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*We were one way, and now
we're different - the thing
that happened in between
was Him - Jesus*

**LENT IS A TIME FOR
CONVERSION**

*Stories of transformational moments
through encountering Jesus*



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Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (*John 8:12*)'. He draws every person to himself: to experience in him unimaginable love, unconditional mercy, and peace which flows from the heart. When we bask in that light long enough, we become like him. He says to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world (*Matthew 5:14*)'. We become like the 'light' and Jesus sends us out to be light for others, drawing them closer to Christ through our own witness of life.

We have come to understand that our new Family of Parishes' Vision and Core Values serve as a 'Lighthouse' of Jesus. He is using us as his humble servants, and this simple invitation - to call everyone to Christ. Each person is able to experience his life not only in our present life, but also in eternal life.

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan and Holy Family Parish, London (Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes) is obediently responding to Jesus' great commission 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching [all] to obey everything that [he] has commanded' (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

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!



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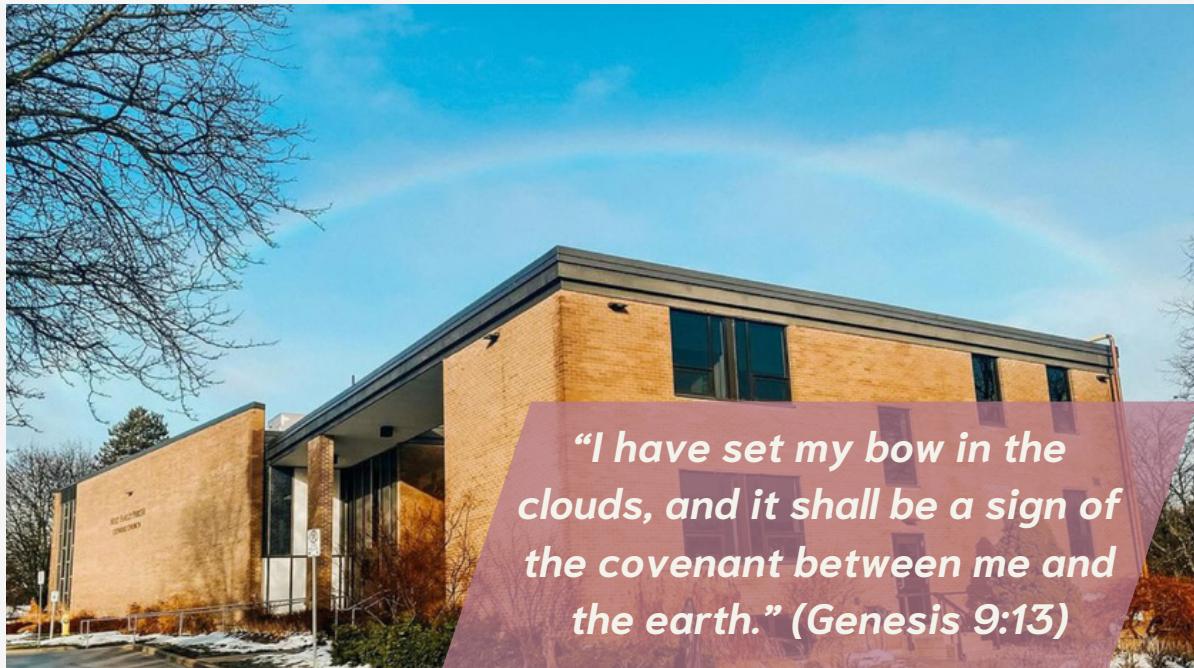
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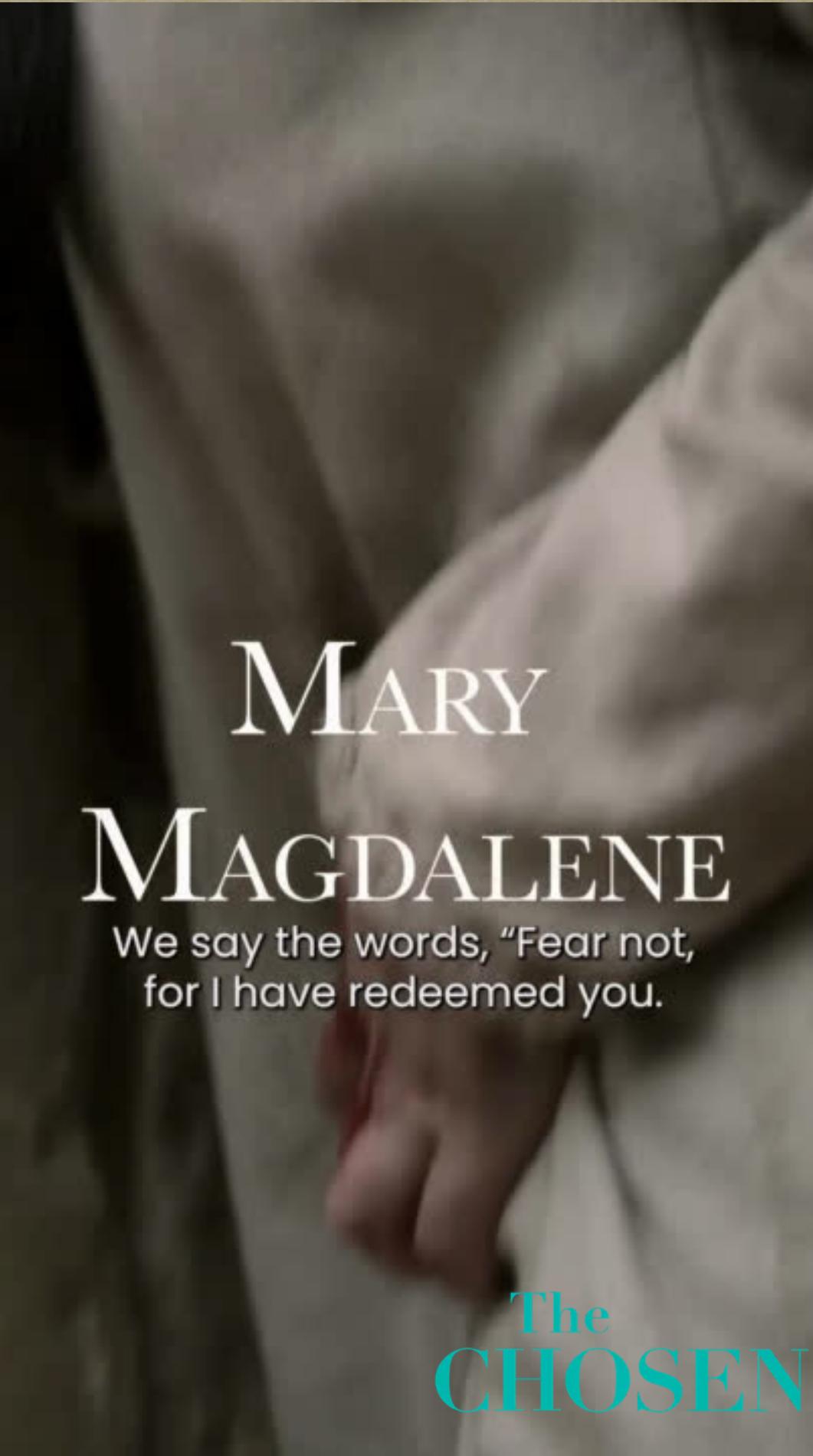
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MARY MAGDALENE

We say the words, "Fear not,
for I have redeemed you.

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FROM THE PASTOR



**“I was one way,
but now I am
different.”**

– Mary of Magdala,
from *The Chosen*



Listen to the song, *The In-Between* by Matt Maher



The Lenten season is just a few days away. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14, Valentine's Day, we are invited into a journey of forty days of setting time aside with Jesus, to focus on loving him with our whole minds, our whole soul, our whole strength.

