

LITURGICAL WEEK

WEEKEND MASSES:

5:00 PM Saturday
10:00 AM Sunday
4:30 PM Hungarian

WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Tuesday
9:00 AM Wed - Friday

CONFESSIONS:

6:30 PM Tuesday
4:15 PM Saturday

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:

7:00 P.M. Tuesday

PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest

Fr. Adam Gabriel
Michaelite Fathers

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Lynn Di Pinto

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Dk. Leo Gulikers

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Ex Officio Members:

Lynn DiPinto

Brian Parsons

Members at Large:

Frank Baker

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Cindy Gulikers

Paul Jahans

Elaine Kocher

Paul Tellier

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul Cuzzocrea

Peter Di Pinto

Brian Parsons

Brian Pooley

SAINT PATRICK'S

THE COMING WEEK

Mass Intentions for the week of Aug 31 - Sept 13, 2020

Monday, Aug 31	11:00am	Memorial Mass - † Fr. Charlie Goakery
Tuesday, Sept 01	7:00pm	Int of Marion Arsenealt † Jose DoRego
Wednesday, Sept 02	9:00am	† Larry Rogers † Fr. Charlie Goakery
Thursday, Sept 03	9:00am	† Elmer Capstick
First Friday, Sept 04	9:00am	† Chuck Bourgeois † Mary Jane Wilkins
Saturday, Sept 05	5:00pm	Intentions of
23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time	10:00am	St. Patrick' Parish
Sunday, Sept 06	12 Noon	& Hungarian Community
Monday, September 07 Labour Day		
Tuesday, Sept 08	7:00pm	† St. Patrick's CWL members † Bernice Baltare
Wednesday, Sept 09	9:00am	† Chris & Ann & Corry deWit
Thursday, Sept 10	9:00am	† Jose DoRego
Friday, Sept 11	9:00am	† Fr. Charlie Goakery
Saturday, Sept 12	5:00pm	Intentions of
24 th Sunday Ordinary Time	10:00am	St. Patrick's Parish
Sunday, Sept 13	12 Noon	& Hungarian Community

First Communion Celebrations at St. Patrick's Church August 16 - 30, 2020

Olafemi Adjinda	Julian Danial	Nicholas Dias
Isabella Fairbanks	Madeline Jeninga	Jhianna Juntilla
Jhairra Juntilla	Jim Juntilla	Jacob McLaughlin
Scarlett Polfuss	Christine Reynaldo	Audrey Stapleton
Jackson Allen	Ziven Alvarez Salas	Elijah DeGuzman
Ben Ellis	Kinsleigh Finlay	Althea Freer
Keenan Hawkins	Eliza Lobodzinski	Lily Nicholson
Orlando Arauz	Jordynn Blanchard	Anil Czepiela
Carson McClinchey	Leena McGlinchey	Avery Simpson
Tina Yu	Wynn Yu	Pierson Wilson



August 29/30 & September 5/6, 2020

Sacramental Reconciliation

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful

The Covid-19 pandemic has wrought havoc across the globe with millions testing positive for the virus and hundreds of thousands losing their life.

It will be sometime before we will know when and if a “second or third wave,” will affect our region. It will be some time before we can look back at this time to assess how we provided a witness to God’s love in faith and with love.

For now, it is certain that we will be living with the effects of Covid-19 for the foreseeable future.

Until such a time as a vaccine or effective treatments are discovered, Covid-19 will impact the manner in which we celebrate the sacraments, the frequency of our liturgies and the number of the people with whom we join in prayer.

Physical distancing has and will continue to invite us to express our faith in new and creative ways. This is especially true for the celebration of *Sacramental Reconciliation*, which has not been possible for several weeks.

At the time Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy, in *Misericordiae vultus*, the Church was reminded that the whole of the sacramental economy is pervaded by divine mercy, beginning with baptism “for the forgiveness of sins”, the reconciling work of God is particularly bestowed and continuously manifested in the Sacrament of Penance. Celebrating the Mercy of God within the context of Sacramental Reconciliation helps us to place ourselves with honesty before our own conscience, to recognise our need to be reconciled with the Father, who with patience knows how to wait for the sinner in order to give an embrace that restores our dignity.

