

THE SHIELD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2020

A publication of St. George Parish - sharing the life and faith of our parish family.

Rooted in Christ, we are called as faithful disciples to build a thriving and inclusive parish family reaching out with compassion and love to all, bearing witness to the Good News.

WELCOME!!!

Thank you for joining us. We are so blessed to have you part of our parish family. If you are new to the parish or a visitor and would like more information please visit **Guest Services** in the narthex or our website at:

www.stgeorgelondon.ca



Look inside!

Lots of great info on:

- Mass via old school tech
- Online Poland Pilgrimage
- Undoer of Knots Novena
- Sharing the Road Feature



MESSAGE SERIES: HE IS RISEN - SEEING JESUS TODAY: WEEK 2

This weekend Deacon Mark leads our reflection by reminding us that we are all called to share the road together. When we share our journey of faith with those around us, we discover that Jesus is present in one another. This connection is rooted in sharing our faith, stories

and experiences with those around us and realizing that common connection of humanity. We recognize the need for one another and we help each other get to know Jesus better—just like the story of the Road to Emmaus in the gospel this weekend. The parish is a place where we share the road to heaven together in a special way. May we see and be Christ for one another on the long and winding road!!

CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Go to the parish website or have it downloaded weekly to your smart phone or mobile device. Fr. John offers short reflections on the Sunday Gospel.



DONATE TO THE PARISH WITH YOUR PHONE



Your ongoing financial support helps our parish be a place that forms disciples who reach out to all through liturgical celebrations, formation programs, youth ministry, bible studies, faith nights, retreats, social events, outreach ministry and so much more!! If you already donate, thank you — but if not, consider a one time donation or ongoing support via this QR code, pre-authorized donations, the parish website or contacting the office to receive a box of offertory envelopes. Thank you!

Now also accepting donations via e-transfer to stgeorge@dol.ca

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED BUT ARE MONITORING PHONE MESSAGES

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. 5:00 PM Sun. 11AM (live-stream)

SUNDAY FRIENDS: Children's Liturgy
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

KIDZONE: Babysitting
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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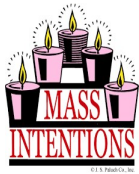
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ONLINE MASS REQUEST



The celebration of the Eucharist is the summit of our faith. Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support and community. It is now possible to request Mass Intentions on the St. George Parish website,

stgeorgelondon.ca, with payment made either via Paypal or by mailing to the parish. Mass Intention cards can be mailed or delivered by porch delivery. Please contact the parish office at stgeorge@dol.ca or 519-471-4220 with any questions.

ONLINE PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND



Fr. John will be hosting an online pilgrimage to Poland taking place each evening from **Sunday May 10 to Wednesday May 13 — 7:30 to 8:30 PM** at sgtvLondon.ca. See some sites and be inspired by major Polish saints and shrines. Each night will include particular devotions to St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, St. Faustina, Our Lady of Czestochowa and more!!

No passports needed for this trip!

UNDOER OF KNOTS NOVENA



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Mother and the Mother of the Church. In honour of Our Lady, we will be praying the novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots **online at sgtvLondon.ca from May 18 to 26, 2020**

at 8:00 PM each night. Let us pray that Mary will help undo the knots of the pandemic and that we may build a better world.



Be sure to follow St. George Parish on **Twitter and Facebook** for ongoing updates!



Check out the parish website for many different prayer resources, missions and past message series.

WHAT IS PHONE-STREAMING?



For those who are not online:

Call 226-781-7977
and listen to our Mass
& celebrations live!



Spread the word!

As a parish, we have been live-streaming our celebrations via our parish website and our YouTube channel for the last 3.5 years. This has been a powerful way for us to connect, reach out and share the Good News of our community. It has been a true blessing of evangelization.

Especially during this time of pandemic, when we are disconnected from one another and our parish family, we want to be sure that everyone can stay strong in faith—especially those who do not have the internet or the ability to watch our live-stream celebrations. This is where phone-streaming comes in. Here's how it works:

1. Call 226-781-7977 (local London number)
2. Listen to the greeting — if you would like to be called each time there is a live phone-stream from the parish, press 1 (you will be added to the call list). This way you don't need to call in, we will call you.
3. If you don't want to be placed on the list, just wait and you will be connected to the phone-stream of the Mass, rosary or other celebration.
4. You can also call the number at anytime to listen to the last phone-streamed celebration. So if you missed the 11 AM Mass on Sunday and it is Sunday night, just call the number and you can listen to the 11 AM Mass.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE FOR EVERYONE

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Liturgy Schedule - April 27 - May 3, 2020

** All services below are livestreamed only at sgtvLondon.ca **

Sunday April 26 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM: Mass- For the Parishioners of St. George

Tuesday April 28

6:30 PM: **Mass**
Maria Damasco
Phylis Deane
Gerrie Deane

8:30 PM: St. Peregrine Novena

Wednesday April 29

10:00 AM: **Mass**
Vince Bogdonski
Teenica Hansen
Intentions of Fr. James De-

Vita

8:30 PM: St. Peregrine Novena

Thursday April 30

1:00 PM: Rosary

6:30 PM: **Mass**
Martha & George Ostafijczuk
Maria De Sousa
Jose De Sousa

8:30 PM: St. Peregrine Novena

Friday May 1

10:00 AM: **Mass**
Jack & Bernadette Hale
Intentions of Walter Ostafijczuk
Intentions of Fr. James DeVita

1:00 PM: Marian Devotions

Saturday May 2 - 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM: Mass- For the Parishioners of St. George Parish

Sunday May 3 - 4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 AM: Mass-For the Parishioners of St. George Parish

We continue to pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus at all of our celebrations. May God strengthen us.



