



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/

Sunday Connection SCRIPTURE READINGS



Scripture-Soaked

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

ISAIAH 11.1-10 | PSALM 72
ROMANS 15.4-9 | MATTHEW 3.1-12

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 3.10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the “Bethlehem Candle,” the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the

Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.

Sunday Connection SCRIPTURE READINGS



Scripture-Soaked

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025

ISAIAH 7.10-14 | PSALM 24
ROMANS 1.1-7 | MATTHEW 1.18-24

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

James 5.8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which

the Church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.

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

Please pray for those who have died, including Sister Nancy Wales, CSJ, Jose Amarao Dinis Toste, Dorothy Fagan, Monica Porter, Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, & Allen Porter.

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

Saint Patrick Parish

32922 Richmond Street
Lucan, ON N0M 2J0
Ph: 519.227.4726

[Office Hours](#)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00am – 1:00pm

Holy Family Parish

777 Valetta Street
London, ON N6H 2Y9
Ph: 519.472.0057

[Office Hours](#)

Monday – Friday
9:00am – 12:00 noon
and 1:00 – 4:30pm



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Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

- 7 - **Children's Church** - 9:00am (STP); 11:00am (HFP)
- 8 - **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 9 - SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN
- 10 - **OUR LADY OF LORETO**
- 10 - **Holy Grounds Café** after 10:00am Mass - HFP
- 10 - **Parents & Tots** - 10:30am-1:00pm - All Saints Hall - HFP
- 10 - **The Wild Goose Series**, 10:30am, Mother of Peace Room - HFP
- 10 - **ALPHA IN THE FALL** - 6:00pm, Parish Hall - STP + Online
- 10 - **Advent Confessions** - 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Church, HFP
- 11 - SAINT DAMASCUS I, POPE
- 11 - **ALPHA IN THE FALL** - 6:00pm, All Saints Hall - HFP
- 11 - **ALPHA YOUTH IN THE FALL** - 6:00pm, Notre Dame School
- 12 - **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
- 13 - **SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, & MARTYR**
- 13 - **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Distribution**
9:00am - Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 13 - **CHOR AMICA Christmas Concert** - Church at 2:00 pm- HFP
- 14 - **Children's Church** - 9:00am (STP); 11:00am (HFP)
- 17 - **Holy Grounds Café** after 10:00am Mass - HFP
- 17 - **Parents & Tots** - 10:30am - 1:00pm - All Saints Hall - HFP
- 17 - **Advent Confessions** - 11:00am - 1:00 pm, Church, HFP
- 18 - **Advent Confessions** - 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Church, HFP
- 19 - **Praise & Promises** - 7:00 pm, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 20 - **Rorate Mass**, 6:30am, Church, HFP

STP – Saint Patrick Parish | HFP – Holy Family Parish

SAVE-the-DATES (more information to follow)

DEC. 23 - Holy Hour following the 6:30 pm Mass, Church, HFP

DEC. 24/25 - Christmas Schedule -go to
<https://wearelighthouse.ca/family-advent/>

HOLY HOUR



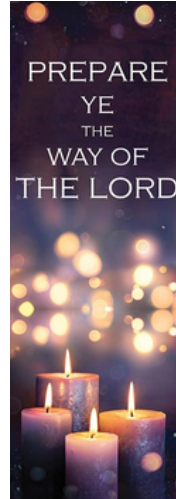
our next Holy Hour takes place in December on **Tuesday, December 23rd**, following the 6:30pm Mass at Holy Family.

BISHOP FABBRO'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



To read Bishop Fabbro's Christmas Message, please click [here](#)

2025 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE



SAINT PATRICK

- Tues., Dec. 9 from 7:30 pm -9:00pm

HOLY FAMILY

- Wed., Dec. 10 from 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Wed., Dec. 17 from 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Thurs., Dec. 18 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

SATURDAYS AT BOTH PARISHES

- Dec. 15 & 20 at 11:00am

ADVENT CALENDARS & RESOURCES

There are still several options for **Advent Reflection calendars and booklets for various ages**. Please help yourselves and try to limit one per person/family. Donations are welcome.

Through **FORMED**, three other resources can be found as listed on page 13 of the Advent Beacon or by going to daily.formed.org/advent.

The Canadian Catholic Council of Bishops (CCCB) has released a video, **The Second Sunday of Advent in the Journey through Advent**. The videos are available in [English](#) and [French](#) and feature reflections by Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton (EN) and Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (FR).

RORATE CANDLELIGHT MASS - SAT., DEC. 20TH AT 6:30 AM

The Rorate Mass, whose name is taken from the opening words of the Introit in the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, *Rorate caeli (drop down dew, ye heavens)* is an **ancient tradition during Advent** that honors Jesus Christ, the Light of the world soon to be born and gives praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. To find out more about this Mass, go to <https://www.catholic365.com/article/33746/the-rorate-mass-honoring-our-lady-during-advent.html>

The vestments worn are white instead of the Advent violet since it is a votive Mass in honor of Mary.

The Mass is held in the early morning before sunrise, so please join us at 6:30 am as the church is illuminated only by candlelight. It invites us to...

- **quiet our minds and hearts as we prepare to welcome our Savior on Christmas**
- **to honour Mary and**
- **to help us draw closer to Jesus and Our Lady**

ANGEL TREE AT SAINT PATRICK PARISH

The Angel Tree will be out until the end of this weekend, Dec. 6th/7th. On it are tags that you are asked to take, with suggestions of how you can help someone in need through the Ailsa Craig Food Bank's Christmas Outreach. The donated gifts will be delivered to the Food Bank in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those who are less fortunate in our area!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREES

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Giving Trees will be out in the narthex (at HFP) until the end of this weekend, Dec. 6th/7th. Kindly submit your donation made payable to 'Holy Family Parish St. Vincent de Paul' by using the envelopes provided on the trees. Receipts will be issued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the new year. Your donations empower individuals & families to enjoy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Please use the donation envelopes on out in the narthex/back of the church if you wish to make donations in memory of a loved one this Christmas.

