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6th Sunday of Easter
6e dimanche de Pâques
May 17 mai, 2020

Masses - Intentions - Messes

samedi/Saturday, May 16 mai, 2020
to /à
dimanche/Sunday, May/mai 31, 2020
NO MASSES / PAS DE MESSES

Pray for... Prions pour
the deceased... les défunts et défuntes

Please pray for the sick...
Prions pour les malades...



Louise Béchard, Alphonse Bellaire, Bill Bulley,
Jeannette Chauvin, Lawrence Comartin,
Loretta Dampousse, Pierrette Derikx, Rose Duquette,
David Holt, Marr Huson, Jean-Guy Langlois,
Florent Laprise, Marcel Lefaive, Jean-Rémi Mailloux,
Shirley Mailloux, Carol Meloche, Mike Martin,
Charlene Parent, Brenda Quick, Randy Reaume,
Marianne Renaud, Sally Repeck, Jeannette Rivest,
Juliette Rivest, Logan Smith, Steven Trepanier,
Timothy Trepanier.

6th Sunday of Easter

If we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?
Saint Teresa of Ávila once wrote that Christ has no body on earth but ours. This 16th-century mystic understood what Jesus meant when he said, *If you love me, you will keep my commandments.* She believed we meet Jesus' expectation by becoming a voice for the voiceless, as Philip did in Samaria – where his preaching, signs, and deeds brought great joy.

6e dimanche de Pâques

Amour et fidélité

Pour grandir avec le Ressuscité, il importe de suivre deux voies indissociables: l'amour et la fidélité à ses commandements.

The Readings / les lectures

May/mai 24, 2020

Acts / Actes 1:1-11
Ephesians / Éphésiens 1:17-23
Matthew / Matthieu 28:16-20



Windsor-Essex County Right to Life Association

will hold its Annual General Meeting online on Thursday, June 4th at 7 pm. If you are a Member and would like to attend, please contact the office via email. Instructions will be sent privately. Stay safe - Stay well.
windsorsexrighttolife@gmail.com

Outreach Resources

The diocese has a webpage that will be continually updated with resources for the faithful <http://dol.ca/outreach>. Please refer to these resources to help find online Masses, Catholic publications and activities for families, children and youth. Please follow the Diocese of London on Twitter @ DOL_ca and <https://www.facebook.com/www.dol.ca/>, subscribe to our <https://www.youtube.com/user/wwwdolca> channel and visit <https://www.dol.ca/>

You can also follow Visitation Parish on Twitter
<https://twitter.com/VisitationCombr> and Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/VisitationParish/>

For those wishing to drop off their Offertory and/or Building Fund donations... **We have a secure mail slot at the church office door.**

Pour ceux qui souhaitent déposer leurs dons d'Offertoire et/ou de Fonds de construction... **Nous avons une fente de courrier sécurisée à la porte du bureau de l'église.**



Our Collections

May 10 mai, 2020

M E R C I

Envelopes (20 donors) \$1890.00
Pre-auth. debit (44 donors) \$1154.60
\$3044.60

Thanksgiving Appeal.....\$200.00
Diocesan Assessment.....\$55.00

Average Weekly Operating Costs

(based on 2019 expenses)

** \$7482.12 **

Coûts moyens des opérations hebdomadaires
(basé sur les dépenses de 2019)

Building Fund

Donations.....\$50.00
Pre-Auth. Debit (37 donors).....\$567.47
Pledge Payments.....\$410.00

The 2019 Financial Report is available on the parish website in the Bulletins section. There will be paper copies available once the church re-opens."

Le rapport financier 2019 est disponible sur le site de la paroisse dans la section Bulletins. Des copies papier seront disponibles dès la réouverture de l'église".

2020 CWL Bursaries:

The 2020 applications for the Father Dwayne Adam Music, High School and Mature Student Bursaries are now available. Any student, who is an active registered parishioner of this parish, who has never before received the bursary and who will be attending a post-secondary institution in the Fall of the year that the request is made, may apply. Applications for these CWL Bursaries are available on the parish website www.visitationcomber.ca under Partners / Organizations / Catholic Women's League. Please note that submissions MUST BE RECEIVED by Friday, May 29th no later than 2pm. Completed applications can be deposited in the mail slot at the parish office entrance or e-mailed to moepat1977@gmail.com

Job Postings:

St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Family & Youth Ministry. Closing date for applications June 4, 2020.

