



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

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2024

Dear friends,

“Not just a hearer of His word, but a doer of His word.”

On this 4th Sunday in ordinary time we return to Capernaum, the unofficial “home base” for Jesus and his disciples. Simon Peter lived here as we hear from the account of the healing of his mother-in-law. Here in the synagogue, Jesus proclaims the Word from the Torah and preaches.

The prophet, the preacher must pray to deliver God’s Word well but also that those he is preaching to will have receptive minds and hearts. These people came to give worship to God as they were, with their sins and imperfections, graces, and strengths. They would have been loaded down with their own concerns and anxieties as we are. We present ourselves as we are before the Lord. The living Word of God reaches each heart and soul and touches us. There is a man who is possessed by a demon. This is a spiritual reality but can also represent the various “demons” of our own modern day lives. Jesus does not avoid the man or have him removed, he confronts evil, he confronts sin, he liberates the man. The demon is disturbed in the presence of Jesus, as we are disturbed by sin in our lives. There can be a “wrestling match” that we are called to engage in, as we confront uncomfortable realities, (with God’s grace) to grow closer to him and to one another. It is a reality of our spiritual lives that struggle is a part of it. The demon knows who Jesus is, that he is the Christ, the anointed one, the Son of God. This is sometimes called the Messianic secret. The reality that evil knows full well who Jesus is.

Jesus wants us to know him through his proclamation, not the voice of evil; that’s why he silences him and casts the demon out. We grow in our knowledge, our relationship with God throughout our lives. He continues to reveal himself to us in various ways. Obviously the most perfect and definitive revelation of himself is that of his incarnation, birth, life, and saving death and resurrection. He continues to speak to us in the Spirit in his living Word and in the Eucharist.

God promised Moses that he would send another prophet for his children after Moses would die. The perfection of that promise is to be found in Jesus. The Word that spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, the Word that revealed itself to Elijah and Isaiah, is the Word made flesh – Jesus Christ. We are called to hone our skills with his grace to be receptive to His voice, His spirit.

There can be many “demons”, many distractions that hamper our receptivity in receiving His word, but we persist in our efforts with God’s help. God wishes to transform us from not only hearers of His word, but doers. Even the demons can hear God’s word and know it by heart, but it is another thing to be Christlike, to become like Christ.

CS Lewis in his work, Mere Christianity put’s it like this. “Put right out of your head the idea that these are only fancy ways of saying that Christians are to read what Christ said and try to carry it out; as a man may read what Plato or Marx said and try to carry it out. They mean something much more than that. They mean that a real person, Christ, here and now, in that very room where you are saying your prayers, is doing things to you. It is not a question of a good man who died two thousand years ago. It is a living Man, still as much a man as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods. Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into a new little Christ, a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity.”

“A new little Christ” is what we are called to be. To be receptive to his word not only to hear it, but to allow it to change us. Even the demons know scripture.

Blessings,

Rev. Christopher Bourdeau

TODAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Dt 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm Ps
95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

2nd Reading 1 Cor 7:32-
35

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT
JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**
January 31st

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For more Sacramental information, visit our website:

londoncatholic.ca/lliturgia.

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, February 2, 2024.**

*PLEASE JOIN US FOR
PRAYER*

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, January 30th @ 6:30 PM

+ Art Cormier	Jane & Jerry Yates
+ Lori Nemeth	John & Colleen Gruggen
+ Joe Salvador	Margaret Salvador

WEDNESDAY, January 31st @ 6:30 PM

No Mass - No Confessions

THURSDAY, February 1st @ 08:00 AM

+ Glenn Brown	John & Colleen Gruggen
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FRIDAY, February 2nd @ 8:00 AM

(INT) Holy Catholic Church	Parishioners
+ Frank & Rose Casaceli	Linda Terpstra



BULLETIN STUFFING MINISTRY

There are often inserts required for the bulletin, and we need your help! Following the 8 a.m. daily Mass on Friday mornings, we invite volunteers to help stuff bulletins while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea. If you are interested in joining this ministry, kindly contact Catherine Leach at the parish office, call 519-685-2795 ext-201 or email cleach@dol.ca.

Many hands make light work!

LOTTERY CALENDAR UPDATE

The next draw for the Lottery calendar is January 28th, when we will draw 31 tickets for the whole month of January, which is a total prize board of \$1,325.00! We need your help as parishioners selling these calendars to your friends, co-workers, and neighbours. Sign out 5 or more calendars and pay for them when you sell them. All funds from the sale of the calendars stay specifically with each parish. We hope to sell 2,000 calendars as a family and are not yet halfway there. We also need volunteers to sell calendars before and after Mass. If you can help, please call Mary Catherine at St. Justin's (ext. 227) or Delia at St. Francis-St. Martin (ext. 226).



PARISH GIVING

Please pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes at the back of the Church. Did you know that there are other ways to give to your parish: e-transfer at stjustins@dol.ca; set up a pre-authorized donation - weekly or monthly with forms available in the Narthex, or you can scan the QR code on the website londonsouthcatholic.ca and use your debit or credit card. No matter which way you choose to give to your parish, "THANK YOU" for your support!

WISDOM YEARS RETREAT

Join us on Saturday, **February 10, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at St. Justin's Parish Hall for a special event tailored for the second half of life, featuring an enlightening talk by Fr. John P. Comiskey, Vicar General, DoL. **Ticket: \$25 per person.**

Visit our website at londonsouthcatholic.ca. For more information.



HORIZONS OF HOPE

We invite you to participate in learning sessions on Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care. Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The program will help parishioners, caregivers, and families facing terminal illness learn more about palliative care. Throughout the four modules, the learning and discussion sessions address themes such as understanding the dying process, discernment and decision-making at the end of life, accompaniment, and the importance of building Compassionate Communities.

Horizons of Hope:

Gathering together to learn and share meaningful conversations to understand palliative care and end-of-life issues better so that our parishes and families become Compassionate Communities rooted in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

**Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Justin's Parish Hall

To register, go online at www.londonsouthcatholic.ca or call or email the parish office. If you have any questions, email **Mary Catherine Bishop** at mcbishop@dol.ca.

Program Partners:



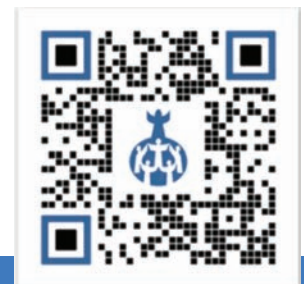
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend Jan 20/21: \$6,474.20
Loonie-Toonie Challenge: \$518.10
Large Bill: Enbridge \$1,933.00.

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