

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



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 10:00am

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 (or by appointment)
11:00am at Holy Family
4:00pm at Saint Patrick

I'M
NEW

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY
If you are new to our community
please go to:
wearelighthouse.ca/im-new/

Sunday Connection SCRIPTURE READINGS



**Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026**

EZEKIEL 33.7-9 | PSALM 95

ROMANS 13.8-10

MATTHEW 18.15-20

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026**

SIRACH 27.30 - 28.7

PSALM 103 | ROMANS 14.7-9

MATTHEW 18.21-35

**"For if we live, we live for the
Lord, and if we die, we die for the
Lord; so then, whether we live or
die, we are the Lord's."**

– ROMANS 14.8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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**FAN THE
FLAME
OF FAITH**

*"I remind you
to fan into
flame the gift
of God"*
(cf. 2 Timothy 1.6)

Friday, September 18 & Saturday, September 19
(7:00-9:00pm) (8:30am-4:00pm)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
(777 VALETTA STREET, LONDON)

COME. BE RENEWED. GO FORTH.
SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.

*"But be doers
of the word, and
not merely
hearers who
deceive
themselves"*
(James 1.22)

REGISTER HERE
BY OCT 11 TO
GUARANTEE YOUR SEAT

wearelighthouse.ca/fan-the-flame

We are getting closer to our Fan the Flame of Faith retreat on **September 18th and 19th**. If you've been thinking about coming, this is a great time to register. We will have time for prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reflection, worship, and personal prayer ministry. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we would love to welcome you. Please consider joining us.

Registration information is available online
wearelighthouse.ca/fan-the-flame

FAITH & FRIENDS	PRAISE & PROMISES	WISDOM & WORSHIP
CHILDREN AGES 9-12 ARE WELCOME!	YOUTH AGES 13-18 ARE WELCOME!	YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18+ ARE WELCOME!
HOLY FAMILY PARISH 6:30-8:00PM	HOLY FAMILY PARISH 7-9PM	HOLY FAMILY PARISH 7-9PM
SEPTEMBER 11 FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 25 FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 26 SATURDAY

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

Please pray for those who have died, especially Wendy Kania, Carmela Lina Mozetic, Dan Lasoski, Sr. Wilhelmina Van Herk (CSJ), and Sr. Gemma Staudt (OSU)

To reach a member on our Staff Team, please call the Office or **CLICK HERE**

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Holy Family Parish

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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 – Saint Anthony’s Bread: Outreach Week** (18-35 years old) – 6:30pm, HFP
- 8 – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 8 – Adoration** – After 6:30pm Mass, HFP
- 8 – HFP Knights of Columbus General Meeting** – 7:00pm, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 9 – SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST**
- 9 – BLESSED FREDERIC OZANAM, FOUNDER OF SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**
- 9 – Holy Grounds Café** – 10:45am, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 9 – Servants of the Light Intercessory Prayer Group** – 11:30am, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 11 – Eucharistic Adoration** - after the 10:00am Mass until 4:00pm (with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm) – HFP
- 11 – Faith and Friends** – 6:30pm, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 12 – THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**
- 12 – Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting** – 9:00am, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 12 – Catholic Women’s League General Meeting** – 9:30am, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 12 / 13** – Coffee Sunday with “Grow and Serve” opportunities – After All Masses, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 12 / 13 – Handicraft Holy Land Christians** – After All Masses, Parking Lot & All Saints Hall, HFP
- 13 – Children’s Church resumes**, STP and HFP
- 14 – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
- 14 – Stitches of Comfort** – 1:00pm, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 14 – Saint Anthony’s Bread: Formation Week** (18-35 years old) – 6:30pm, HFP
- 14 – STP Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting** – 7:00pm, Parish Hall, STP
- 14 – STP Knights of Columbus Council Meeting** – 8:00pm, Parish Hall, STP
- 15 – OUR LADY OF SORROWS**
- 15 – Holy Grounds Café** – 10:45am, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 15 – Servants of the Light Intercessory Prayer Group** – 11:30am, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 15 – Sacrament Preparation Information Sessions**, All Saints Hall, HFP**
- 15 – Adoration** – After 7:00pm Mass, STP
- 16 – SAINT CORNELIUS, POPE, AND SAINT CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS**
- 17 – SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
- 17 – SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
- 17 – Sacrament Preparation Information Sessions**, Church, STP**
- 18 – Eucharistic Adoration** - after the 10:00am Mass until 4:00pm (with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm) – HFP
- 18 / 19 – Fan The Flame of Faith Retreat**, HFP**
- 19 – SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR**
- 19 – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY**
- 19 / 20 – 40Days for Life Sign-up** – After All Masses, Narthex, HFP
- 20 – Sacrament Preparation Information Sessions**, All Saints Hall, HFP**

** - Please see this section in the Family Connection for more details

STP – Saint Patrick Parish | HFP – Holy Family Parish

SAVE-the-DATES (more information to follow)

