



OUR FAMILY OVERVIEW - DECEMBER 12, 2021

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

The Third Sunday of Advent



Hope, Peace, and Joy!



A Message from Fr. Bob Remark, Pastor

"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice"

(Phil. 4.4-7)

St. Paul, in our Second Reading, with these words, sets the tone for the Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice! Joy! The Lord is near. The cause of joy for a disciple is knowing that Jesus is at the centre of everything we believe, say and do. Despite life's ups and downs, and they are sure to come, Jesus keeps encouraging us, helping us to persevere: in good times and in bad; in sickness and in health. Jesus is our centre-point, our peace. Lord, speak your word into our hearts! Christmas is under two weeks away. Let us pray for each other. Let us pray in particular for those who are struggling at this time in their lives, for those who are separately looking to belong, for those far away from loved ones and family, for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Jesus is near. Come, Holy Spirit!

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am,
11:00am**, and 2:00pm

**11:00 am Mass will not
be livestreamed

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday at 6:30pm and
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
at 10:00am

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Advent JOY

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is
the Holy One of Israel.

ISAIAH 12:6



Fr. Jude Ogbenna, Parochial Vicar

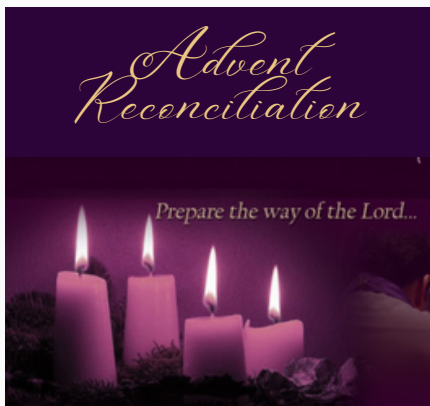
Fr. Jude talks about the 3rd Sunday of Advent
and how we should prepare.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebSo_0ErbJU



We are happy to share with you excellent resources
to make this your best Advent yet.
Preparing for Christmas is important,
and we're here to support you through that journey!

<https://holyfamilylondon.ca/advent-resources/>



The Sacrament of Reconciliation, before Christmas, is offered here at Holy Family, on these scheduled dates...

- Saturday, December 11, beginning at 11:00am and finishing at noon or beyond;
- Saturday December 18, beginning at 10:00am and finishing at noon or beyond;
- Tuesday, December 21, from 3:00 to 4:30pm and from 7:00 to 8:30pm; and
- Wednesday, December 22, from 10:30 to 12 noon, and 7:00 to 8:30pm.

**Please call the office if looking for a private appointment
outside of these specified times.**

**There will be no Confessions offered on Christmas Eve or on New Year's Day.
The next scheduled confessions are scheduled for Saturday, January 8, at 11:00am.**



Join us for Christmas

Reservation required to join us in-person

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve December 24

4:30pm - Family*

6:30pm - Praise & Worship*

8:30pm - Praise & Worship

10:30pm - Traditional*

Christmas Day | December 25

8:30am - Praise & Worship

11:00am - Traditional

Sunday, December 26

8:30am*

11:00am

2:00pm*

New Years Eve | December 31

5:00pm*

New Years Day | January 1

10:00am



*Mass will be livestreamed



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Our
Christmas
Masses are fully booked,
however be sure to join
our livestreamed
Masses
as indicated
above.



Truth & Reconciliation

December 8, 2021

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In September, Bishop Dabrowski and I participated in the annual plenary meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at which the Bishops of Canada decided to release a formal apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this land, dated 24 September 2021. We acknowledged the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools and expressed our sorrow for the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. We recognized that, along with policies and actions of various levels of government in Canada, members of our Church participated in the Residential School system and had been guilty of various forms of emotional, psychological, physical and sexual abuse. We, the Bishops of Canada, expressed our profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

A few days later, on 27 September, I issued my own apology to the Indigenous Peoples as did many bishops across the country. We share responsibility to repair the harm that has been done to individuals and communities, including the systemic prejudice at the root of the abuse and inter-generational trauma that resulted from the abuse.

I noted, at the same time, the need for all of us in the Diocese to take part in concrete action to work diligently towards truth and reconciliation. We need to recognize the truth that Catholic communities were involved in past abuse and move to reconciliation to offset the effects of the abuse, seeking ways of working with local Indigenous communities to bring about healing. As I said in my apology, "I commit the Diocese of London to accompany you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, on the journey of healing and reconciliation. I realize that there is much more work to do in our Diocese, but I know that 'we look forward to listening and learning from you as we walk in solidarity'" (27 September 2021).

