



OUR FAMILY OVERVIEW - DECEMBER 4, 2021

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

The Second Sunday of Advent

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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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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On this **Second Sunday of Advent**, the gospel writer, Luke, presents the Prophet, John the Baptist, in a definite historical context. Tiberius is the Emperor of Rome, Pontius Pilate is the governor of Judea, Annas and Caiaphas are the religious leaders in Jerusalem. It is

into this very real time that John proclaims that God is making himself present. God is intervening in the world in a tangible way. John points to the long awaited Messiah, who will be baptized by him in the River Jordan, and begin his mission of transforming the world. He does not come to transform the political, economic and cultural domains directly, but rather through individuals who surrender themselves to him and to his will. God will impact the world to the extent that these women and men encounter him and join in his saving mission. It's a big mission, as big as reaching out to include every human person. The God mission needs you and me, disciples who, like John the Baptist,

*'prepare the way of the Lord'*

in the desert of secularism and human misery. It is a human mission with a heavenly purpose. Disciples need to be 'way makers' rather than 'gatekeepers', engaging real people on a spiritual journey that leads to transformation: the transformation of individuals who will impact the political, economic and cultural realities of the world. Our faith in Jesus impacts us, and through us to countless others. Jesus never stops

*cont'd*

*A Message from  
Fr. Bob Remark, Pastor cont'd*

working, as the 'Way Maker'. Nor should we. Keep the faith! There is a recent piece of music entitled, 'Way Maker' by Leeland. I love it. Perhaps you would too. Check it out at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV\\_2H9xD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0).

Our parish has been impacted by a tragic accident on Riverside Drive this past Tuesday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with all schools and families impacted by this sad event. We will continue to support our community and pray for the recovery of those affected.



A similar message follows from our London District Catholic School Board. "We are deeply saddened to hear about the tragic accident that occurred Tuesday evening on Riverside Drive. We are aware that this incident has impacted a member of our community and are gathering all necessary details and information. We are monitoring the needs and supports in our schools and are offering support to our community at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all schools and families impacted by this tragic event. We will continue to support our community and pray for the recovery of those affected."

This past week, we finished celebrating with children who received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. These next two weeks we begin a series of Confirmation liturgies, welcoming young folks as fully initiated Catholic Christians. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If you or someone you know, feel the nudge to learn more about the Catholic Christian faith, then please let us know how we can be of assistance. Contact Lisa Wright at [lwright@dol.ca](mailto:lwright@dol.ca) or by calling (519) 472-0057, ext'n #266.



Fr. Bob Remark, Pastor, Holy Family Church talks about the Waymaker, the one that opens up all of reality giving access to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXRNgQi4ssA>



# ADVENT Resources

*Prepare  
the way!*

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/>

## Advent Reconciliation

*Prepare the way of the Lord...*



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

- Saturday, December 4 and 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.**



**Our Christmas Masses are fully booked, however be sure to join us online at the Masses that are livestreamed as indicated to the right.**



## Join us for Christmas

Reservation required to join us in-person

### CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS SCHEDULE

<p><b>Christmas Eve December 24</b> 4:30pm - Family* 6:30pm - Praise &amp; Worship* 8:30pm - Praise &amp; Worship 10:30pm - Traditional*</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 26</b> 8:30am* 11:00am 2:00pm*</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day   December 25</b> 8:30am - Praise &amp; Worship 11:00am - Traditional</p> <p><b>New Years Eve   December 31</b> 5:00pm*</p> <p><b>New Years Day   January 1</b> 10:00am</p>
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\*Mass will be livestreamed



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# Christmas Outreach

## St. Vincent de Paul

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue to invite you to drop off your donations in the snowman gift box found in the narthex. They continue to accept donations in order to help families during the Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Your generous donations are gratefully appreciated!



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# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

### 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JANSEN CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We are bringing JOY to the chaos and need your help!

- ✓ Donations may be very gently-used or new toys, books and games (no missing parts, replace any batteries and cleaned, please)
- ✓ Blessing Bag donations also accepted (NEW personal hygiene items and masks)
- ✓ Age range is infant to 18 yrs. old. (we will need more 13yrs+ items this year)
- ✓ Donations accepted until Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at The Storage BOX Dropzone (502 Old Wonderland Rd).

A special thanks to YOU for helping us #payitforward!!!

### Drop Off Location

(502 Old Wonderland Rd.)



## #kidshelpingkids in London



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2021 Advent Appeal ... For more information on

how you can support this appeal, please go to

<https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/donation-form.php>

## 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  
[tfirth@dol.ca](mailto:tfirth@dol.ca)

[holyfamilylondon.ca](http://holyfamilylondon.ca)



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/>



## LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS

We invite you to help us  
grow our praise and worship  
music ministry

[holyfamilylondon.ca](http://holyfamilylondon.ca)

Contact  
Christina  
[CBAHATI@DOL.CA](mailto:CBAHATI@DOL.CA)



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](mailto: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.**



We welcome all to Confessions, offered here each Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. There is no pre-registration, however kindly continue to wear your mask upon entering the building. Our on duty Sacristan will greet and direct you as

greet you as you enter the rear parking lot doors, ensure a COVID tracing sign-in and safe distancing while you wait to see one of our priests.



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

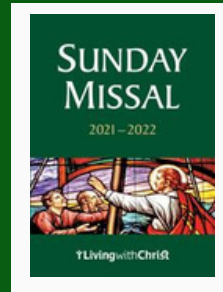
the Sunday readings by going to <https://holyfamilylondon.ca/childrenschurch/> for prayers, videos, activity, colouring sheets, and more!



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](mailto:kwilson@dol.ca) or call X 201.

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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



The Living with Christ Sunday Missals are almost sold out! Be sure to get your copy today on sale in the narthex while at Mass or by calling the parish office . \$5.00 each.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

*My Offering*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are also available by asking a Hospitality member when you arrive for Mass or by calling the parish office during the week. If there is not a set of envelopes prepared, then please let us know. Anne, our bookkeeper would be happy to assign a set for you. Please note the envelopes numbers were once again reassigned for the coming year.



*Please pray for those who are in need of healing and peace...*

Abigail Karunaratna.

*Please pray for those who have died...*

Ilin Nasra, Dan Freeman,  
 Sr. Elaine Flood, CSJ and Jerome Lozon





## Our Expanded Re-Opening!

We are very excited to be able to share with you that we have expanded our seating capacity to every other pew! This means that we can accommodate an extra 41 people for each Mass to a total of 115. We have also increased the booking capacity on Eventbrite when you register for Mass. While that may not seem like a lot, it is a step in the right direction. We have marked the pews accordingly as well. There is always room for one or two more, so please join us.

As you arrive for Mass, our hope is to keep you warm during the coming winter weather, by allowing you to line up inside the doors. Kindly follow the directions of the Hospitality members. Priority check-in will be given to those with mobility issues.

We are currently not requiring proof of the double COVID vaccination, however we still need to ensure that you have passed the COVID assessment and are free from any of the listed symptoms. All other COVID protocols still remain in place relative to mandatory masking and sitting two metres apart from those not in your "bubble". Thank you for your continued diligence in keeping each other safe and being a part of making Holy Family a welcoming parish for all.

Please contact Tim Firth if you have any questions at ext'n # 224 or at [tfirth@dol.ca](mailto:tfirth@dol.ca).

We are also excited to welcome you to join in singing now at all our Masses, behind our masks of course yet a joyfilled song raised up to the Lord.

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