

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24, 2023; CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 24 AND 25; FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 ; AND MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1, 2024



**Saint Patrick
Holy Family**
Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes

Family Connection

Saint Patrick and Holy Family will become an invitational community of disciple-making disciples who have Jesus at the center of everything we believe, say, and do.

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Family Parish, London

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am, 11:00am

(livestreamed), & 2:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan

Tuesday at 7:00pm

Wednesday & Friday at 9:00am

Thursday at 9:15am

Holy Family Parish, London

Tuesday at 6:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

at 10:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

SATURDAYS at 11:00am at both
parishes (or by appointment)



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

If you are new to our community
please go to:

wearelighthouse.ca/im-new/



We will become an invitational community...

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AT MASS
THIS CHRISTMAS!**

**COME JOIN ME FOR
CHRISTMAS MASS!**



Saint Patrick,
Lucan
12922 Richmond
Street, Lucan
Christmas Eve
5:00pm
8:00pm
Dec 24
2023
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**COME JOIN ME FOR
CHRISTMAS MASS!**



Holy Family,
London
777 Valetta Street,
London
Christmas Eve
4:30pm
6:30pm
8:30pm
10:30pm
Dec 24
2023
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Find these
graphics on our
website to share
them on social
media:
[wearelighthouse.ca
/christmas-2023-
schedule/](https://wearelighthouse.ca/christmas-2023-schedule/)

To reach a member on our Staff Team, please call the Office or [CLICK HERE](#)

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9:00am – 4:30pm



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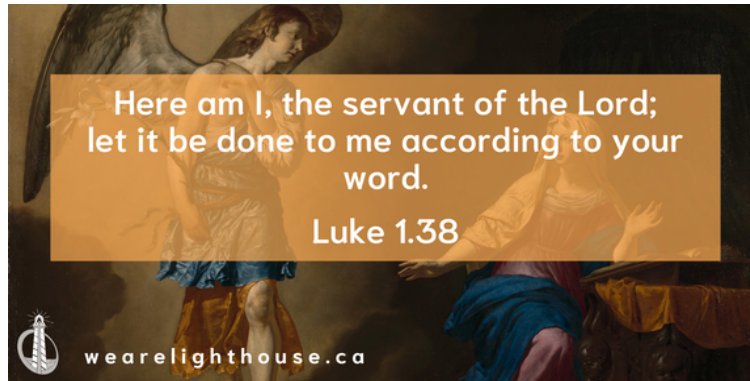


Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Sunday Connection – Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

2 SAMUEL 7.1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 / PSALM 89
ROMANS 16.25-27 / LUKE 1.26-38



Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

ISAIAH 9.2-4, 6-7; / PSALM – PSALM 96
TITUS 2.11-14 / LUKE 2.1-16



Feast of The Holy Family, December 31, 2023

GENESIS 15.1-6, 17.3B-5, 15-16; 21.1-7 / PSALM 105
HEBREWS 11.8, 11-12, 17-19 / LUKE 2.22-40



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2024

NUMBERS 6.22-27 / PSALM 67
GALATIANS 4.4-7 / LUKE 2.16-21



“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1.28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”
– Colossians 3.13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

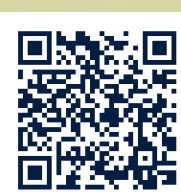
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are currently ill or in need of our prayers.

Please pray for those who have died, including Cecelia Connolly and Alberto Mario Gheller.



Scan or click here
for full schedule of
additional
Reconciliation and
Mass Times



Join us this
Advent and
Christmas!

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What is my purpose?
Is Jesus still relevant?
Is God present in my
loneliness?
How can I have hope?

Where can
I ask these
questions?



You're invited to try Alpha

Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment with people who, like you, want to explore.

Each Alpha session includes a short video, time to connect, and plenty of time to discuss.

Alpha in the Winter 2024 Series

at Saint Patrick - weekly on Wednesdays

January 17 - April 10

In-person: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

32922 Richmond Street, Lucan

at Holy Family - weekly on Thursdays

January 18 - April 11

In-person: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

777 Valetta Street, London

or **Online: 7:00pm - 8:30pm**
(Zoom)

* Child-minding available at in-person locations



Please fill out the form found at wearelighthouse.ca/alpha to be notified when registration for our 2024 Winter sessions open at Saint Patrick Parish, Holy Family Parish, and online.



Also on
Thursdays,
starting
January 18



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION,
AND CONFIRMATION)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Deadline to register: January 8

Contact Lisa Wright at lwright@dol.ca

OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE

We are still
Looking for Volunteers to help us!
Saint Patrick and Holy Family

Children's Church

Join us during the 9:00am Mass at Saint Patrick
and 11:00am Mass at Holy Family
- For children in Kindergarten to Grade 2 -

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NOTE: There is no Children's Church at Saint Patrick on Sunday, December 24 nor 31 at 9:00am - sessions resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

At Holy Family, Children's Church continues on December 24 and 31.



