

THE SHIELD

September 20, 2020

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

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 call us at 519-471-4220 or visit our website at:

www.stgeorgelondon.ca



Look inside!

Lots of great info on:

- "Come From Away" is back!
- Roman Roadhouse returns
- St. John Paul II Prayer Series
- Feature Article by Fr. John



With the beginning of fall, we begin a new message series called "Where do we go from here?" The last six months have been truly challenging in so many ways. Our lives were put on hold while the entire world was trying to figure out what to do with COVID-19. All of us are tired, worn out and missing the days prior to this global pandemic. With the fears of what a second wave will bring—we seem to be at a crossroads of how to move forward. While in the midst of these difficult times how can God help us move forward in the "new normal"? How can we continue to seek help, guidance and support from one another? This series will try to help us follow God's path to peace.

4 WAYS TO DONATE TO THE PARISH

Your ongoing financial support is crucial for the parish to share the Good News. Your donations help in our ministry, outreach and sacramental programs.

Go to www.stgeorgelondon.ca and click **DONATE** for all the options or call the parish office at 519-471-4220.

Consider these four options:

1. E-Transfers simply send funds from your account to our parish email address stgeorge@dol.ca
2. PAD Monthly Sign up and donate from your account monthly. Simply complete the online form.
3. PAYPAL Donate with your credit card via our Paypal link at the parish website under **DONATE**
4. Envelopes We can deliver parish envelopes to you. During the pandemic you can mail or drop them off at the parish in our mail slot.

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



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

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PASTORAL TEAM

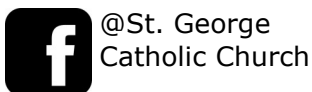
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COME FROM AWAY GATHERINGS



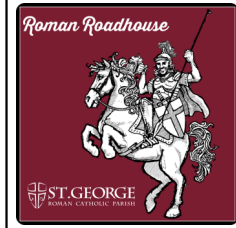
The COME FROM AWAY online gatherings continue **THURS. SEPTEMBER 24**. Join us bi-weekly from **7:30 to 8:30 PM** for our online discussion. Join guest host **PAUL GILPIN**, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus (**SEPT. 24**) as he shares about his involvement in this organization. Go to the parish website for the link to the online gathering or you can also call in to participate — just call 1-855-212-2015 and press 361 793 877#

ST. JOHN PAUL II PRAYER SERIES



This prayer series continues **MON. SEPTEMBER 21st**. We reflect on the gift of St. John Paul II's 14 encyclicals. This series continues each **MONDAY EVENING at 7:30 PM for fourteen weeks**, the reflection on St. John Paul II's encyclical will be posted online. **www.sgtvlondon.ca**. Everyone is welcome. This is a great time for reflection, prayer and education!! Enjoy and share it with others!!

ROMAN ROADHOUSE RETURNS



Roman Roadhouse is back for another online edition on **WED. SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 at 7:30 PM**. We welcome Craig Tilford, CEO of Stressed Out Solutions and Sarah Hilton of Spoken Advantage to guide us in **NAVIGATING THE UNKNOWN** will help us during this pandemic which has caused us to change so many things in our lives and face many struggles and difficulties. Join us online or call in.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a worldwide, non-denominational, faith based effort to bring an end to abortion and the Fall Campaign starts **Wednesday, September 24th and continues until Sunday, November 1st**. Our London campaign includes a peaceful and prayerful vigil at Victoria Hospital on the corner of Commissioners Road and Wellington Road. Please plan now to join us for a one hour shift or more, Sunday through Saturday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com/london



For those who are not online:

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

Spread the word!



COMING SOON TO ST. GEORGE PARISH September 2020

Online Pilgrimage to Italy (Sept 29, 30, Oct. 1)
Praise & Worship Concert Series (Sunday Sept. 27)
October 2020
TED Retreat Series and more to come!!!



FAITH & WORKS PODCAST

Check out the latest FAITH & WORKS PODCAST!! In episodes 20 & 21, Fr. John interviews Emily Burtwistle and Brennan Panziera --recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the parish as Discipleship Award winners! In episode 22 Fr. John speaks with Andrea Quinn, who has just joined a religious community.



WEEKEND MASS RESERVATIONS

Everyone is welcome to reserve seats for our weekend Masses from Tuesday at 8:30 AM to Friday at 12 Noon by going to the parish website or by calling the office at 519-471-4220. **Please feel free to book each week to attend in person.**

PRAYERLINE

The Prayer Line is the largest ministry in our parish. You can sign up at the [parish website](http://parishwebsite). When you sign up you will receive weekly prayer intentions from parishioners, interesting information, videos, music and new prayers for your spiritual journey.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

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.



