

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 4, 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 11, 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–12:00pm at Holy Family
4:00pm–4:45pm at Saint Patrick



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

Sunday Connection SCRIPTURE READINGS



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026**

ISAIAH 5.1-7 | PSALM 80
PHILIPPIANS 4.6-9
MATTHEW 21.33-43

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026**

ISAIAH 25.6-10 | PSALM 23
PHILIPPIANS 4.12-14, 19-20
MATTHEW 22.1-14

**“The stone that the builders
rejected has become the corner
stone...”**

- MATTHEW 21.42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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**“My God will fully supply
whatever you need...”**
–Philippians 4.19

NO MASS NOTICE



Mass and Adoration will not be held on **Tuesday, October 20 and Wednesday, October 21** at both parishes, to allow all priests to attend the Diocese of London Priest's Workshop Days. Please hold them in your prayers on these days.

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 Denise Nelson

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

Saint Patrick Parish

32922 Richmond Street
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Ph: 519.227.4726

Holy Family Parish

777 Valetta Street
London, ON N6H 2Y9
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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

- 5 – SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN
- 5 – **Stitches of Comfort** – 1:00pm, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 5 – **Saint Anthony's Bread: Outreach Week** (18-35 years old) – 6:30pm, HFP
- 6 – BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS
- 6 – SAINT BRUNO, PRIEST
- 6 – **Adoration** – after 6:30pm Mass, HFP
- 6 – **Saint Patrick Catholic Women's League Meeting** - 7:00pm, STP
- 7 – **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**
- 7 – **Holy Grounds Café** – 10:45am, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 7 – **Servants of the Light Intercessory Prayer Group** - 11:30am, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 8 – **Alpha in the Fall** – 6:00pm, STP and HFP
- 9 – SAINT DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
- 9 – SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
- 9 – SAINT JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST
- 9 – **Faith and Friends** – 6:30pm, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 12 – **Parish Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving**
- 12 – **Saint Anthony's Bread: Formation Week** (18-35 years old) – 6:30pm, HFP
- 13 – **Saint Patrick 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting**- 7:00pm, STP
- 13 – **Saint Patrick 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting**- 8:00pm, STP
- 13 – **Holy Family Knights of Columbus General Meeting** – 7:00pm, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 13 – **Holy Family Catholic Women's League General Meeting** – 7:30pm, Saint Francis of Assisi Room, HFP
- 14 – SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR
- 14 – **Holy Grounds Café** – 10:45am, All Saints Hall, HFP
- 14 – **Servants of the Light Intercessory Prayer Group** - 11:30am, Mother of Peace Room, HFP
- 15 – **SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
- 15 – **Book Club** - Book of John Begins, STP
- 16 – **SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, RELIGIOUS**
- 16 – **Praise and Promises** - 7:00pm, All Saints Hall
- 17 – **SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR**
- 17/18 – **Coffee Sunday with Grow and Serve Opportunities** – After all Masses, STP & HFP

STP – Saint Patrick Parish | HFP – Holy Family Parish

SAVE-the-DATES (more information to follow)

October 19 - Bible Study, HFP

October 24 - Fall Family Event, HFP

October 24 - Wisdom and Worship, HFP

October 30 - Family Prayer Gathering, HFP

First, a brief defense of the practice of confession: “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects” (James 5.16). Saint James explicitly enjoins Christians to confess their sins to one another, providing a clear biblical witness to confession. Even more explicitly, Jesus grants the Apostles authority to forgive sins: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20.23). This ministry entrusted to the Apostles continues in their successors, the bishops, and in the priests who serve under them. The practice of confessing sins also has very early historical documentation. The practice is written in the *Didache* (an early Christian manual from the late first or early second century), while Saint Irenaeus (~180 AD) writes of public confession, and Saint Cyprian (~250 AD) explicitly speaks of confession to God’s priests.

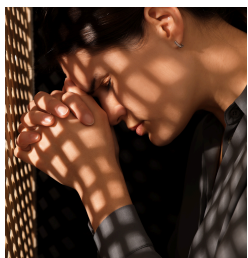
Now, to return to practicalities, picture this: you lie to a friend, and they become aware of your lie. In response, you say the words “I’m sorry”, yet you continue to lie to them. This does not demonstrate true repentance and is not a true apology. One must not only say the words but make a firm resolution not to lie again and attempt to heal the damaged relationship. We can use this ordinary example to mirror how we, as Catholic Christians, are to confess our sins.

When we confess our sins, we must not be the person simply saying, “I’m sorry”. We must come to God with sincere sorrow for having sinned, with the resolution to sin no more, to make restitution where serious harm has been done (for example, slandering someone’s reputation may require a formal recanting), and to avoid near occasions of sin. To make a good confession, we must also examine our conscience and call our sins to mind. Although examining one’s conscience and confessing sins can be uncomfortable, we must never deliberately conceal a mortal sin. We must recognize our sin for what it is and turn to God with every intention of following His commandments, for “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14.15). When confessing mortal sins, a lengthy explanation is unnecessary; one must simply state the kind (what the sin is) and number (how many times).

