liturgia](http://londonsouthcatholic.ca/lturgy-liturgia).



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