Liturgy Schedule - September 21 - 27, 2020

** All weekday Masses are live-streamed at sgtvlondon.ca & phone-streamed **226-781-7977****

Sunday September 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: **Mass** (Worship Space—Live & Phone Stream)
11:00 AM: **Mass** (Worship Space—Live Stream)
5:00 PM: **Mass** (re-streamed only)

Tuesday September 22

6:30 PM: **Mass**
For healing and grace
Kathleen Scratch
Riaan Fernandez

Wednesday September 23 - St. Pius of Pietreicina

6:30 PM: **Mass**
Intentions of Fr. James DeVita
Francis Corriveau
Joan Humeniuk

Thursday September 24

6:30 PM: Intentions of Fr. Joseph Hardy
Intentions of Deacon Dennis Rivest
Intentions Cathy Valiquette

Friday September 25

6:30 PM: **Mass**
Intentions of Fr. James DeVita
Intentions of the LaRoche Family
Gary Vettor

Saturday September 26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM: **Mass** (Worship Space—Live & Phone Stream)
7:00 PM: **Mass** (re-streamed only)

Sunday September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: **Mass** (Worship Space—Live & Phone Stream)
11:00 AM: **Mass** (Worship Space & Live Stream)
5:00 PM: **Mass** (re-streamed only)

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



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



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

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

TAKING A TIMEOUT TO CHANGE THE MOMENTUM

A NEW MESSAGE SERIES SEASON

One of the greatest changes we have made in the parish from a liturgical perspective has been to preach in series instead of week to week homilies. In the summer of 2019, Deacon Dennis, Deacon Mark, Fr. Pedro and I spent two and half days in Grand Bend reflecting on a

book about preaching and planning to implement this new way of sharing the Good News.

All four of us have truly enjoyed the opportunity to pray, share and work together to craft each series looking at the scriptures in a different light being able to more intently connect it to the life of the parish and the needs of the community. We have seen our appreciation, enjoyment and enthusiasm to preach growing with each series. Here we go again!!

AT A CROSSROADS

It has now been six months since the lockdown back in March when our lives completely changed. Many thought that this would be a temporary and brief "bump in the road" but as we see now, some things have changed forever. How do we adapt, pivot and adjust to the world today while longing for connection and normalcy? We are at a crossroads needing to make a choice of which road to follow—one of resentment, longing for days of old and ignoring where we are right now or seek to embrace the road of hope given to us by God. A chance to renew our embrace of faith.

The need to wear a mask, sanitize our hands, keep physically distanced and avoid large gatherings are taking their toll on us. We are getting tired and pushed to the edge. We all want things to go back to the way they used to be when we could go to a restaurant, a basketball game, travel or to gather for various occasions with family and friends.

MINISTRY CHALLENGES

This has been a hard journey for everyone. We at the parish have seen it with the challenges of celebrating weddings, baptisms, First Communions and funerals in the

midst of the pandemic. All of the celebrations are beautiful and powerful yet limited. Not everyone can attend, not everyone can celebrate and not everyone can mourn. This becomes a great challenge to be creative, innovative and extra compassionate.



I am so thankful to the staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to provide opportunities both online and in person to connect, support and guide the faithful to Christ in these difficult times. We continue to

learn, adapt and seek new ways to fan the flame of faith, that for many, has diminished in recent months due to the pandemic.

(1) TAKE A TIMEOUT

Since the pandemic, I have to admit, I haven't had time to watch any sports. I didn't even cry when the Bruins were knocked out of the playoffs. I did watch the last two games of the Toronto Raptors season and enjoyed them very much. Too bad they lost.

Watching those basketball games reminded me of the many years I have coached and officiated this wonderful game. Basketball is truly a game of momentum.

The longer a team controls momentum during the game the better chance they have to win. One of the important tools a coach has to try to stop or swing the momentum the other way is to call a timeout. When a team is on a run and in complete rhythm and your team is falling apart, you call a timeout or two to slow down the opponents, get them out of sync and refocus your own players. The hope is that you rattle the other team while trying to spark momentum in your own.

Our first message series of the fall is a call for a timeout. We are looking to slow the momentum of the pandemic chaos that seems to be overwhelming us and seek to catch our breathe, refocus and generate our own momentum of



hope, trust, faith and community. God is our coach and we are the players looking to re-group trying to gain perspective, seek guidance and generate our own momentum.