A few clarifications are necessary. First, it is only strictly necessary to confess mortal sins in the sacramental form, while the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) paragraph 1458 states: “Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.” Venial sins may be forgiven outside Confession through sincere prayer, acts of charity, and worthy reception of the Eucharist. Second, if one is conscious of mortal sin, sacramental confession is necessary before reception of the Eucharist. This teaching comes from Saint Paul’s warning against receiving the Eucharist unworthily (see 1 Corinthians 11.29–30). Lastly, the priest does not forgive sins by his own power. During confession, the priest acts *in persona Christi*, or “in the person of Christ.” Thus, it is Christ who forgives our sins through the sacrament, using the priest as His minister and visible instrument of grace.

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

CATECHIST CORNER: CONFESSION



When a Christian is baptized, all their sins are washed away, they are made just in the eyes of God, and they become a member of the Body of Christ. However, because of original sin, concupiscence (our inclination toward sin) remains. Sin damages our relationship with God, as we choose to turn ourselves away from Him. So, what

happens when a Christian sins after their baptism? As with any relationship we damage, we must attempt to make amends. Thankfully God, in his infinite love and mercy, is always prepared to receive us back into communion upon true repentance.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON VICTOR



On Tuesday, September 29, 2026, Deacon Victor was awarded the first Deacon John Vallely Award For Permanent Deacons.

Please help us congratulate Deacon Victor as you see him over the coming weeks.

SAINT PATRICK CWL FUNDRAISER

Saint Patrick Catholic Women's League is holding a silent auction on a **Handmade Walnut Chest**. The wooden chest is cedar-lined.

To participate, there is a sign up sheet in the side chapel where the chest is on display. The silent auction winner will be announced at the Saint Patrick Catholic Women's League Bazaar in November.

Please see the posters for more details.



LONDON PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY



Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 11:55am at the Victoria Park Bandshell, London.

Come Pray with us to celebrate the anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima.

For more information contact the London North Central ourladyofrock@gmail.com

FALL FAMILY EVENT



Saturday, October 24, 2026
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy a few hours with your family to carve pumpkins, decorate cookies, make crafts and play an assortment of games. Event sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Youth.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses the weekends of October 9 and October 17. Minimum \$5.00 donation per family (to cover material costs). See you there!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & RESOURCES



Children's Church is available at both parishes:

Saint Patrick at the 10:00am Mass
Holy Family at the 8:30am Mass
and at the 11:00am Mass

If your child is in **Kindergarten to Grade 2**, they will be called forward at Mass for a blessing before heading out for Children's Church.

Did you know... we also have a children's resource page that is updated weekly to support continued learning at home as a family? wearelighthouse.ca/childrenschurch/

BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS

The book of Genesis tells how Creation was born from God's infinite love and goodness, the chaos brought by the Fall, and the covenant promises that move salvation history forward. Through some of the most well-known and beloved stories in Scripture—including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph—God initiates his plan to restore what was lost.

Guided by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Scott Powell, this study shows how God works through every generation and covenant promise to draw his people back into relationship with him and prepare the way for our salvation, a plan that continues to unfold in our lives today.

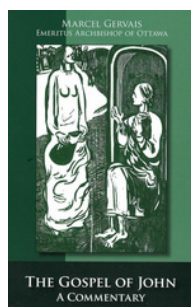
Begins the week of October 19, 2026

To Register:

wearelighthouse.ca/bible-study



BOOK CLUB / BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT PATRICK



This Autumn, we will be doing a Book / Bible Study on Thursday evenings. We will be reading and reflecting on the book by Archbishop Marcel Gervais (originally of our Diocese) entitled "**The Gospel of John**". Each week, Fr. Steve will begin the session with a brief teaching on the particular chapters of John's Gospel that Archbishop Gervais has written about in the assigned section, followed by group reflection on questions posed about the week's reading.

The Book/Bible Study will be held **Thursday, October 15th to Thursday, November 19th** (6 weeks). The sessions will be held at Saint Patrick Parish in the Side Chapel. Please contact Fr. Steve swlusek@dol.ca for more information or to register.



GROW AND SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Our next Grow and Serve Showcase weekend will be on **October 17th and 18th** at both parishes after all Masses. Opportunities presented provide parishioners a way to learn and grow in faith, build community and fellowship, and to serve the people of God's Church.

Saint Patrick Parish

- Altar Server Ministry
- Catholic Women's League

Holy Family Parish

- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18TH



The whole month of October is designated as Missionary Month. This is a time we are asked to pray in a special way for all missionaries around the world who are striving to make Jesus known. On October 18th, there will be a special collection world-wide to financially support the missions in their needs. Please remember to pray for this work and give generously to this collection.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Almighty God and Father,
We give You thanks for every blessing and
for the gifts of Your loving providence.

Grant us grateful hearts, that we may
praise You and serve You faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



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.

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

by going to..

Saint Patrick Parish at

wearelighthouse.ca/giving/stpatlucan

Holy Family Parish by going to

wearelighthouse.ca/giving/hfp@dol.ca

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



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