COR AMICA - A CHRISTMAS CAROL



Saturday, December 13, 2025
at 2:30pm at Holy Family Parish
with Special Guest, CTV London's Reta Ismail

CHORAMICA www.choramica.ca

A dramatic presentation of the classic Dicken's story with seasonal carols and choral favourites, **featuring our very own Emer Montano.**

- Tickets are available for all parishioners at the Holy Family Parish office at a special price of \$20.00 (regular), \$10.00 (student), free (under 12)

Donations for the London Food Bank taken at the door.

PRAISE & PROMISES

Praise and Promises is a monthly event for youth, ages 15 to 18 years of age. This event provides a great space for youth to come together to meet new people and for fellowship, praise and worship, prayer, a learning and discussion element, snacks and lots of fun socializing with one another!

"HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE FAITH?"

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION USING THE "ASK THE PRIESTS" QUESTION BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. OUR PRIESTS WILL ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS DURING THEIR HOMILIES OR USING OTHER MEDIA OPTIONS.

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ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY

Join our Prayer Line to receive weekly prayers, reflections, music, and prayer. To sign up or submit a prayer request, scan the QR-code to go to our website. Submit your prayer requests online or email at stp.hfp@dol.ca.



The Prayer Line is powered by Flocknote.

wearelighthouse.ca/online-prayer-line-ministry

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Please go to our website at wearelighthouse.ca/category/weekly-mass-intentions or see the copy(ies) posted at the parish entrances. Updates, including funerals, will be posted there.

TO BOOK A MASS INTENTION

(only available at weekday Masses)

- At Saint Patrick Parish, please email stpatlucan@dol.ca or call the office at 519.227.4726
- At Holy Family Parish, email hfp@hfp.dol.ca or call 519-472-0057

The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.00.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of deep respect for those who have cared for these lands since ancient times, and those who guard and care for them still, we are committed to tread lightly on the land, respect water and all living things as gifts of the Creator, and affirm our desire for right relations with all peoples, especially the Indigenous peoples, who share our common home.

FAMILY OF PARISHES FINANCIAL REPORT

We have been blessed with tremendous generosity, support and sharing of God's gifts in 2025. Overall, there has been an increase in both Offertory giving and overall revenue. Expenses have been generally in line with budget, however, we have had some extraordinary expenses at Holy Family. As year-end giving comprises over 20% of our annual giving, we look forward to seeing the positive affect that will have for our parishes. Your Finance Council is working hard on your behalf to ensure that we spend wisely, and invest smartly in the resources that we need to support the continued growth of our Mission.

Year-to-Date Financial Results as at October 31, 2025

Holy Family Parish

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Revenue (\$ '000's)</u>		
Offertory Giving	793,037	724,165
Easter/Christmas/Thanksgiving	79,611	64,972
Other	152,076	109,452
Total Revenue	<u>1,024,724</u>	<u>898,589</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Compensation	598,556	531,723
General & Administrative	195,037	226,160
Repairs & Maintenance	100,882	76,314
Other	166,512	163,429
Total Expenses	<u>1,060,987</u>	<u>997,626</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) [note 1]	<u>-36,263</u>	<u>-99,037</u>

Note 1: the 2025 YTD deficit includes \$63,500 in extraordinary expenses. Without these, there would be a \$27,237 YTD surplus.

St. Patrick Parish

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Revenue (\$ '000's)</u>		
Offertory Giving	143,152	119,656
Easter/Christmas/Thanksgiving	12,484	26,186
Other	30,856	27,333
Total Revenue	<u>186,492</u>	<u>173,175</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Compensation	90,755	104,000
General & Administrative	33,263	27,603
Repairs & Maintenance	33,315	31,291
Other	49,425	54,152
Total Expenses	<u>206,758</u>	<u>217,046</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) [note 1]	<u>-20,266</u>	<u>-43,871</u>

Note 1: Thanksgiving & Easter donations were down 52% from 2024. Diocesan Assessment fees increased by 18.7%. Offertory giving up by 19%!

WAYS TO GIVE AT OUR PARISHES

When you give in your place of worship as an act of worship, you are **becoming more of the person God wants you to be**. When you give, you are **tangibly making a difference in someone's life**. Marriages are **restored**, lives are **healed**, and people **meet Jesus**. There's no better investment in the world than the local parish.

Looking to make a donation to Saint Patrick or Holy Family Parish? Do so by ...

2026 Parish envelopes

- now available at both parishes starting this weekend. If anyone does not have a set, kindly leave your name and contact information on the clipboard provided OR request a set by contacting...

Janet Toohey at Saint Patrick

at 519-227-4726, ext'n # 200 or jtoohey@dol.ca

Claudette McLeod at Holy Family

at 519-472-0057, ext'n # 222 or cmcleod@dol.ca

Automatic Bank Withdrawals

by going to..

Saint Patrick Parish at

<https://wearelighthouse.ca/giving-options-for-st-patrick/>

Holy Family Parish by going to

<https://wearelighthouse.ca/giving-options-for-holy-family-parish/>

Other ways to give, go to <https://wearelighthouse.ca/giving/>. If you're new to the parish or maybe haven't yet registered with us and want to ensure that your donations are receipted, kindly register with us by going to <https://wearelighthouse.ca/registration-form/>. If you've moved or some family member(s) have moved/passed away or maybe you've even added new members to your family, kindly let us know by contacting

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We are a Scent-Free Family of Parishes!!

For the comfort of those with allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from wearing scented products.

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