- September 24 - Alpha in the Fall begins**, STP and HFP
- September 25 - Praise and Promises**, HFP
- September 26 - Wisdom and Worship**, HFP
- September 28 - Silent Retreat: “In a Quiet Garden with Jesus”**, HFP
- October 3 - Knights of Columbus Roast Beef Dinner**, HFP
- October 3 - Pet Blessing**, STP and HFP
- October 3 - SSVF Youth Annual Training**, HFP

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5). Since the very beginning of Christianity, water baptism has been seen as the ordinary means by which Christ brings souls into the life of grace. Our Lord’s own baptism by Saint John the Baptist is foundational for our practice of baptism. A clarifier: baptism did not cleanse Jesus from sin, since He is sinless, but it sanctified the waters and revealed the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Why does baptism matter for the salvation of souls? The Church teaches a concept called “**baptismal regeneration**.”

What is regeneration? Regeneration is the supernatural rebirth of the human soul. In the act of baptism, sin is washed away, sanctifying grace is infused, we are adopted as true children of God, and incorporated into the body of Christ. Baptism is the “instrumental cause” whereby we are “justified” — or made just before God. Maintaining and increasing in justice, by the grace of God, is the very process by which we are saved!

The Church teaching on regeneration is from both Scripture and Tradition. The foundational Scriptural texts are: John 3.5, Acts 2.38, Acts 22.16, Romans 6.3-4, Galatians 3.27, Ephesians 5.26, Titus 3.5, and 1 Peter 3.21 — and more!

The Fathers who treat baptism speak with remarkable unanimity on the issue of baptismal regeneration. The following Fathers teach baptismal regeneration explicitly: Saint Clement of Alexandria, Saint Justin Martyr, Saint Irenaeus, Saint Cyprian of Carthage, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Saint Basil of Caesarea, Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Saint Gregory of Nyssa, Saint Ambrose of Milan, Saint John Chrysostom, and Saint Augustine of Hippo.

Based on the Scriptural and collective testimony teachings of the early Church Fathers, baptismal regeneration is one of the most uncontroversial doctrines throughout Christian history. The Catholic Church is not alone in this teaching, the Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Reformed Protestants are valuable witnesses that baptism truly confers grace. It is against the Christian faith to say otherwise. The witness of the Holy Spirit in Scripture and the Fathers is the basis of the profession in the Nicene Creed - “I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.”

Because of the concept of baptismal regeneration, Catholic baptism traditions become quite intuitive. Baptism is an event that occurs one time. A valid baptism cannot be repeated, because God’s sacramental work is not temporary or uncertain. While some Fathers disputed whether baptisms performed by heretical groups were valid, the Church has always confessed that there is only “one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.” Regeneration is also the basis for baptism of infants: the sooner in life one receives the grace of baptism, the more assured we can be of their salvation.

Unfortunately, some Christians today believe that baptism is merely symbolic and reject infant baptism. Through both Scripture and Tradition, such a position has been refuted in the very content of this article. Baptism is not merely an outward sign of something God has already done; it is a sacrament through which Christ truly works. **In baptism, the soul is washed, reborn, adopted, and brought into the life of grace.**

Until next time, keep seeking the Truth who first sought you.
God bless.

LATE FOR MASS?

Arriving on time is not only an obligation; it is also an act of love and respect for Our Lord. He gathers us together to share his gifts and offers us grace in each part of the Mass.

It is also a sign of respect for the community with whom we worship. They deserve our presence and the contribution of our prayers from the beginning. The liturgy is the worship of Christ's body, the Church. Each assembly is called to represent and manifest the whole body, which is difficult to do when people arrive gradually after the celebration has begun.

GROW AND SERVE SHOWCASE - WHAT IS IT?

Grow and Serve Showcases highlight ministries in our Family of Parishes on Coffee/Nametag Sundays. Stop by after Mass to learn how you can grow in faith and serve the community. The next showcase is September 12 and 13 at Holy Family Parish, featuring the Lifegroup Team, Music Ministry, and Children's Church in All Saints Hall.

Saint Patrick Grow and Serve Showcase will be returning soon and more details will be in the next bulletin

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

You do not have to grieve alone.

An **8-week** support group, limited to 10 participants, offering a safe and compassionate space to explore your grief and receive support from others who understand. Starts Saturday morning **September 26, 2026**.

Facilitated by Grace Adams, Grief Coach
(studying under Dr. Alan Wolfelt)

Registration required. For information or registration: griefwithgrace2026@gmail.com or call 519-472-1234



UNPACK THE CHRISTIAN FAITH TOGETHER.

No judgement, no pressure.

Come along, see what you think.

