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New Parishioners to the London South Catholic Family of Parishes

All are welcome!

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

BAPTISMS

St. Justin's Parish
Once a month

St. Francis-St. Martin Parish
First and Third Sundays of the Month
(ENG/SPA)

St. Leopold Mandic Parish
By Appointment

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

St. Justin's Parish
Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis-St. Martin Parish
Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Leopold Mandic Parish
Before Mass

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.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

The Holy Eucharist can be brought to those in the Hospital, Long Term Care Facilities or homes. Please contact one of the parish offices to make arrangements for this. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please have the Funeral Director of your choice call one of the parish sites to make arrangements for your loved one.

Masses for the Week

TUESDAY, February 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

(+) Ken Mol	Tina Mol
(+) Mary Hunter	Pat & Betty McLaughlin
(+) James McVittie	Pat & Betty McLaughlin
(INT) Migs Daniel Penaranda	Family
(INT) Bianca Denise Penaranda	Family

WEDNESDAY, March 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

(+) Leonor Endo	Family
(INT) Thanksgiving for blessings through the intercession of St. Joseph	Jamie Douglas

THURSDAY, March 2 @ 8:00 a.m.

(+) Michael Gonsalves	Michelle Gonsalves
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FRIDAY, March 3 @ 8:00 a.m.

(+) Hector Cano	Sandra Cano
(INT) John & Gonzolo Arboleda	Sandra Cano

SATURDAY, March 4 @ 11:00 a.m. Confessions

SATURDAY, March 4 @ 4:30 p.m. - 2nd Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, March 5 @ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Readings - 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25: 3.1-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11



March Monthly Intention of the Holy Father: For victims of abuse — We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

For Your Information

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - Friday, March 10
Come out & get a good fish 'n chip dinner, along with a beverage and dessert on Friday, March 10 starting at 4:30 - 6 p.m. Adults \$15 and Children (*under 10*) \$5. *Chicken fingers will also be available. Enjoy the meal, support the Knights, and see your friends and neighbors!*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For February 18 - 19, 2023: \$4,868.95

Thank you!

2022 Income Tax Receipts

Thank you for generously supporting St. Justin's Parish. The 2022 income tax receipts for your donations will be at the back of the Church for pick up this weekend, February 25 - 26. Please help us save on postage. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed on Monday, February 27, 2023.

St. Joseph's Hospitality Collection – Donations Needed!

Spread the word !!! Our fifth annual collection for the St. Joe's Café (formerly St. Joseph's Hospitality Center—now located at 602 Queens Ave.) will take place during the weekends of February 25 - 26 and March 4 - 5. *The items that are badly needed* by the soup kitchen, which is run by the Sisters of St. Joseph, are: jam, coffee, mayonnaise, and margarine. Place your items in the bins which will be located in the narthex. We also welcome grocery cards (which can be placed in the SSVP lock boxes located in the narthex) or cash donations (which can be put in the offertory baskets). Please clearly mark these donations: "St. Joe's Café". Daily, the St. Joe's Café serves approximately 400 meals, ONLY through the generosity of their donors — people like YOU!

Thank you for your generosity towards our brothers and sisters in need.

Permanent Prayer Intention Box

We have placed a wooden box on a table near the tabernacle where we invite you to place your prayer intentions. When we celebrate Mass, we will intentionally pray for all the prayer requests placed in the box.

Devotional to St. Joseph — 1st Wednesday

Prayers take place in the Church on the *First Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m.* Please consider joining us this upcoming **Wednesday, March 1, 2023.**



Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

Prayers take place in the Church on the *First Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.* Please consider joining us this upcoming **Friday, March 3, 2023.**

February 26, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have begun the sacred season of Lent again. We repeat this sacred season each year because each year, each day, we are in need of repentance - of a new beginning. We are called to die to self, to die to sin and selfishness, and to rise in loving service to God and one another. This season we are called to do what we normally should be doing with greater zeal and intentionality - we are called to pray, fast, and give alms always - not just during Lent. With God's grace (and only with His grace) we hope to come out of Lent changed, more conformed to God's image and likeness.

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis, we hear the Yahwistic account of creation (of humankind) - very personal, formed by the hands of God, receiving God's spirit, God's breath. God makes us in His image and likeness. He sets us in a Garden, paradise; gives us a helpmate, a partner-woman. One thing, one thing only I ask of you - *do not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*. "Man, and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed". Original blessing; union with God, union with each other, union with creation - paradise. Temptation - exaggeration - fall. Original sin, disunion with God, with each other, and with creation itself. A redeemer is needed.