Details for this and other positions are available at <https://dol.ca/employmentvolunteering>.

Year of Prayer conclusion

The letter from Bishop Fabbro included in today's bulletin announces a novena from May 22 until May 30 to bring to a conclusion our *Year of Prayer*. This letter invites you to enter into these nine days of prayer in preparation for Pentecost. You can find a copy of the prayer to the right.

Conclusion de l'Année de prière

La lettre de Mgr Fabbro, incluse dans le bulletin d'aujourd'hui, annonce une neuvaine du 22 au 30 mai pour conclure notre *Année de prière*. Cette lettre vous invite à entrer dans ces neuf jours de prière en préparation pour la Pentecôte. Une copie de la prière se trouve ci-dessous.

Année de prière

Envoie ton Esprit, Seigneur, et mets au cœur de tes fidèles un ardent désir de suivre Jésus pour être ses disciples missionnaires. Comble-nous de joie et du désir de connaître ta parole. Puisse-nous proclamer hardiment la Bonne Nouvelle aux autres; car si nous aidons les autres à comprendre que Dieu les aime, ils connaîtront le vrai bonheur. Comble-nous d'un profond désir de l'Eucharistie. Puisse-nous reconnaître Jésus dans la proclamation de l'Écriture et à la fraction du pain; car lorsque nous sommes unis à Jésus, la joie ne cesse de renaître. Comble-nous d'un véritable amour du prochain. Puisse-nous rechercher les occasions de réconciliation, et servir généreusement les personnes dans le besoin; car en les servant, nous le savons, c'est ton Fils que nous servons. Avec l'aide de l'Esprit Saint, puisse-nous nous engager à t'aimer et à faire ta volonté. Nous te le demandons par le Christ notre Seigneur. Amen.

Year of Prayer

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and fill the hearts of your people with an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples. Fill us with joy and a desire to know your word. May we boldly proclaim the Good News to others; for when we help others to know that God loves them, they will know true happiness. Fill us with a deep desire for the Eucharist. May we recognize Jesus in the proclamation of the Scriptures and in the Breaking of the Bread; for when we are united with Jesus, joy is constantly born anew. Fill us with a true love of neighbour. May we seek opportunities for reconciliation, and with big hearts serve those in need; for in serving them, we know we are serving your Son. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we commit ourselves to loving you and doing your will. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

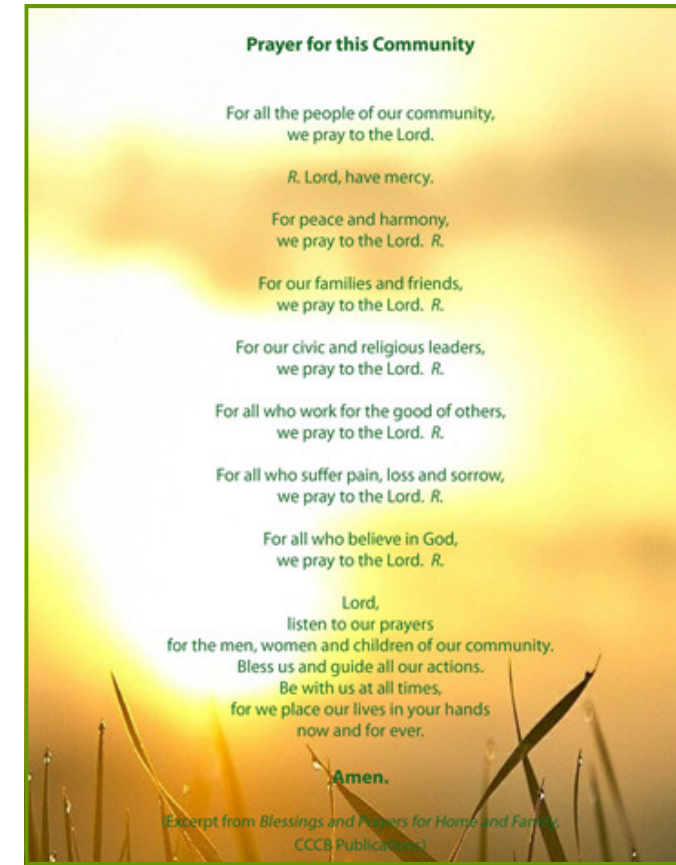
« Faith is not a contradiction of reality, but the courage to face reality with hope. »

-Robert H. Schuller

Praying Together, Praying Apart: At-Home Prayers for Times of Healing (Liturgical Press).