Alpha in the Fall 2026 Series

at Holy Family (London) or Saint Patrick (Lucan) - weekly on Thursdays

September 24 - December 3

In-person*: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

777 Vaulter Street, London | 32922 Richmond Street, Lucan

* Child-minding available at Holy Family

wearelighthouse.ca/alpha



Come to a Silent Retreat in a quiet garden with Jesus.

Date: September 28th/2026

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm

Location: Holy Family Parish, All Saints Hall

Cost: \$40/person includes lunch, coffee/tea/juice, snacks, take home materials.

Retreat Day includes:

- Garden meditations with Jesus
- Gospel Contemplation meditation
- Reflection questions for journaling (bring your own journal or notebook)
- some table group sharing
- Ignatian Discernment of Spirits - recognizing His voice in all things
- discernment in making major decisions
- praise & worship

Majority of the day will be silent including Lunch (with background music).

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY as space is limited.
Deadline for registration **Sept 18th/2026**.

Retreat Facilitator - Alexis Tremere, Spiritual Director.
Contact Alexis to register at atremere@dol.ca.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - LEADS AND TEAM MEMBERS



Children's Church will resume on **September 13, 2026** at both parishes.
Saint Patrick at the 10:00am Mass
Holy Family at the 8:30am Mass and 11:00am Mass

Do you have a passion for teaching or leading children? Have you been looking for ways to become more involved in the faith formation of our children? We are currently seeking names of those who feel called to use their gifts in this valuable ministry. Please email Erwin Fung efung@dol.ca for more information.

2026 - 2027 SACRAMENT PREPARATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Registration now open to register your child for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation within the 2026-2027 school year. Join us at one of our information sessions.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

- Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - Holy Family at 5:30pm
- Thursday, September 17, 2026 - Saint Patrick at 6:15pm
- Sunday, September 20, 2026 - Holy Family at 12:30pm



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Sacrament of Confirmation

- Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - Holy Family at 7:15pm
- Thursday, September 17, 2026 - Saint Patrick at 7:30pm
- Sunday, September 20, 2026 - Holy Family at 3:30pm



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For more information contact:

Lisa Wright at lwright@dol.ca or 519-472-0057 ext.266

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

We want to welcome you to grow and learn in your faith, whether you have never been baptized, or have been baptized within another Christian denomination or are looking to learn more about the Catholic faith!

Contact Lisa Wright at lwright@dol.ca or 519-472-0057 x.266

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year so far.

In 2025, Holy Family Society of Saint Vincent de Paul made over 1000 visits with over \$59,000 in food vouchers given out and about \$16,000 in Wal-Mart gift cards. So far in 2026 we have made over 655 visits and have handed out more than \$32,855 in food vouchers. The need has been growing since 2019, if you are looking for ways to support or more information, please contact us at hfsvpadmin@gmail.com.

RED MASS (VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

In London, for many years, a Red Mass (Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit) has been celebrated annually to mark the traditional Fall Opening of the Law Courts or its approach. The Mass seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit for members of the legal and policing communities, among them: judges, lawyers, law professors, government officials, members of police forces, those in administrative or other supporting roles, and those studying to embark upon legal or policing careers.

Originating in Europe in the thirteenth century, the Red Mass is so-called from the red liturgical vestments worn symbolizing the Holy Spirit and the red colour traditionally found in judicial robes. The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. It then spread to various countries throughout continental Europe and Britain, and eventually to North America.

This year's Red Mass, celebrated by Bishop Miehme, to mark the upcoming 198th Fall Opening of the law Courts for London-Middlesex will take place:

St. Michael's Parish Church
Wednesday, September 9th, at 5:00pm

All are welcome to attend.

SAINT PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY



We thank everyone who put in an application for the Saint Patrick Knights of Columbus Bursary. Congratulations to this year's recipients Caitlyn Crunican and Charlotte Toohey. Each received \$250 towards their academic programs.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of September 12-13, we will welcome our special guest Sebastien Cardinal, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Please go to our website at wearelighthouse.ca/category/weekly-mass-intentions or see the copy posted at the parish entrances.

Updates, including funerals, will be posted there.

TO BOOK A MASS INTENTION (available at both parishes) kindly email J'Nan Sturgis at hfp@dol.ca or jsturgis@dol.ca or call 519.472.0057 ext 201.

The stipend for each **Mass intention is \$10.00** which may be paid in person with cash, cheque, debit or on-line via e-transfer

- for Saint Patrick intentions at stpatlucan@dol.ca
- for Holy Family intentions at hfp@dol.ca, noting the payment is for a Mass request(s).

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

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 ...

AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWALS

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Saint Patrick Parish at wearelighthouse.ca/giving-options-for-st-patrick/

Holy Family Parish by going to wearelighthouse.ca/giving-options-for-holy-family-parish/

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE, go to 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 wearelighthouse.ca/registration.

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

- **Claudette McLeod** at Holy Family at 519.472.0057, x.222 or cmcleod@dol.ca



WE ARE A SCENT-FREE FAMILY OF PARISHES

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



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