To do this work, I set out a plan in five parts. The plan calls for dialogue with local Indigenous Peoples, educating ourselves on these issues in order to learn how we can move forward, exploring the possibility of a "service of reparation", participating in the fundraising campaign announced by the Bishops of Canada, and, finally, setting up a committee to oversee the plan. Today, I am very pleased to announce the formation of that committee.


Taking its name from the original Truth and Reconciliation Commission, our "Truth and Reconciliation Committee" includes people from across the Diocese, some of whom identify as Indigenous and others who have been allies working in various settings with Indigenous Peoples. The Committee will be co-chaired by Mrs. Kathy Furlong and Father Michael Béchar. They will share the work with Ms Sarah Donohue, J.D., Mr. Paul Gilpin, Ms Christine Maracle, Ms Melissa Philips, Father Dan Vere, Dr. Valerie Waboose and Mrs. Gwen Waeijen. This team is being entrusted with guiding all of us on the path to truth and reconciliation.

In expressing my gratitude to those who have agreed to guide this work, I ask all members of the Diocese of London to give our cooperation to this new venture so we can work together on the path of truth that will lead us to reconciliation.

Sunday, 12 December, is the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in which we join with Indigenous Peoples in a special way through prayer and acts of solidarity. I invoke the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas, for her intercession that we in our Diocese may have the humility and generosity to carry through on this resolve to walk together on the path of truth and reconciliation.

May God guide our words and our work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London Diocese



Online Engagement Team Lead

Develop cross-channel media campaigns for the various departments of the Parish, and to support the Senior Leadership Team in the execution of the Vision and Values of the Parish



Send your resumes to
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Dear Friends!

I(/we) wanted to share a great and exciting opportunity from our parish, Holy Family Parish, here in London, ON, Canada.

We are looking for a dynamic and faith-filled disciple to join us to engage and manage our online/digital community. This individual will be responsible to help us actively connect and share with our digital/online community, and those seeking the Lord.

We are a mission-focused parish with the vision to make disciple-making disciples. Candidates should have training and/or education in communications and/or marketing.

Click on the link to learn more!

<https://holyfamilylondon.ca/online-engagement-team-lead/>



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We invite you to help us grow our praise and worship music ministry. There are opportunities to serve our Saturday and Sunday liturgies as well as our youth and alpha ministries throughout the year. If you sing or play an instrument and want to praise God while leading people in prayer, please visit our website or contact Christina Bahati at cbahati@dol.ca.

*Paid and volunteer positions
are available.*

Discipling in a Digital Mission Field



Over the last couple of months, we have been sharing the needs of our parish and the resources we need to serve our parish better, especially during the Pandemic. From upgrades to our sound system, to livestreaming equipment, to investing in upgrading our Zoom accounts to support

our online programming, and learning how to engage our community through digital and online platforms (including the process of transitioning to a new web platform to better serve our community and online presence); we are preparing for and embracing the digital world we live in.

“Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: ‘We have always done it this way.’ I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style, and methods of evangelization in their respective communities.”

We have certainly abandoned the complacent attitude of thinking that we need to continue doing ministry in ways and using methods because “we have always done it [that] way.” We aren’t throwing the baby out with the bathwater, but we celebrate what we have done, and where it has brought us, but we are also not afraid to be a Catholic Christian community that will be bold and innovate and adjust our ways of evangelizing and sharing the message of the Gospel with others.

Our work with Divine Renovation Ministry and other evangelistically-minded movements and organizations have helped us to rethink/reimagine what evangelization is, what the Mission is, and how we live out this Mission in our current world. Just because we live in a world that does not value the Gospel message in ways that it used to, we do not forget the Proclamation of the message of Jesus Christ – the message is the same, the methods we use need to be different.

We are committed to strengthening and continuing our focus on evangelization and being a mission-oriented, invitational community that has Jesus at its center to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Will you join us in this Mission?



by Erwin Fung, Discipleship Formation Team Lead
For more information or further inquiries of this ministry,
please call Erwin at (519) 472-0057, ext'n # 258.

Living in a Digital World Financially Supporting an Expanded Audio-Visual Booth



We live in a digital world, and what a wonderfully engaging world it is! The pandemic has provided us with many opportunities to expand our digital outreach at Holy Family, and we have adapted our method for mission to match the demands of the digital age.

When COVID-19 first shut us down in March 2020, we ran out and bought a video camera to live-stream our masses. We then taught ourselves how to launch a YouTube channel and the ins and outs of keeping it running. We subsequently invested more than \$65,000 in state of the art live-streaming equipment and technology, and that has had a tremendously positive impact on our ability to reach our community. We were blessed with almost 100% financial support from our parishioners for this! Thank you!