The teaching of Pope Francis has been consistent throughout his papacy: *God is mercy*.

Our desire for reconciliation is itself a gift from the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, inviting us back, over and over again, to be embraced by the Father, who runs out to greet us, even while we are still far off. This longing for God’s embrace has been unfilled in these last weeks and has been poignantly by many.

Confession - General Absolution

Permission for General Absolution was granted by The Apostolic Penitentiary on March 20, 2020. At that time, The Apostolic Penitentiary made clear that it holds that, especially in places most impacted by the pandemic contagion and until the phenomenon subsides, there are cases of grave necessity meeting the criteria for general absolution.

Bishop Fabbro, following consultation with the Episcopal Council, has granted permission for this usage within the Diocese of London. This is an extraordinary response provided to meet the needs of the faithful in an extraordinary time.

As the need to physically distance will be part of our experience for the foreseeable future, pastors should offer this celebration as long as pastoral necessity requires it in parish settings. It is quite likely that a number of celebrations of General Absolution will need to take place.

Many will not be comfortable with individual confessions for some time, necessitating the need for both General Absolution and individual confessions to be taking place within our communities.

Though General Absolution assures the penitent of being forgiven, pastors ought to encourage penitents to bring grave matters forward in the future for counsel and guidance. Pastors should respond to these requests with gentleness and humility, noting that many of these concerns may have gone unspoken and hidden for decades. Most importantly, it is essential that we remind the faithful of the unfathomable depth of God's mercy and goodness and that the victory has already been won, through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. This is most clearly evidenced in the formula for absolution.

Priests and penitents should have full confidence that forgiveness of sins is provided in General Absolution.

Individual Confession at St. Patrick's Church

The Sacrament of Confession (individual confession) is being celebrated on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45pm. Every Tuesday from 6:00 - 6:45pm (before the Novena Mass).

Also confession is available by appointment (call the parish office 519-451-4600 and ask for Fr. Gabriel to set up the time).

During the Pandemic time there are all kinds of requirements and protocols which we have to respect (mask has to be worn and the distance of 6 feet has to be kept).

Confession is being heard for now in the room at the back of the Church (crying room).

Just a reminder that confession should be short and to the point. The priest confessor will give very brief spiritual talk followed by absolution.

At this time we are not planning a communal penance service with general absolution.

Permanent Deacon Leo Gulikers - New Placement in Stratford Family of Parishes

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

When I came here three and a half years ago I really didn't know where the Lord would lead me. All I knew was the family of St. Patrick's was where I was meant to be and I trusted our Lord. I am truly grateful to every individual that has prayed for me, challenged me and has shown me the love and kindness only a community that lives for God can give. You truly welcomed us with open arms. I wish to say thank-you to Father Adam for taking me under his wing and showing me how to be a servant to our Lord. Fr. has been a true friend and mentor and St. Patrick's is blessed to have him in this community.

Some of you may know this is my last weekend of my appointment to St. Patrick's. It has truly been a blessing for Cindy and I to get to know so many people of the parish. As sad as we are to leave we are also excited about my new placement with the Avon Thames Catholic Family of Parishes in Stratford and St. Marys. Along with the fact that this is where Cindy and I met in Gr.1, this is also where my family and Cindy's family live. Watching so many families in this parish take care of their parents is an inspiration for Cindy and myself to be there for her parents.

Although we may be leaving, know that our hearts and prayers we will always be here at St. Patrick's.

God Bless and please continue to pray for Cindy and I as we continue to trust in the plan our Lord has for each and every one of us.

Thank you for your short service at St. Patrick's Church

On behalf of St. Patrick's parish family I would like to thank Deacon Leo and his wife Cindy for taking an active part in the life of our parish. We were happy to see Leo being Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in Nov 2019 and celebrating with him and his family this great gift.

Leo was always conscientious of the many needs of our parish community and ready to serve and help the parish. Deacon Leo the best of luck in your new placement at the Avon Thames Catholic Family of Parishes in Stratford.