The American drama series, 'The Chosen', has become for me, a favourite representation of the Gospel narrative. From Season 1, Episode 1, we are introduced to the character of Mary of Magdala. She is a lost soul, imprisoned by self-hatred and shame. Then Jesus approaches her and heals her to her core. Mary later refers to this moment of grace, 'I was one way, but now I am different'. What a beautiful way to express conversion: a turning away, and a turning toward. Matt Maher created a piece of music for this series, 'The In Between' to suggest that Jesus was for Mary of Magdala, 'The In Between'. Jesus' healing love was the center point of change for her. He is also the center point for our own change as well. May that grace be yours this season of Lent!

You will find in this issue of *The Beacon*, a number of resources to assist you with your Lenten journey. I pray that you take advantage of them.

Other than daily prayer resources, Friday Adoration, and Stations of the Cross, I invite you to join us for our Family of Parishes Lenten Mission, to take place on the evenings of Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 25, 26, and 27. Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC (a priest of the Companions of the Cross), will lead us during these faith-filled sessions. He has entitled this Mission, '**Crisis Precedes Renewal**'. So it promises to be a worthwhile series in which to invest! Another top-notch Lenten opportunity for renewal and insight is a morning teaching workshop led by Debbie Craven. On Saturday morning, March 9, she will offer wisdom into the three voices that we hear every day: the voice of God; the voice of the evil ones; and our own inner voice. How does one accurately discern the source of these voices? The theme is articulated as, '**My sheep know my voice and follow me.**' You won't want to miss this! You can find information about these top notch speakers and details of events in this issue of *The Beacon*.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Fr. Bob Remark

Pastor

Saint Patrick, Lucan and Holy Family, London Parishes
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METANOIA

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION

Metanoia (*latin*) is a **transformation of the heart**, a **spiritual conversion**, which comes about through **repentance**. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. This eleven part follow-up series to The Wild Goose focuses on eight different areas that invite us to a deeper metanoia of who Jesus is and how He desires us to know Him. When one views this series, the viewer will have a much broader understanding of Jesus' message.

Metanoia (the series) contains 10, half hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land. You will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. *Metanoia* is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of *metanoia*.



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The Conversion of Saint Paul

This year has marked a transformation for Saint Paul Catholic School. Following a boundary shift, our school community has grown from 284 to 403 students. Welcoming these new students alongside 15 new staff members in September, infused our halls with renewed energy and vitality.

As our school community expands, so too does our commitment to our faith. This past January, our collective focus turned towards our patron saint, Saint Paul. Veronika D, (Grade 6) captured the essence of our endeavour, remarking, "We have to look up to the saints. If we want to live a holy life, we have to look to the saints." Through initiatives such as worship music in the halls, daily announcements, and a school-wide trivia game, our students gained insights into Saint Paul's journey and his conversion to Jesus.

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Our students now have a good understanding that the word conversion means to have a change of heart towards Jesus. Carleigh J (Grade 3) explained that "each day, during announcements, we say 'Saint Paul... pray for us.'" By doing this, "we are asking Saint Paul to watch over us and help us have a change of heart to Jesus." Amaira (Grade 3).

The culmination of our learning about Saint Paul came on January 25th, as our whole school headed to Holy Family Parish for a celebratory Mass honouring the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

Reflecting on the significance of turning our hearts towards Jesus, our students noted the relationship between being close to Jesus and helping those in need. Partnering with various groups from Holy Family parish, such as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP), SSVP Youth Conference, and Jansen Toy Drive, our school has been very generous gathering snacks, toys, toiletries, and canned goods for those in need within our community. Gabby K, (Grade 8) connected our service to changing the way we think "we need to change the way we think, so we think about Jesus more."

As you can see, the spirit is alive and moving at St. Paul school. As we continue to foster a love of the saints and our call to conversion, James (Grade 8) reminded us that "We need to look in the bible and try to live a holy life."

