



London South Catholic Family of Parishes

St. Francis-St. Martin's Parish 46 Cathcart Street Phone: (519)433-8175 | **St. Justin's Parish** 855 Jalna Blvd Phone: (519) 685-2795 | **St. Leopold Mandic's Parish** 2889 Westminster Dr. Phone: (519) 681-8472
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

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 **Spa**

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

Saturday

11:00 AM - St. Justin

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.

NEW PARISHIONER

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



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PASTOR'S PEN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8, 2024

Dear Friends,

Our summer swiftly passed and now we are engaged in the routines of life. There is a comfort in the familiar and the known. Jesus strays from the comfortable surroundings of predominately Jewish villages and goes to the lands of the pagans – the Decapolis. “During the time of Christ, the ten cities of Decapolis and the surrounding region were inhabited mostly by Gentiles, not Jews, and the area had a strong Greek influence.” Here Jesus encounters a deaf man with a speech impediment. Our first reading from Isaiah prophecies the coming of the Messiah by one who would open the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf, and make the mute tongue sing for joy! This is a message of power and liberation, of parched deserts becoming pools of life-giving water. Our second reading warns us of judging by appearances. The well-dressed are welcomed, but the poor-looking are shunned. We are not to become “judges with evil thoughts.” People bring to Jesus a man who is deaf, and speech impeded and beg for his healing. What good friends they must be! These people must have loved this man greatly to bring him to Jesus. Do we bring people to Jesus? Do we lead others to Christ by our actions or turn them away? Do we take those who do not yet know Christ and “lower them to his feet” in prayer like the ones who lowered the paralytic man through the roof to have their friend have access to Jesus? What are the lengths that you would go to “save” someone who needs Jesus? The Word became flesh - the incarnation took place. Jesus uses the created world as an instrument of His power. He spat, and he touched. This is the Word Made Flesh! Ephphatha – Be Opened! Sometimes we may fail to give witness to God in our speech – we are impeded like this man was. We are afraid, that something keeps us from witnessing to Jesus. He directs these words to us, Ephphatha – be opened, bear witness to me in word and action. In the words of our first reading from Isaiah, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God...”

We once again welcome Michael Wojtak as our New Director of Temporal Affairs, or Business Manager. I know that Michael is going to be a good fit for our Family of Parishes.

Our Secretary at St. Francis-St Martin's, Blanca Cervantes has injured herself and will be off recuperating until November. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, **the office hours at St. Francis-St. Martin's are as follows:**
Wednesday – 9 am to 12 Noon, Thursday – 9 am to 12 Noon, Friday – 9 am to 12 Noon.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our Golf Tournament and steak dinner at the Willows on Saturday and at our Multicultural Festival at St. Francis-St. Martin on Sunday. Have a great week ahead!

Fr. Christopher
Pastor

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Join our Baptism Preparation Session on **September 19th(ENG) & 26th(SPA)**



at 6:00 PM at St. Francis-St. Martin's Parish.

To register, contact Delia Pardo at dpardo@dol.ca.

Don't miss out!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION



Online registration is **OPEN** for Confirmation (Sept 3-30) and First Reconciliation/First Communion (Sept 3-Dec 15).

Visit londonsouthcatholic.ca to register!



TODAY'S READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading

James 2:1-5

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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: londonsouthcatholic.ca



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St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, September 10 @ 6:30 PM

- (+) Martha Macrina & Clement Moris The Family
- (+) Lydia Coleiro John & Collen Gruggen
- (+) Lydia Coleiro Imelda Bezzina
- (+) Charles Bezzina Bezzina Family
- (INT) Paul & Christine Skladany Margaret Skladany

WEDNESDAY, September 11 @ 6:30 PM

- (+) Matthew Kuilboer Erica Martin
- (+) Eden Madamba The Lee Family
- (+) Belen Flynn The Lee Family
- (+) Alceo De Odorico Helen Lowe
- (+) Maria Rosareo Family
- (INT) Intention for health The Lee Family

THURSDAY, September 12 @ 8:00 AM

- (+) Alceo De Odorico Florence Boffa
- (+) Hortencia Resendes Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (+) Olivine Maurais Hugette Haaparanta
- (INT) Intentions Carolyn Dykeman

FRIDAY, September 13 @ 8:00 AM

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- (+) Alceo De Odorico Piera Vozzolo
- (+) Bruce McInerney Rev. Christopher Bourdeau
- (INT) Mariane Hare Moulton Family

YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all High School and College/University aged Youth who are interested in singing and playing in our Youth Choir! This counts for volunteer service hours! We would love more vocalists and any guitar/bass/piano players to join this vibrant group of young people. We lean towards more contemporary hymns with some older more familiar ones in the mix. We rehearse Saturday mornings at 10am and sing usually once a month at different Mass times. Please contact Tanja van Dam at 519-614-6057 or email wontanja@gmail.com.

REVIVAL ENSEMBLE

If you are a strong vocalist with a love of harmonizing, our ensemble is for you! We would love to have you come try out our small choral group to sing at various Mass times. We sing a broad range of traditional and contemporary hymns. We would also welcome a pianist! We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7pm at the church. Please contact Tanja van Dam at 519-614-6057 or email wontanja@gmail.com.

SUNDAY OFFERING FOR JULY

- July 6/7, 2024
\$8,709.20 and Loonie Toonie \$417.00
- July 13/14, 2024
\$5,392.25 and Loonie Toonie \$519.10
- July 20/21, 2024
\$4,849.85 and Loonie Toonie \$522.05
- July 27/28, 2024
\$6,821.50 and Loonie Toonie \$526.75

SUNDAY OFFERING FOR AUGUST

- August 3/4, 2024
\$7,114.80 and Loonie Toonie \$485.20
- August 10/11, 2024
\$6,602.00 and Loonie Toonie \$655.85
- August 17/18, 2024
\$4,730.60 and Loonie Toonie is \$613.30
- August 24/25, 2024
\$6,412.05 and Loonie Toonie \$620.35



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**Saturday, September 14th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**St. Francis - St. Martin Parish Hall
Lunch included**

**Cost: \$60 to cover the workbook
(English or Spanish version)**

**Register Online at londonsouthcatholic.ca
or by calling the parish office**

For more information call the parish office

WELCOME TO ALPHA!

Join the ALPHA session on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at St. Justin's Parish Hall. Dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by a video and discussion, ending by 8:30 PM. Register online or at the Welcome Desk. ALPHA welcomes all exploring Christianity.

For details, contact Helen at 519-709-8468 or visit londonsouthcatholic.ca



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for August 31/September 1, 2024:
\$6,648.25
Loonie Toonie \$467.00

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