This message series is that timeout for us to seek grace and take the path of the Good News which will not only help us endure through our "new normal" but to take the road of grace, hope, joy and love.

(2) SEEK THE LORD

As we face the crossroads of despair, acceptance and frustration, we take a timeout to slow down and disrupt the momentum of this global crisis that has overwhelmed us. When we stop, we need to seek the Lord while he may be found. We need to return to our bench and huddle around the Lord ready to listen to His instructions, encouragement and support. He will guide us to where we need to go. But how can we seek the Lord during the pandemic? It is very hard and may not even be possible to get to Mass, go to Confession or pray.

Personal Prayer—We need to pray.

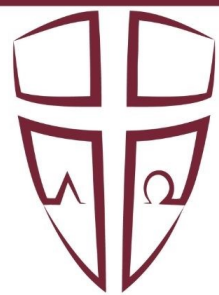
You can do that at home with the scriptures, the rosary or some quiet time. You can also go online via our parish website and explore the many different opportunities of prayer. (www.stgeorgelondon.ca) You can do lectio divina, the St. John Paul II Prayer Series, TED retreats, online

rosary, pilgrimages to Poland, the holy Land or Italy (coming soon), devotions and litanies. You can journey through previous message series or watch a previous parish mission. You can also join us online or in person for Mass.

Examination of Conscience—This

form of prayer invites us to look at how things went at the end of each day. We look at what graces and blessings we need to thank God for while also taking time to see where we strayed away from the Gospel seeking forgiveness for the ways we were not kind, generous or loving. The American Bishops have a few different ones you can look at by clicking on [this link](#).

Make Time For God—To seek the Lord we need to make the time. May we seek the Lord and take a timeout each day to thank Him and seek His guidance, compassion and love. God can help us change the momentum in these difficult times. May we trust our Lord, our Master—our coach!!

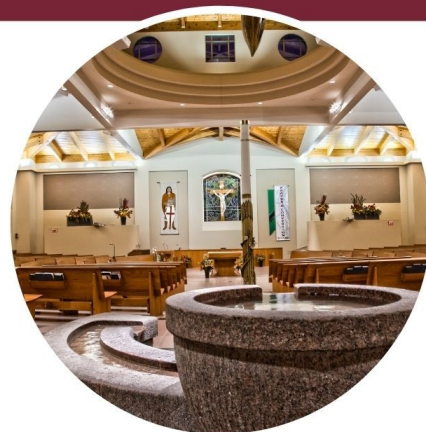


ST. GEORGE

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

COVID-19 UPDATE

September 20, 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. George,

THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES---A TIME TO PIVOT, CHANGE & ADAPT

We have now passed the six month mark of the global pandemic. Life has dramatically changed and there are so many who continue to suffer in various ways. Many things are different now and we all have made many sacrifices. We have also had to learn how to adapt, pivot and create new routines so that we can still live our daily lives. We continue to support one another in new and creative ways so that all of us may be faithful and loving disciples in a world that needs our hope, strength and light!

I offer this September update to share with you, how we as a parish community, seek to be an instrument of hope, faith, community and service. This is being done very differently in our present circumstances but God's grace continues to shine and encourage us to live the Good News.

(1) ADDING A SUNDAY NIGHT 7:00 PM MASS

Since early July, we have opened up our weekend Masses for the faithful. It has been wonderful to celebrate Mass with so many of you in the Worship Space. Fr. Pedro and I, along with the rest of the staff, have really missed you!! The online/call-in reservation system has worked really well. Our Masses are filling up faster each week to the point that we are adding another Sunday Mass to ensure that as many people as possible can attend, while continuing to live-stream and phone-stream celebrations for those who cannot be with us in person.

After consultation with Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and staff, **we will be adding a temporary Sunday night 7:00 PM Mass beginning October 4th**. We chose this time slot because it is convenient and accessible for families, travelers and at this point, would be the last weekend Mass in the city. We also had to consider the ability to secure needed volunteers while balancing other weekend ministries which includes baptisms and confirmations.

We are hoping that by adding this Sunday evening Mass, (a) we create more opportunities for parishioners to celebrate the Eucharist during the pandemic, (b) connect with people who may not have been able to go to Mass due to work or scheduling conflicts and (c) possibly reach out to those who are seeking a new "faith home". We are doing our best to reach, serve and support as many of the faithful as possible both at the parish and online during this most challenging time.