JESUS MY EVERYTHING!

IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HE WAITS.
COME AND ADORE HIM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS AT HOLY FAMILY, LONDON

Come pray before the Blessed Sacrament every
Friday after the 10:00am Mass, until the end of
the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

NOTE: Friday, December 22 and 29 - Adoration ends at
1:00pm (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 12:00pm)



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Becoming Disciple— Making Disciples

Join us on a journey of
formation to become a
disciple—making disciple

Come and allow yourselves to be
drawn by Jesus, the Light.

Find in him what you can find
nowhere else, and in no one else.

Come and see for yourselves!



Wednesday, January 10, 2024

7:00pm-8:00pm

**Holy Family Parish, London
777 Valetta Street**

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**WATCH FR. BOB REMARK'S
MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER**

"Come, Lord Jesus!"



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The Beacon

DECEMBER 2023

COME, LORD JESUS

We wait in joyful anticipation for the
coming of Jesus at Christmas

**December
Edition now
available
online**



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**Saint Patrick
Holy Family**

Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes

OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you
for bringing us together as a Family of
Parishes, called to be a light for the world.*

*We thank you for giving us a vision to
become an invitational community of
disciple-making disciples, who have Jesus
at the center of everything we believe,
say, and do.*

*May we rely on the Holy Spirit to inspire
us to love the Scriptures, to share our
faith stories, to foster right relationships,
and to be warm-hearted.*

*We entrust our Family of Parishes to the
care of Our Blessed Mother and Saint
Joseph, the Holy Family, and Saint
Patrick, as we work together to bear
witness to our core values, and to
become the people you desire us to
become.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and
ever.*

Amen.

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Bishop Fabbro's Christmas Message

Read Bishop Fabbro's 2023 message here
in English and French.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At Christmas, we will listen once again to the Gospel accounts of the birth of our Saviour, the story of God's great love for us. We who have seen his light and experienced the joy he brings us are called to make him known to the ends of the earth.

In our Families of Parishes, we will continue our efforts to be a missionary Church that forms disciples of Jesus, to go out and proclaim the good news of his coming. Reflecting on the past year, we have much to be thankful for. Many of our parishes are reporting an increase in Mass attendance over the past year. This is a sign of hope for us. I am very grateful to see the Cathedral full at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, with many young people, college and university students, from all parts of the world.

We need these people – young and old – to be part of our communities and must ensure they are warmly welcomed. We need to be living signs of Christ's presence in the world, active in works for justice, peace and the ecology. I ask you all to get involved, by volunteering for a ministry in your parish or for Catholic groups like the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus or the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Last year at Pentecost, we launched the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, which lasts until Pentecost 2024. Take some time to pray for Vocations. Pray alone, with your families, with your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide men to a life of faith and service as priests of our diocese.

In his address to the donors of the Nativity Scene that was placed this December in St. Peter's Square in Rome, Pope Francis noted that the creche pays tribute to the first Nativity Scene set up by St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, 800 years ago, in 1223. After his journey to the Holy Land, St. Francis wanted to reproduce the Nativity of Jesus. To mark this anniversary, the pope approved a **Plenary Indulgence*** that can be obtained at any of the Franciscan churches in our diocese until February 2, 2024.

The creche is particularly meaningful this year, the pope said, as we witness the tragic war in the Land where Jesus was born: "While we contemplate Jesus, God made man, small, poor, and defenseless, we cannot help but think of the tragedy that the inhabitants of the Holy Land are experiencing, showing to these brothers and sisters of ours, especially to children and parents, our closeness and our spiritual support. These are the ones who pay the real price of war."

This Christmas, we will be praying with Pope Francis for peace and an end to the violence that plagues our world today, in areas such as the Holy Land and the Ukraine.

May the blessings of the season be plentiful for you and your loved ones. May Christ, born to us of the ever-virgin Mary, shine his light on you and bring all of us an abundance of peace and joy in the coming year.

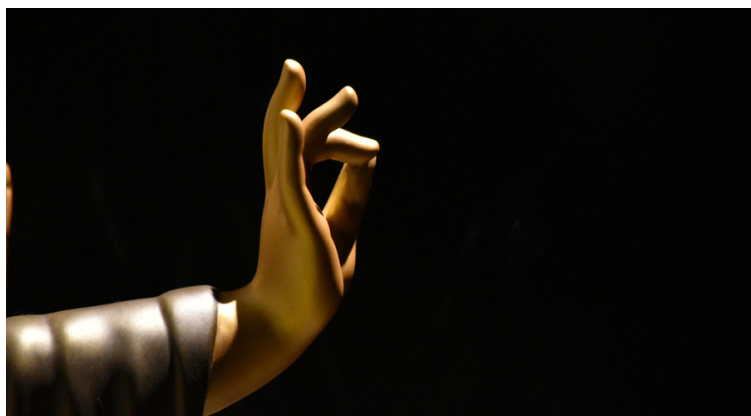
Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, CSB

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London



Congratulations to those who were baptized and received into the Catholic Church this past week!



FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS **ON THE PASTORAL MEANING OF BLESSINGS**

With respect to the Declaration “**Fiducia supplicans**” issued by the Holy See’s Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the CCCB offered the following **statement** from Bishop William McGrattan, president of the CCCB.

“On 18 December 2023 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith released the Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans*, which responds to questions that had been raised regarding the possibility of offering blessings to persons living in irregular unions, including same-sex relationships. While explicitly affirming the Church’s traditional understanding of marriage, *Fiducia Supplicans* allows pastors to bless people who freely request a blessing, seeking divine help to live in fidelity to God’s will. **The Declaration makes clear that such blessings must be directed to the persons themselves rather than their situation and that they must be spontaneously requested and are not ritual or liturgical actions.**

The guiding principle in the Declaration is the fact that the very request for a blessing represents an openness to God’s mercy and can be an occasion for greater trust in God.”



FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS, DEACON TOM!

It is bittersweet to pray for, and wish Deacon Tom many blessings and gratitude for his time serving our Family of Parishes over the many years that he and his wife, Colleen have been parishioners. Starting January 1, 2024, Deacon Tom will be assigned to serve at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes.

Below, is his message of farewell and thanks:

Hello everyone! I wanted to share the news that I will be moving to London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes beginning January 1. My time here at Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes has been most fruitful and I hope and pray that my time with the parishioners of London North Central is equally blessed. Thank you for supporting Colleen and I during this first assignment as Permanent Deacon. I could thank you by name but there wouldn’t be space! I have already spoken to many of you in person. Please know that Colleen and I will continue to be parishioners here, even though my pastoral work takes me elsewhere.

You are in my prayers, Peace & Love,

Deacon Tom.



**ST. PETER’S
SEMINARY**

St. Peter’s Seminary Appeal brochures and envelopes are available at the doors of both parishes. Please give generously to our Diocesan Seminary.

More Diocese of London New and Announcements can be found here: dol.ca

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Ways to Give

AT SAINT PATRICK



Ways to Give

AT HOLY FAMILY



For all the ways to support, please go to the Giving page on our website:

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

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To meet the Team, please [click here](#) or scan the QR-code



2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2024 envelopes have been prepared for both parishes and are ready for pick up in the offices. Please call ahead.

A FEW NOTES:

Envelopes are only assigned to those parishioners who use them on a regular basis. Envelopes have been reassigned so you will not have the same envelope number as 2023. If you wish to register for envelopes, please ask one of our Hospitality Team members to assist you, or contact the Parish Offices.

If you currently use envelopes and do not need them for 2024, please email Teresa Easter at tmeaster@dol.ca and let her know.

LOOKING TO GIVE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR?

For those who like to top up their donations for 2023 for income tax purposes, please consider giving by December 27, 2023. The funds need to be processed in 2023 and this allows time to do so, especially cash or cheque donations. Send in a cheque or email Teresa Easter at tmeaster@dol.ca

SUNDAY MISSAL

2023 – 2024



Living with Christ

2023–2024 SUNDAY MISSALS FOR SALE

More copies of the 2023-2024 edition of the Living with Christ Sunday Missal are now in stock. You can purchase your copy for \$5 from the parish offices. Limited quantities available.

Holy Grounds Café

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER 10AM
MASS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

RESUMES JANUARY 10, 2024



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sign up with Flocknote!

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Join us this Advent and Christmas!

THE 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23 & 24

SAINT PATRICK

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24 – 10:00am

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday – 5:00pm

Sunday – 8:30am and 11:00am*

CHRISTMAS 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

SAINT PATRICK – 5:00pm and 8:00pm

HOLY FAMILY – 4:30pm (Children and Youth Choir)*

6:30pm (Contemporary Choir)

8:30pm (Praise and Worship Band)*

10:30pm (Traditional Choir)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

SAINT PATRICK – 10:00am

HOLY FAMILY – 8:30am & 11:00am

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT PATRICK – No Masses

HOLY FAMILY – 10:00am on December 29th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

SAINT PATRICK

Saturday, December 30th – 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31st – 10:00am

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday – 5:00pm

Sunday – 8:30am & 11:00am*

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SAINT PATRICK

Sunday, December 31st – 5:00pm

Monday, January 1st – 10:00am

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday – 5:00pm*

Monday – 10:00am



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