The Shield Feature.....by Fr. John Jasica

SHARING THE ROAD: SEEING JESUS IN EACH OTHER

CONTINUING MESSAGE SERIES

As we continue in our new Easter message series—HE IS RISEN: SEEING JESUS TODAY, we are exploring the many different ways we can see Jesus in our lives here and now. Jesus is not only risen in our beliefs, but with the eyes of faith and our hearts, we can see Jesus manifest everywhere, even in the midst of our storms and the current pandemic.

During this challenging time we also can experience an abundance of grace!! Where challenges arise, God's light shines even more brightly. There is no question that Jesus is alive, he is with us, and will guide us to heaven through all the storms of our lives.

SHARING THE ROAD

One of the most important signs of light during the COVID-19 pandemic is the reality that we as an entire world, are in this together. There are no divisions in the fight against this deadly virus and the courage of so many front line workers seeking to assist others is beautiful. As we endure the physical distancing, self-isolation and embrace the economic, social and personal burdens of this time, we come to realize more and more, that we need to count on one another. We are all in this together.

Despite the physical separation, the restrictions on gatherings and the struggles of not working, we have also discovered more time to value our relationships. We realize that maybe those things and experiences we cherished the most just a few weeks ago are not as important as we thought. Just maybe, the struggle of this time is helping change our world view, our faith and the openness of sharing the road.

WALKING TOGETHER

This weekend we are reflecting on the fact that we can truly see Christ in each other when we share the road together. We are not meant to be isolated, distant and alone. We are made for community and need

to connect with one another. During this pandemic we are connecting in different ways knowing that we crave a sense of belonging and the support of one another. This is not just out of necessity but out of a chance to grow, love and cherish each other. We have the opportunity to share our joys, sorrows, achievements and stories so that others may strengthen, advise, celebrate and weep with us. Really, when we share the road and connect with others, we connect with Jesus. How can we do this in a special way in our world today?

(1) INVITATION

I am not sure what will be on the priority list for you when the



pandemic ends, but one of them for me is to go out for dinner with others—and it doesn't even matter what restaurant. The starting point of sharing the road with others, being together, and connecting is inviting others into your life. None of us can connect and support one another if we are not walking together.

We need to invite others to walk with us and in that journey we get to know one another sharing our thoughts and ideas. The dialogue and the sharing grows over time but it cannot start without the invitation. This invitation can be a phone call, an email, a text or by each of us answering the invitation from Jesus to get involved in the parish or community. We can be the inviter or the invitee. The invitation can come from us, from others or from God. In all of these circumstances we need to be courageous and committed in sharing the journey with others.

(2) SHARING & LISTENING

These are two important aspects of life—the courage to share what we think, feel and see while also listening to those around us and being attentive to the voice of God. If we are going to share the journey along the road to heaven with others and God, we have to

share something about our lives and be able to listen attentively with our hearts and not only our ears. To share the journey with others, we need to share ourselves honestly and openly, built on trust, as we are on the road to the same destination.

When we actually connect with others and share who we truly are, then we encounter the Risen Christ today. For when we share and listen, not for our own benefit, but for the sake of one another, the presence of Christ is shared as we support, encounter and engage one another.

(3) FORGIVENESS

None of these points are easy but require courage and trust in God. This final point may challenge us the most. If we want to see the Risen Jesus in our world today through you and me—then the simplest and most profound way is through forgiving one another. Mercy is the divine road of faith that unleashes light, grace, hope and freedom for others and ourselves. The act of forgiving someone who has hurt us or asking for forgiveness from someone whom we have hurt—and experiencing reconciliation is purely heavenly.

Through forgiveness, burdens are lifted, baggage is dropped and new life is given. Sharing the road together must include forgiveness because sometimes as we walk along we can get into arguments, disappointments and mistakes.

TWISTS AND TURNS

Sharing the road with others will have its twists and turns but without each other we will never navigate the journey to heaven. We are in this together and being left alone is simply not an option.

Seasons of Hope

St. George Parish Bereavement Ministry is offering
An Online Faith Sharing Bereavement Group
(six week sessions)

Choose to attend one of the following ONLINE groups:

Mondays
(mornings)

May 28 - June 22

10:00 am - 11:30 pm

Limited to six (6) spots

TUESDAYS
(afternoons)

May 19 - June 23

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Limited to six (6) spots

WEDNESDAYS
(evenings)

May 20 - June 24

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Limited to six (6) spots

"At the death of a loved one - in this time of sadness and sorrow - our Catholic parishes continue to be a place of hospitality and comfort for the bereaved. Seasons of Hope provides parishes a way to walk with hurting families beyond the Mass of Christian Burial, luncheons, and receptions."

*~ Most Rev. John G. Vlazny,
Archbishop of Portland*



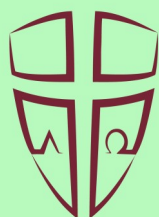
"Set in the context of the faith community Seasons of Hope is a well organized, prayerful, reverent, and Christ-centered approach to assist persons through the pain of mourning."

*~ Mary Ann Wachtel, PhD,
SFCC, Executive Director
National Catholic Ministry to
the Bereaved*

"Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion and anguish." ~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. **SEASONS OF HOPE** offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. **SEASONS OF HOPE** is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church. For those searching for hope, a **SEASONS OF HOPE** group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning. Come and be comforted.

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