FORMING DISCIPLES AND REACHING OUT TO ALL

(2) WEEKDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS

We have been live-streaming and phone-streaming our weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday night at 6:30 PM. We have recently scheduled lectors for each of those streamed celebrations. **Until the end of November, our Tuesday and Thursday night Masses will include First Communions celebrations** as we "catch up" from the March lock down. I am thankful to the First Communion families for their patience and understanding as we have had to modify our celebrations due to the current pandemic restrictions.

We will begin to open up our Wednesday night 6:30 PM Mass to the public on September 23rd on a "first come first serve" basis. There will be no need to sign up in advance to attend this Mass. The doors will open at 6:10 PM and will close at 6:30 PM or once the Worship Space is full.

We will also be offering the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:15 PM beginning September 23rd.** We have set up Meeting Room #1 with the necessary safety precautions and have scheduled volunteers to help.

(3) THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Once again, I want to thank our volunteers for their dedication and support during the pandemic. We rely on our volunteers at our weekend/weekday Masses, baptisms, funerals and confessions to welcome parishioners and clean/sanitize the church. We have video team members for live-streaming & phone-streaming and others who assist with WORSHIP HIM so that the words to the songs appear online. We are also grateful to our wonderful choirs/musicians who have provided us with wonderful music for our Eucharistic celebrations. We are so blessed and grateful!!

(3) PIVOTING TO ONLINE MINISTRY

Despite the pandemic, we have not stopped ministry. We have shifted and adapted to an online/call-in format to stay connected, deepen our faith and be formed as disciples. We stream our Masses and other prayers/devotions including the Rosary, novenas, St. John Paul II Prayer Series, pilgrimages to Poland, the Holy Land and Italy. The Roman Roadhouse speaker series, Seasons of Hope bereavement ministry, RCIA, lectio divina series and TED retreats are all available online. We also have a bi-weekly discussion series called "Come From Away" and are introducing a faith concert series hosted by our choirs and musicians in association with our Knights of Columbus. In addition to all this, we continue with sacramental preparation and connections with our 3 schools.

(4) FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you to all those who can continue to support the parish financially through pre-authorized donations, e-transfers, Paypal donations or with your offertory envelopes dropping them off at Mass, through the mail slot at the office or via Canada Post. Your donations help us continue to provide ministry, sacramental preparation and outreach which is needed even more today!

May we continue to support one another on this unique and challenging journey, turning to Christ and one another for support and strength!



ONLINE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

With Fr. Pedro Zuniga

Join Fr. Pedro as he shares his experiences of faith in Italy with Mary and the saints, while sharing the beauty of Rome's Basilicas.

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29TH
7:30 PM

PILGRIMAGE
TO
ROME



WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30
7:30 PM

PILGRIMAGE WITH
ST. PETER & ST. PAUL



THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 1
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PILGRIMAGE
THROUGH ITALY
WITH MARY & THE SAINTS



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Stand or bring a lawn chair

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Guidelines.

ALL ARE WELCOME



PERIOD OF PERSONAL PREPARATION AND EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR GENERAL ABSOLUTION

- Do I make my relationship with God my first priority?
Do I take time for prayer and reflection?
Do I celebrate the sacraments well prepared and regularly?
- Do I assist in the church's mission?
Do I give freely of my time, my resources and my prayer?
Do people come to know God through my words and actions?
- Do I use the name of God to curse others?
Does my language build others up or tear them down?
Does my vocabulary give scandal to others?
- Do I take time to nourish the relationships in my life?
Do I tend to the needs of my parents, my spouse, my children and my friends?
- Do I allow the Gospel to influence how I engage the community?
Do I allow the Good News to affect my business practices and my engagement in politics?
- Do I seek to live with integrity and justice?
- Do I appreciate my sexuality as a gift and treat myself and others with dignity and respect?
Do I engage in behaviours which belittle others?
- Do I work to promote the dignity of life from conception to natural death?
- Do I seek to create an environment where life can flourish?
Do I choose to live simply so that I am able to share God's bounty with others?
- Do I live in a way which is moderate and balanced through what I eat and drink?
Do I tend to the needs of my body with proper exercise and good living?
- Do I engage in gossip or in other conversations which harm the reputation of others?
Do I belittle others to make myself feel bigger or to get ahead?
- Do I hold on to grudges or resentments?
Do I extend forgiveness to others as I seek forgiveness from God?



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