Fast forward to the present. Our time in 'the booth' (otherwise known as Fr. Jude's confessional) has outlived its practical usefulness. We are so grateful to our Audio/Visual Ministry folks

for their dedication in bringing us together online. The time has come when we need more space to be able to offer the best content available to our congregation both physically in the church as well as online. To that end, we have hired an outside contractor to expand 'the booth' so that it can accommodate three operators. Our new digital presentation system, Pro Presenter, will allow us to simultaneously display lyrics, mass parts, etc., on the screens in the sanctuary and the live-stream broadcast. This kind of technology requires more than one operator to do it properly.

We need your help!\$!

There are several costs involved in bringing our systems up to date. We are thankful that we are still in a position to operate, but the reality is that Offertory giving is currently 15% below forecast. Our renovations are going to cost \$20,000 and we are also spending \$26,000 to replace our wireless microphones that the Priests and Deacons use in the sanctuary. You may have noticed recently that the sound has been cutting out - a result of equipment that has run its course and an issue with the radio frequencies over which they are broadcasted.

Recent research has indicated that upwards of 20% of pre-COVID attendance will be negatively impacted by the pandemic. In other words, people are staying home. With that in mind, it is critical that our digital outreach be excellent so that we can remain engaged with as many parishioners as possible. We all know what's it's like to click on a poorly recorded YouTube video - we want to avoid that.

The digital world is the new mission field. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells his disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations," and that is what we intend to do!

We thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



Please call Tim Firth at (519) 472-0057, ext'bn # 224 if you have any questions, and as always, all donations are tax deductible.

In our parish...



We continue to welcome all parishioners and visitors to join us at church in-person at our weekday Masses. For the most up to date

information, please see our website at <https://holyfamilylondon.ca/>. There is no pre-registration and our maximum capacity remains at 115 persons in the church. Continue to wear your mask and sign-in with our Hospitality as you enter the rear parking lot doors.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

If you are home and watching our Masses via live-streaming, we have resources related to the Sunday readings by going to

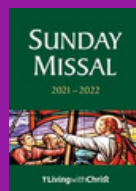
<https://holyfamilylondon.ca/childrenschurch/> for prayers, videos, activity, colouring sheets, and more!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you looking for volunteer hours? Would you be interested in helping out with our livestreaming ministry, please call Marilyn Buggy at ext'n # 265.



We are calling for new volunteers to our Hospitality Ministry to help us during our weekday Masses, for Funerals and Saturday confessions. If interested, please email Kelly at kwilson@dol.ca or call X 201.



We only have 3 to 4 copies of the Sunday Missals left. \$5.00 each.

If you haven't picked up your parish envelopes or would like a set, kindly call the office at (519) 472-0057, ext'n # 201.



Please pray for those who are in need of healing and peace...
Abigail Karunaratna and Will Nediger.

Please pray for those who have died...
Maria Verbeem

Beyond our parish...



Mass for the Unborn will be held on **Tuesday, December 28, 2021** at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica with the Rosary commencing at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass at **7:30 pm** with Bishop Joseph Dabrowski presiding. It will be necessary to register in order to attend this special celebration. To sign up, please contact Tony Nother at 519-657-5029 or by email at another@execullink.com indicating the number of people in your party.

All people attending will have to be present fifteen minutes prior to commencement of the Rosary (6:45 pm) to check in.
Deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 22, 2021



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

2021 Advent Appeal

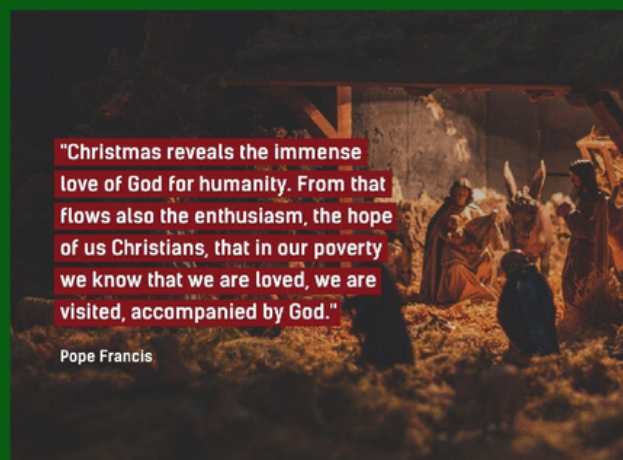
For more information on how you can support this appeal, please go to <https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/donation-form.php>

Continue the Celebration in your Families during the Christmas Season!



Family Faith Fun Kits include a combination of online and offline activities that are rooted in faith, and encourage family connectedness, all while having fun!

The **Christmas Edition of the Family Faith Fun Kits** will be available on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. You can register on our website at <https://holyfamilylondon.tilmaplatform.com/events/family-faith-fun-kits>



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