Erin Debicki
Principal
Saint Paul Catholic School

"We have to look up to the saints. If we want to live a holy life, we have to look to the saints."

– Veronika D. (Grade 6 student)



"We need to change the way we think, so we think about Jesus more."

– Gabby K. (Grade 8 student)



Saint Patrick Holy Family

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Jesus leads us to be...



Warm-Hearted

We recognize every person as an image-bearer of God. By joining people in their suffering and walking with one another, we are mutually transformed by Christ's love.



Scripture-Soaked

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Spirit-Reliant

We are dependent on the Holy Spirit's prompting and direction, that we might respond more fully to Jesus' mission to make disciples of all nations



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The "Comfort Blankets" are for anyone, any age, who is in need of prayers whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually not well. We share our blankets with various associations in the community such as Saint Joseph's Hospice, nursing homes, Merrymount Children's Centre, Parkwood, and others.

This ministry has been active at Holy Family parish for over 25 years and has always been an outreach group.

We rely on donations for all our supply of fabric, thread and yarn. Our only expense is the batting (the cozy center part) which the C.W.L (Catholic Women's League of Canada) generously donate to us.

Since September 2023, over 60 comforters have been made and distributed (or will be distributed). 



At the February Coffee Sunday, we will be displaying and distributing comforters and prayer shawls to those in need of comfort and prayer.

If you know someone who would find comfort from such a gift, or you are interested in volunteering to make blankets, or to donate materials, please contact Mary Kroetsch through hfp parish@dol.ca.

Being

WARM-HEARTED

by Mary Kroetsch
Stitches of Comfort



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We recognize every person as an image-bearer of God. By joining people in their suffering and walking with one another, we are mutually transformed by Christ's love.



Stitches of Comfort

The Stitches of Comfort Ministry are a dedicated group of women who meet and create beautiful blankets and comforters. Their creations are then given to those who may need one. These "fabric hugs" are given in love and care to those who may be feeling lonely, ill, or have experienced loss.

They meet every Monday Afternoon at 1:00pm at Holy Family Parish in the Mother of Peace Room.



Being

SCRIPTURE -SOAKED

by C.B.

I was born a Catholic, went to Catholic school - both grade school and high school, said the Rosary with my family on a regular basis, got married in a Catholic church, and raised our kids much the same way. I just accepted my life as a Catholic and never really questioned my faith or my religion.

As I grew into adulthood and became more aware of the world, life was getting more challenging. I was getting more exposure to different people, who did not necessarily share the same beliefs as me. I was getting influenced away from church and my faith. I started to focus more on the spirituality rather than my religious faith.

I was not going to church regularly and I started thinking and believing there was something more for me. My marriage was not satisfying - I always felt I was missing something internally like peace or joy; I felt empty inside.

After many years of being drawn away from the church and my Christian faith, I ended my marriage and broke our family unit because I was so wrapped up in finding that missing piece - an endless quest to find what was missing and lacking in me. I did not have self love or happiness in my life (though I had amazing children and a good husband). I was far away from God - I thought there was something better for me out there. What it was, I had no clue but, I felt it had to better than my current situation. In my decision to leave my marriage, I also found myself alone for the first time.

Being alone can be a very scary place when you are not used to facing the truth of who you are, owning the decisions you made in your life, blaming others and not having God as the center of your life. I found all too often, life was not going my way or how I had planned it. I was so frustrated with everything and everyone, especially myself all the time. I was still so wrapped up in spirituality and never attended church. Though they say in the spiritual community "light and love". It was anything but, it is absolutely dark and hell on earth. The more you stay in it, the deeper in disappear you are (into the depths of hell) for years and trapped with no way out.

However, there is a way out and only one way out which I soon discovered. One of my close friends at the time had strong Christian values and faith. This time I was influenced for the better. I started slowly going back to church on a regular basis and decided to attend an Alpha Series because I was tired of being tired and depressed and angry at life, at others and at God.

