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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 30, 2020

Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

- First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9**
Jeremiah admits that he has become a mockery for the Lord. He is derided and reproached, but he cannot help but speak in the name of the Lord.
- Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2**
Paul recommends sacrifice, to offer our bodies as a sacrifice to the Lord. We must ignore the standards of the world and become renewed in spirit to be pleasing to God.
- Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27**
Jesus foretells his suffering, Passion, and Death. All those who wish to follow Jesus must take up their cross and lose their life in order to find it. What good would the world be if we would gain it all and lose our soul?

Sunday Mass
Saturday 5:15 pm; Sunday 9:00 & 11 am

Weekday Mass
7 pm—Tuesday
12 noon—Wednesday
8:30 am—Thursday
8:30 am—Friday (at 7pm during Lent)

Parish Rosary
Tuesday following mass
Wednesday during Adoration
Thursday & Friday following mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11 am - 12 noon—Wednesday

Children's Liturgy
Suspended at this time


Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment ONLY.
Please call Fr. Don in the Parish Office 519-471-7022

Baptism - Please make arrangements at least 12 weeks in advance with Fr. Don

Marriage - Arrangements to be made one year in advance

<i>Mass for this week</i>
Tuesday, September 1st - 7 pm • Mary Ellen Heidel - The Heidel Family
Wednesday, September 2nd 11 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Int. Donna Tierney - Murray & Helen Hamilton
Morning mass on Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th has been CANCELLED.
Should you wish to have a mass said for a friend or loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Pam will make arrangements with you to pick up a card, if needed.

At this time, Confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please call Fr. Don at 519-471-7022.

The Parish Family of St. John the Divine extends their sympathy and prayers to the families of  **Caleb Boudreau**, nephew of Dale Rieck; **Bernadette Sam, Carole Easton**, aunt of Pam Blackwell. Please remember to keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

USHERS ARE NEEDED to help with our Sunday masses especially the 11:00 am masses. This request is open to any parishioner who is wanting to help. Nives will train you. Just contact the parish if you are interested. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. Last Sunday at the 11:00 am mass we had 4 new parishioners helping and they did an amazing job, thank you. The sign-up board is ready for you to sign-up and found by the stairs leading to the cry room. These times are very difficult for everyone. The new norm we have to follow is taxing but we have to maintain everyone's safety and follow the directions from the Ministry of Health.

Screening persons needed – We need one (1) more person for the 5:15 pm mass to screen or sanitize. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. All the other masses are full, thank you for that.

September Weekday sign-up – We find ourselves in the same predicament we were in for August. Almost no volunteers for the weekday masses. Please sign-up for the days you are able to volunteer. The September sign-up sheet has been there for two weeks and is updated regularly. Remember that unless we have a full slate of volunteers for weekday mass for any given day, that days mass will be CANCELLED. We appreciated how you responded last month.

St. John the Divine Prayer Line **519-281-9580**

We would like to thank those who have continued to drop off their offertory envelopes, signed up for or continued automatic withdrawal donations, mailed in their donation, or made donations through CanadaHelps.org and e-transfer. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish Family.



Our St. Vincent de Paul continues to help those in need with non-perishable food during the Covid-19 crisis. Should you find that you are in need of food assistance, please contact Pam in the Parish Office. All calls are confidential and handled discreetly.

St. George Parish – SEASONS OF HOPE offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief. The program helps participants navigate the grief process while being guided toward a path of healing. It explores mourning through scripture, prayer, personal reflection, faith sharing and is facilitated by our Bereavement Ministry. Come and be comforted. SEASONS OF HOPE is offered four times a year with a new series each season. Attend one season or as many seasons as needed to help in your healing journey. Register online at www.stgeorgelondon.ca. Seasons of Hope begins September 16 – October 21. There are three times slots to choose from, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. There are only (6) spots available per session. We highly recommend this program that our family of parishes is offering.



Our Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce the winners of this year's bursary: **Alice Corneil** and **Jenna Goldsack**. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavours!



Tree Talk: *The Northern Red Oak has a variety of uses for both animals and humans. Because it is such a fast growing tree, and is a hardwood, it's value is very high. There are many examples of Red Oaks in London. One such example can be found at the "Woodland Restoration Project" in Springbank Park.*