Paul reminds the community at Rome that "just as one man's trespass (Adam) led to condemnation for all people, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all people." We are familiar with the desert temptation narratives, but I think it is important to see the desert as an image of our own inner lives and struggle - we are all called to go into the desert of our lives and wrestle with Satan with Christ.

In the Gospel passage today, it is mentioned that, "Jesus was tempted by Satan". Last year (year C) it also mentioned, "Hewas among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." I like this version because it brings into focus the wild beasts that are in our lives - those unruly things that rummage around our minds and hearts, that need to be tamed. Certainly being in the desert, one is in the wilderness but there is a deeper spiritual meaning to this. As Jesus enters into this time of testing, he does so for us. All that Jesus experienced had a deep meaning, one ultimately for us. When we take the time to stop, to pray and ask God for the grace to enter into the desert of our lives - we will notice that we are not alone.

1. **The Tempter** - the influence of Satan in our lives must be acknowledged but not blown out of proportion. There is not a cosmic struggle between two equal powers - Good and Evil. Evil, sin, which is personified in the person of Satan is a created thing. God is the Creator and Lord of all. Sin and Evil have been defeated in a definitive way in the Incarnation; life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The War has been won - but the squirmishes of evil still take place. But we have a choice. God in the establishment of the Church has given us a field hospital to return to again and again after the daily battles of earthly life. We believe and know that God offers us victory in His Son.

2. **The Wild Beasts** - What vies for our attention in our lives? Instead of Prayer, Fasting or Almsgiving - what do we turn to? Original Sin, the "NO" of Adam and Eve, though conquered in Baptism still can affect our choices, can lead us to selfishness. Deep down there is a tendency to think - if all others were made in MY image and likeness, the world would be such a better place. My ideas, my world view, my opinion can lead to a type of selfishness. Adam and Eve believed that they really didn't need God - that they could do it on their own. Satan - an angel before the fall from heaven - refused to serve. He thought he didn't need God anymore. What then can be an antidote to this condition?

3. **Prayer**, Fasting and Almsgiving can help us to move out of a self-preoccupation to a recognition of God in the other. In prayer we make ourselves vulnerable to the life-giving activity of God in our lives. Prayer, that surge of the heart lifts our minds and souls to God. The silence that we can encounter in times of prayer can nourish us, help us to discern God's will for us. Prayer makes us more sensitive to the needs of others around us. As we sit here now, there are people suffering, people dying, people starving for food or for love. Can we lift them up to God in prayer? Will God then motivate us to help in concrete ways to come to their assistance? There are many people in this parish family who are suffering from cancer, from other ailments - are we praying for them?

4. **Fasting** from what we truly do not need can be a source of bodily discipline that helps to clear our minds of the unnecessary, and open ourselves to the needs of others.

5. **Almsgiving** - the financial support of those organizations that aid all those who struggle and suffer. But greater almsgiving can be the offering of our time and talent. Can we take some of our time and visit the residents at our Long-Term care centers or hospital? Do we have frail members of the parish who live in our neighborhood that would like a visit? What keeps us from reaching out to them? Those who are mourning the death of a loved one, can we reach out to them?

"Whatsoever you did for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me". May this season of Lent truly be embraced and seen as a real opportunity for spiritual growth. May we make the time and space for Our Lord to touch us and renew us.

Have a wonderful week ahead! *Father Christopher*

For Your Information

Children of the Light Sunday School

We are now offering Sunday school at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Justin's Church for children JK— grade 2. Bring the children to the back of the church 5 minutes before the beginning of Mass. They return to the church during the offertory. We are looking for youth and parent volunteers to help. Email Mary Catherine Bishop for more information.

St. Justin's Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is starting up again for those in Grades 3 to 8. The Choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. Practice will be on the 4th Saturday each month at 11:00 a.m. Contact Lydia at ninoandlydiad@gmail.com or just come to the first practice where you will be welcome.

Soup and Stations

During this Lenten season, we are offering Soup & Stations on Wednesday evenings. Please come and join us for fellowship and to share a meal of soup, bread, and a beverage. Soup is served at 5 p.m. in the parish hall, Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be led by various parish groups.

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