In the Alpha Series, I had a profound awakening and accepted the Holy Spirit back into my life. I felt the love for Jesus similar to the way I felt as a child growing up in the Catholic faith.

My prayer is that anyone who reads and is hurting can use this as inspiration to love yourself enough, forgive yourself and draw closer to God.

Scripture-Soaked

By taking time everyday with the Word of God we soak in His Word and are better able to imitate the life of Jesus. We do this because we want to know Jesus and what He wants for our life.



While the journey from that point has not been easy, because for the first time I truly had to accept the shame, guilt and regret I felt for breaking up our family and hurting so many people in the wake of my search for joy and happiness. I also knew that God was going to carry me through it and Jesus has already forgiven me by dying on the cross for my sins (which were many)!

From that moment, I started noticing life was opening up for me. I sat and read the bible and soaked in God's word. While I was satiated with the Holy Spirit, I still had a hunger for more knowledge, more time spent with God, at the church and being part of my faith community. I surrounded myself with others who, I know all had their own individual, beautiful, messy journey with God.

My life has changed for the better. I am now volunteering and helping others get to know more about God. I am taking part of activities that are rooted in Christian faith. My home life, my work life, everything has changed immensely because God is the focus and through him, anything is possible; nothing, nor anything in me is lacking.



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Often times, when God is asking us to follow him, there is something that is in our way, preventing us from following him completely. It could be a job, or way of life (lifestyle), or riches, or relationships that we have. It could be vices or habits that we have come to rely on, or be accustomed to. Some might even be disguised as “good” or what we think as “good.”

When I was still in Edmonton, where I was born and raised, I worked for the University of Alberta Bookstores as an assistant manager at one of their locations. It was a job that I was really good at, and that I enjoyed. I had been volunteering at my parish as a youth ministry leader - which I was part of growing up. It was my way of “giving back” to what I had received growing up.

I heard the voice of God call me to serve him, and so my heart was open to seeking employment where I could serve and work for the church. This lead me to apply for a role with the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

I wasn't sure if this was committed to making the move to Vancouver as I had always lived in Edmonton. My family and friends were there. I was “comfortable” there. I advanced through the first round of interviews (done virtually), but I was asked to go to Vancouver for the second interview. I went to Vancouver (at my expense), not knowing where this would lead.

The interview went well and I spent the weekend connecting with friends and enjoying the city.

When I returned to work on Monday, my staff and I were notified that the store (location) would be closed and we would be laid-off. Not knowing what would happen, I prayed that I would be offered the position in Vancouver. Four days later, I received the call, offering me the position.

Being

SPIRIT-RELIANT

by Erwin Fung
Discipleship Formation Team Lead

The Lord had to “close a door” in my life so that it was clear what he was asking me to do - move to Vancouver to serve him.

This experience reminds me that I have to trust in him, and that I have to be open to the ways that he leads me to follow him. I have had many other similar times where I have had to rely on the Holy Spirit’s prompting, and I am grateful for where he has led me. 



Spirit-Reliant

We are dependent on the Holy Spirit’s prompting and direction – that we might respond more fully to Jesus’ mission to make disciples of all nations.



Being

REPENTANT

by Chris Walden
Running with God
Life Group

Although I was actively going to Mass, a part of me was just going through the motions.

Throughout my life, I have had a few encounters with Jesus that have had a profound effect on me. One of my most prolific experiences was through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This particular encounter began when my children were preparing for their First Holy Communion. In advance of receiving the Eucharist, my children would be going to confession for their First Reconciliation. Before they did that, I thought it would be a good idea for me to have gone recently so I could use that as an example when discussing it with them. At this point, I had realized that I hadn't been to confession since my own First Reconciliation over thirty years earlier. Although I was actively going to Mass, a part of me was just going through the motions. I wasn't on fire with my faith, and I didn't have a strong relationship with Jesus.