Amid self-isolation and physical distancing, an increasing number of people are experiencing sickness and death separated from other people. This resource strives to offer some concrete ways to pray, heal, and grieve together.

<https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/3788244/PDFs/LP/Praying Together Praying Apart.pdf>



Diocesan Summer Camp Revamp

We are sad to announce that summer camps, as we have come to know them, will have to be canceled for this summer. This includes our Leadership Camps as well as our Reach programs scheduled in various places around the diocese. However, we are anticipating the hiring of a number of students this summer who will assist in creating and implementing a number of fun and creative initiatives for families, children, and teens that will be available to a larger number of parishes and individuals than we are normally able to serve. The job postings can be found at www.dol.ca/employmentvolunteering and we encourage applications from around the diocese.

Connecting with Young People and Families

As we continue to find new ways to reach out to young people and their families during this challenging time, we want to direct your attention to two Facebook links that may be of interest. The [Diocese of London Youth Ministry Outreach](#) page is a place where we are sharing what is going on in youth ministry in the Diocese, and each Tuesday and Friday afternoon there is a live video discussing ways in which parishes and staff are reaching out to our families and young people. The [Diocese of London Social Media Chat](#) group is for staff and volunteers who are responsible for, or assisting with, your parish's social media presence. You will find posts, pictures, and other good things that can be shared to your parish's social media sites.

Prière pour la communauté

Dans la situation actuelle qui nous préoccupe, nous faisons appel à toi Seigneur. Seigneur, donne à toutes les personnes atteintes par cette maladie le courage et la force de combattre ce virus. Puisse-t-elle recevoir les soins appropriés ainsi que le support nécessaire afin de traverser cette épreuve.

Avec confiance, Seigneur je te les confie.
Seigneur, aide et supporte particulièrement les personnes œuvrant dans le milieu de la santé qui apportent des soins et de l'accompagnement aux personnes dans le besoin. Que ton Esprit Saint inspire ceux et celles qui contribuent à la recherche en vue d'éradiquer la pandémie.

Avec confiance, Seigneur je te les confie.
Seigneur, inspire aux dirigeants politiques et aux différents médias les paroles, les gestes, la prudence et la solidarité qui conviennent. Je te prie pour que tu déposes ta paix, épargne notre société de toute agitation inutile et favorise les bonnes attitudes pour contenir le mouvement d'inquiétude.

Avec confiance, Seigneur je te les confie.
Seigneur, accueille toutes les personnes décédées des suites de cette maladie, réconforte leur famille et leurs proches.

Qu'elles trouvent en ta Présence réconfortante l'espérance et la paix.

Avec confiance, Seigneur je te les confie.
Seigneur, permets que chaque chrétien et chrétienne puisse continuer à grandir dans la foi, malgré l'impossibilité de se rassembler. Que les mesures prises par nos évêques, en solidarité avec nos autorités civiles, contribue à diminuer la propagation de la maladie.

Avec confiance, Seigneur je te les confie.
Seigneur entend cette prière et garde-nous en communion spirituelle avec nos frères et sœurs. Amen.

****Please note that although there is no access to the church and office at this time, you can still reach us by phone or email during regular office hours.****

****Veuillez noter que bien qu'il n'y ait pas d'accès à l'église et au bureau pour le moment, vous pouvez toujours nous joindre par téléphone ou par courriel pendant les heures régulières du bureau.****

**Réunions... Meetings...
All meetings and/or gatherings at the church or in the Parish Hall have been cancelled up until May 31st, 2020**

Toutes les réunions et/ou rassemblements à l'église ou dans la salle paroissiale ont été annulés jusqu'au 31 mai 2020

Prayer Intentions

The Visitation Intercrossers would like to pray for your intentions. Please call the office (519-687-3118) or email us (visitation@dol.ca). Our prayer team commits to pray daily for the intentions of our Parish.