After this revelation, I suddenly had a longing to go to confession, not only as an example to my children but also for my own spiritual need. In fact, something within me was urging me to go with great desire - something I could not ignore. It wasn't easy. I hesitated. I thought of excuses of why I couldn't go. Nevertheless, the impulse was strong, so I looked up what parish nearby was doing confessions at the soonest possible time.

When I arrived at the church to make my

confession, I was extremely nervous, but a sense of calm came over me after a short silent prayer. Once my heart was settled, and I did a last examination of conscience, entered the confessional, and began my confession. I don't know who the confessor was, but that didn't matter; my conversation was with Jesus. Suddenly, I was filled with God's love and forgiveness, which was an intense feeling. I felt closer to God than I had ever before. This closeness was something that I had never realized that I was missing. This encounter with Jesus left me with a hunger for my faith. I started going to confession on a regular basis, Jesus became a large part of my life, and I became a better version of myself because of it.

I prefer to use the term reconciliation rather than confession, because confession is only a part of the process; it is the reconciliation with God that is the healing part of the sacrament. Reconciliation is now an important part of my relationship with Jesus. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the wonders of this sacrament so that they too can enhance their relationship with Him.

Repentant

We believe in right relationship with God, others, and the environment. This implies that we must own-up to our wrongdoings, ask for forgiveness from God and those who we've hurt, and do what we can to restore true peace.





Being

BEACONS OF HOPE

by J'Nan Sturgis

My spiritual journey began in a place of complacency, where faith was acknowledged in thought and routine but not fully embraced in heart or action. Weekly mass attendance and general kindness were the extent of my faith's expression. Despite a belief in Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church, my relationship with God lacked depth. Engagements with women's bible studies and devotionals were fleeting, and God's word remained on the periphery of my daily life.

This period was characterized by a passive walk through both life's physical and spiritual realms, where the essence of a truly lived faith was absent.

The catalyst for change came in 2014, amidst an isolating and frightening personal crisis.

Faced with financial instability that threatened my basic needs and dignity, I found myself retreating further into isolation, burdened by embarrassment and a deep-seated belief that I alone was responsible for navigating out of this turmoil.

It was in a moment of utter despair, surrounded by unpaid bills and overcome with tears, that I surrendered to a higher power, pleading for guidance and assistance. The subsequent unexpected support from a family friend not only provided immediate relief but also reignited my connection to scripture. This experience marked the beginning of a steadfast commitment to a life guided by faith and the spirit, a vow to never again live without the daily presence of scripture and spiritual awareness.

Embracing my newfound commitment to faith transformed my interactions with the world around me. My role as an on-campus supervisor allowed me to offer support beyond academic guidance; it became a ministry of presence, listening, and assistance.

The dual loss of my grandparents in one night was a poignant reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of community. Thanksgiving that year was the loneliest I had felt and it propelled me to move closer to my family and reinforced my belief in the power of collective support. Subsequent challenges, including a miraculous survival from a car accident and the shared trials of the COVID-19 pandemic, further solidified my dedication to serving others. Each act of kindness, whether through a listening ear, a supportive message, or practical assistance, became a reflection of my faith in action.

Amid the rhythms of life, the call to embody hope and extend faith through acts of kindness finds its most profound echo during times of widespread despair.

Our commitment to illuminating the lives around us became particularly manifest during the festive season, a period when the

act of giving transcends the material to touch the very souls of those around us.

My family and I, driven by a spirit of generosity ingrained in our faith, would seek out those in our community silently battling the tides of hardship. This mission, far from being a mere exchange of goods, was an embodiment of the warmth and love that the season represents, a tangible manifestation of God's presence among us.

The tradition of selecting, wrapping, and delivering gifts to those in need became a cherished annual ritual, one that not only brought us closer as a family but also allowed us to share our blessings in the most humble manner. The essence of this ritual was not in the recognition of our deeds but in the silent acknowledgment that through these acts, we were part of something greater than ourselves—agents of God's love and compassion in a world often cold and indifferent.