Intentions de prière

Nous voulons prier pour vos intentions. Veuillez appeler le bureau (519-687-3118) ou nous envoyer un courriel (visitation@dol.ca). Notre équipe de prière s'engage à prier tous les jours pour les intentions de notre paroisse.

Pope prays for nurses as world marks their role in healthcare

ROME - As the number of global COVID-19 coronavirus infections continues to rise, notably among healthcare workers, Pope Francis in his daily Mass on Tuesday offered special prayers for nurses on **International Nurses Day**.

Speaking from the small chapel inside the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta guesthouse, the pope began his livestreamed Mass by asking that viewers join him in praying "for the nurses, men and women, girls and boys, who have this profession, which is more than a profession, it's a vocation, a dedication."

Francis's appeal coincided with the celebration of the 109th International Nurses Day. Designated by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) in 1974, the day is marked annually May 12, **the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale**, considered to be the first "professional nurse." Typically, the ICN commemorates the day distributing healthcare resources and information on nursing; however, this year the day has taken on special significance due to the coronavirus pandemic. Even before the coronavirus broke out, the World Health Organization had named **2020 the "Year of the Nurse" in honor of Nightingale's 200th birthday**.

Doctors and nurses have not only been on the front lines of the pandemic, but in many cases, they have been most at risk due to prolonged exposure to the virus, long hours with little sleep, and, in some cases, a shortage of personal protective equipment.

During his Mass, Pope Francis asked that "the Lord bless (nurses)," noting that, "In this time of pandemic, they have given an example of heroism and some have given their lives. Let us pray for nurses."

In a special message put out by the Vatican for the occasion of the International Nurses Day, Pope Francis said COVID-19 has helped humanity to rediscover "the fundamental importance of the role being played by nurses and midwives." "Every day we witness the testimony of courage and sacrifice of healthcare workers, and nurses in particular, who, with professionalism, self-sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility and love for neighbor, assist people affected by the virus, even to the point of putting their own health at risk," he said, and offered prayers for nurses and healthcare workers who have died from the coronavirus.

Noting the unique role nurses and medical staff play in peoples' lives, he praised them for their "human and humanizing relationship with the sick," and for the moral responsibility with which they carry out their profession. "Because of your dedication, you are among the 'saints next door.' You are an image of the Church as a 'field hospital' that continues to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, who drew near to and healed people with all kinds of sickness and who stooped down to wash the feet of his disciples," he said.

Pope Francis also pointed to deficiencies in healthcare systems highlighted by the coronavirus, and urged international leaders to invest in health care "as the primary common good" by reinforcing healthcare systems, hiring a greater number of nurses to ensure each person receives proper care, and investing more in training.

Both nurses and midwives, "deservedly have the right to be better and more fully valued and involved in processes concerning the health of individuals and communities. It has been shown that investing in them improves overall care and health," he said, and offered them his blessing.

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Novena to the Holy Spirit at the dusk of our Diocesan Year of Prayer

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:1-4).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A year ago at the Mass of Chrism, I announced that beginning on Pentecost Sunday, 9 June 2019, and lasting until the next Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2020, we would observe a special Year of Prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our diocese as we seek to be "a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus".

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were all together "in one place". We cannot be together physically during the pandemic, but we can be united spiritually during these days which are meant to be an intense preparation for the Great Feast of Pentecost. I am asking that we mark these days, which will bring to a conclusion our Year of Prayer, by a novena to the Holy Spirit. **The novena will begin on Friday, 22 May, and continue until Saturday, 30 May, the Vigil of Pentecost.**

My hope is that all the faithful of our diocese, all our parishes and our families will unite in prayer each day of the novena, and that all of us will include in the different prayers we use, a daily recitation of the common prayer for the Year of Prayer ([attached](#)).

This prayer contains a vision for us as we strive in our Families of Parishes to be a missionary Church. In it, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with an ardent desire:

- To grow in a deep, personal relationship with Jesus, to be his missionary disciples;
- To know God's word and to proclaim this Good News to others;
- To recognize Jesus present in the Eucharist and to be united closely with him in our lives;
- To love our neighbour, to seek reconciliation and with big hearts to serve those in need.

As we come to the end of this Year of Prayer, I would like to express my profound gratitude to you, the people of the diocese, for entering into this unique time of prayer. We have united ourselves with the Holy Spirit and are confident that our prayer will bear abundant fruit.