The mission to be a beacon of hope is an ever-evolving commitment that extends beyond individual acts of kindness to encompass a holistic approach to community support.

This journey from the shadows of a passive faith to the illumination of an active, Spirit-led life is a testament to the transformative power of faith and the impact of living as a beacon of hope. It is a personal reflection on the challenges and triumphs that have shaped my spiritual journey, offering a narrative of hope and encouragement to others inspired to make a difference in their communities. Let this story serve as an invitation to reflect on how we, too, can shine our light in a world in need of hope. 

Beacons of Hope

We want to be a lighthouse on a dark sea and lead souls to the safety of Jesus, the Light. We do this by sharing our stories of how Christ is transforming us.





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.

INTERPRETIVE KEY TO OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES LOGO

The cosmic Christ shines throughout the universe to every land and to every person

The gold band reminds us of our 'Communion in Christ' embracing Saint Patrick & Holy Family Parishes. It also speaks to us of the gift of the Eucharist

Symbols of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all, sit on top of the Lighthouse

The stripes on the Lighthouse refer to the formation path of disciples, up toward Christ. The path equips the saints for ministry

Turbulent seas surround the base of the Lighthouse – never to be overcome by them.

Jesus is the light of the world; reaching out first, to those who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ; second, to those whose Christian faith has grown cold or who are lost; and finally, to those who struggle to live faith wholeheartedly.

So here we are with these Core Values

The base of the Lighthouse is open. Everyone is invited to enter on the path of encounter and formation as disciples



Jesus is our Light, our Lighthouse.

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Lucan Northwest London Catholic Family of Parishes

Lenten Mission

“Crisis Precedes Renewal”

with Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC

**Evenings of
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and follow me”**

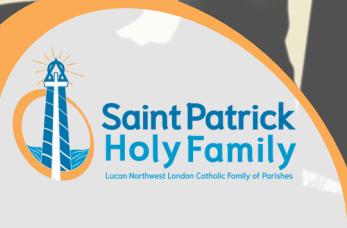
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LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

How to Journey with Christ

Lent starts on February 14 - Ash Wednesday. And while this season is marked by a certain difficulty - it is also a season of abundant grace. As we journey into the desert with Christ for 40 days, make his Word your constant companion with free Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray. In three-to-five-minute video reflections, Dr. Gray dives into the Mass readings, opens up the Scriptures, and provides you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your daily life.

Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist and how the earliest Christians understood it as the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. Based on Dr. Brant Pitre's book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, these daily Lenten reflection videos will radically transform your love for the Blessed Sacrament.



Return with Fr. John Burns

Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using *Return*. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?

Your kids or grandkids will love 10 exciting new Lenten episodes of Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids! Through the beauty of art, host Ms. Kim helps kids follow Christ from the desert to his Passion and Resurrection—learning what it means to turn away from sin and back to God—as they draw and color each biblical scene.

[Download coloring pages here.](#)



Lent with Brother Francis

Journey with Brother Francis this Lent as he teaches children about what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics.

FORMED is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions

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Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Saint Patrick Parish, Lucan - 9:00am & 7:00pm

Holy Family Parish, London - 10:00am & 7:00pm

Reminder: Confession Times

Saturdays from 11:00am – 12:00pm

All-Day Confessions – March 20

Good Friday – The Lord’s Passion (March 29)

Saint Patrick, Lucan

3:00pm - Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

Holy Family, London

10:00am - Family Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

Holy Week (Triduum)

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper (March 28)

Saint Patrick, Lucan

7:00pm

Holy Family, London

7:30pm

9:00pm-10:00pm - “Waiting with Jesus in Gethsemane”

Easter

Holy Saturday (March 30)

Saint Patrick, Lucan

8:30pm - Easter Vigil

Holy Family, London

10:00am - Blessing of the Food

8:30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Saint Patrick, Lucan

9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Family, London

8:30am, 11:00am, and 2:00pm

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