Together, we pray that Pentecost will be a new beginning for our diocese. On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit completely changed the disciples. They were fearful, but filled with the Holy Spirit they went out and proclaimed the Gospel, even to the point of sacrificing their lives. Like these disciples, we do not know exactly what will be demanded of our Church. May we be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May we put our trust completely in his hands. Set on fire with his love, may we go out boldly to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, *CSB*

Most Rev. R. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Diocese of London: *Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus*



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Neuvaine à l'Esprit Saint au soir de notre Année de prière diocésaine

Quand arriva le jour de la Pentecôte, au terme des cinquante jours, ils se trouvaient réunis tous ensemble. Soudain un bruit survint du ciel comme un violent coup de vent : la maison où ils étaient assis en fut remplie tout entière. Alors leur apparurent des langues qu'on aurait dites de feu, qui se partageaient, et il s'en posa une sur chacun d'eux. Tous furent remplis d'Esprit Saint : ils se mirent à parler en d'autres langues, et chacun s'exprimait selon le don de l'Esprit. (Actes 2,1-4).

Chères sœurs et chers frères dans le Christ,

Il y a un an, à la messe chrismale, j'annonçais qu'à compter du dimanche de Pentecôte 9 juin 2019 et jusqu'à la Pentecôte suivante, dimanche 31 mai 2020, nous observerions une Année de prière spéciale pour implorer l'effusion de l'Esprit Saint sur notre diocèse, résolu à être « une Église axée sur la mission, qui forme des disciples de Jésus ».

Le jour de la Pentecôte, les disciples étaient réunis « tous ensemble » en un même lieu. Nous ne pouvons pas nous réunir physiquement pendant la pandémie, mais nous pouvons être unis spirituellement en ces jours qui sont censés nous préparer intensément à la Grande Fête de la Pentecôte. Je demande que nous donnions un relief particulier à ces journées qui vont conclure notre Année de prière en célébrant une neuvaine à l'Esprit Saint. **La neuvaine débutera vendredi 22 mai et se terminera samedi 30 mai, vigil de la Pentecôte.**

Ce que j'espère, c'est que tous les fidèles de notre diocèse, toutes nos paroisses et toutes nos familles vont s'unir dans la prière, chaque jour de la neuvaine, et que, toutes et tous, nous ajouterons aux différentes prières que nous récitons la prière commune pour l'Année de prière ([ci-jointe](#)).

Cette prière nous présente une vision, à nous qui nous efforçons d'être une Église missionnaire dans nos Familles de paroisses. Nous y prions l'Esprit Saint de combler nos cœurs d'un ardent désir:

- de développer une profonde relation personnelle avec Jésus, pour devenir ses disciples missionnaires;
- de connaître la parole de Dieu et de proclamer sa Bonne Nouvelle aux autres;
- de reconnaître Jésus présent dans l'Eucharistie et de nous unir étroitement à lui dans notre vie;
- d'aimer notre prochain, de pratiquer la réconciliation et de servir généreusement les personnes dans le besoin.

Alors que nous nous apprêtons à clore cette Année de prière, je tiens à vous exprimer ma sincère gratitude, à vous les fidèles du diocèse qui êtes entrés dans ce temps de prière unique. Nous nous sommes unis à l'Esprit Saint et, nous le savons, notre prière donnera du fruit en abondance.

Ensemble, nous prions pour que la Pentecôte marque un nouveau départ pour notre diocèse. Lors de la première Pentecôte après la résurrection de Jésus, l'Esprit Saint a complètement transformé les disciples. Ils étaient en proie à la crainte, mais, comblés de l'Esprit Saint, ils sont allés proclamer l'Évangile au sacrifice même de leur vie. Comme ces disciples, nous ne savons pas exactement ce qui sera demandé à notre Église. Puisseons-nous être comblés des dons de l'Esprit Saint. Abandonnons-nous à lui avec confiance. Et embrasés par son amour, allons proclamer hardiment l'Évangile au monde.

Sincèrement uni à vous dans le Christ,

+ Ronald Fabbro, *CSB*

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Le diocèse de London: *Être une Église axée sur la mission, qui forme des disciples de Jésus*