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CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

FAMILLE DES PAROISSES CATHOLIQUES
DES LACS ÉRIÉ ET STE-CLAIRE

March 15 mars 2026



*4th Sunday
of Lent
4e dimanche
du Carême*

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*March 17 St Patrick,
a Patron of the
Diocese of London
17 mars St-Patrice,
un patron du
Diocèse de London
Saint of the Week:*



March 17: **St. Patrick** (about 386-492) had a missionary zeal and astonishing ability to inspire faith. Enslaved as a teen in Ireland he was made a swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain where he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer and asceticism which marked him forever. After serving his master for 6 yrs., the idea of escaping came to him in a dream in which a voice told him he would return to his homeland. After escaping, he landed in Gaul (Western Europe) and eventually after many adventures he reached his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood and eventually was appointed bishop of Ireland. By the time of his death, he could see the fruits of his work: a native clergy was in place, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established. He is a patron of Ireland and Nigeria, of several Canadian dioceses, and of those who fear snakes.

An Irish Blessing

**May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall softly upon your fields.**

**And until we meet again,
May the Good Lord hold you
In the hollow of His hand.**

Saint de la semaine :

17 mars : **St. Patrice** (390-461) Gallois de naissance, il sema l'Évangile en Irlande, fondant églises et monastères, amenant les habitants à la foi chrétienne.

Selon une tradition tardive légendaire, Patrice se serait emparé, lors d'un sermon au rock de Cashel, d'un trèfle à trois feuilles pour faire comprendre le mystère de la Sainte Trinité. Les figures de triades étaient familières à la religion celtique : le trèfle deviendra ainsi le symbole de l'Irlande, et la tradition en attribue l'origine à Patrice. Patron de l'Irlande.

Weekday Masses ~ Messes en semaine

lundi/Monday March 16 mars 2026

No mass / pas de messe

mardi/Tuesday, March 17 mars 2026

6:30 pm at St. Peter's (English) Confessions 6:00-6:20 pm

+ Rita Knapp by Clarence Knapp

6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier (English)

+ Norbert Marentette by Ken and Eveleen Taylor

+ Linda Hachey by Ron and Doreen Martin

+ Marguerite Marchand by Aline and Vince Lanoue

mercredi/Wednesday, March 18 mars 2026

8h30 à Immaculée Conception (français)

+ Vickie Faubert par Louise Roy

+ Armand et Antoinette Tetrault par Marie et Gerald Alexandre

+ Richard Peltier par Bernice St. Pierre

6:30 pm at Visitation (English)

+ Michel Gaudette by Gerard L'Acharité

+ Clarence and Rita Knapp by the Family

+ Margaret Tremblay by CWL -Visitation Council

jeudi/Thursday, March 19 mars 2026

8:30 am at Visitation (English)

+ Elaine Gammage by Jim and family

+ Lorraine Janisse by Pauline Bornais

+ Don Robert by Judy Comartin

6:30 pm at Immaculée Conception (English) Adoration 7-8:00pm

+ Bruno Pikus by Daniel and Joanna Bélanger

+ Deceased and Living members of the

Holy Trinity Prayer Group by Nga Phan

Intentions of the Holy Trinity Prayer Group members

vendredi/Friday, March 20 mars 2026

8:30 am at St. Francis Xavier (English)

+ Lynda Montminy by CWL -St Francis Xavier Council

+ Gerald Peltier by Irene Dufault

+ Irene Duquette by Dave Duquette and family

10:00 am at Tilbury Manor (English)

+ Souls in purgatory,

especially those most abandoned and devoid of help

A special intention

12h00 à la Visitation (français)

+ Épouse, frères et soeurs de Robert Chauvin

+ Lorraine Janisse par Yvette Gaudette

+ Âmes du purgatoire par Rita Huson

CWL -St. Francis Xavier Council Rosary Intentions for March:

1. Safety for school children, education staff and families during their March Break
2. Peace in the Middle East and comfort to those who mourn
3. For all those who have entered into eternal life
4. For all those who suffer from long term illnesses that they be filled with strength to endure.

Weekend Masses ~ Messes de fin de semaine

Samedi / Saturday, March 21 mars 2026

5:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier (English)

(Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm)

For the intentions of the people of God

5:00 pm at Immaculée Conception (English)

(Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm)

For the intentions of the people of God

Dimanche / Sunday, March 22 mars 2026

8:00 am at St. Peter's (English)

For the intentions of the people of God

8h30 à la Visitation (français)

Pour les intentions du peuple de Dieu

10:00 am at St. Francis Xavier (English)

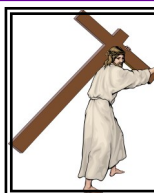
For the intentions of the people of God

10:30 am at Visitation (English)

For the intentions of the people of God

10h30 à Immaculée Conception (français)

Pour les intentions du peuple de Dieu



The Way of the Cross

This beautiful and meaningful devotion helps us to make an appropriate application of Christ's sufferings to our own daily lives.

Join us throughout Lent, at any one of our parishes, as we are led in this beautiful prayer.

Monday evenings at Visitation Church ~ 7pm

Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church
~ 6pm ** see separate box below**

Tuesday evenings at St Francis Xavier Church ~ 6pm

Thursday evenings at
Immaculée Conception Church ~ 7pm

Vendredi après-midi (français)
à l'église Immaculée Conception ~ 16h00

Everyone is welcome! Tous sont les bienvenus!

Le chemin de la Croix

Cette belle et significative dévotion nous aide à appliquer de manière appropriée les souffrances du Christ à notre propre vie quotidienne. Rejoignez-nous tout au long du Carême, dans une de nos paroisses, pour nous laisser guider dans cette belle prière.

Located in Merlin within our family of parishes
Our Lady of the Rosary Monastery and Shrine

(519) 689 -7760

rosariansmerlin@gmail.com

Situé à Merlin au sein de notre famille de paroisses



**** Tuesday evenings during Lent - Soup and Stations**

At St. Peter's church and hall, 5425 Tecumseh Line

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Soups, buns, crackers, coffee

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the church

6:30 pm Mass



THE EUCHARIST
IN SCRIPTURE



**Lenten Mission
Tues Evenings at
St. Francis Xavier
and St. Peter's Halls**

following the 6:30 masses
on **March 10, 17, 24th**
7pm - 8:30pm.

The Eucharist in Scripture
video series are two short
videos with a short discussion

after each facilitated by our priests. Scott Hann presents his recorded mission to a church congregation of the biblical references to the Eucharist from both the Old & New Testaments leading up to the ultimate Last Supper before Jesus crucifixion and after his resurrection. This Lent, plan to attend these three weekday masses as part of Lenten prayer experiences that will nourish your fasting and almsgiving efforts.

You don't need to bring your bible but you can.
You don't need to bring something to write
inspirations with, but you might want to.

**Mission de Carême les mardi soir
aux salles paroissiales
de St. Francis Xavier et St. Peter's**
après les messes de 18h30

les 10, 17 et 24 mars, de 19h à 20h30.

La série de vidéos « **The Eucharist in Scripture** »
(L'Eucharistie dans les Écritures) comprend deux courtes
vidéos suivies d'une brève discussion animée par nos
prêtres. Scott Hann présente sa mission enregistrée devant
une congrégation paroissiale, avec des références bibliques
à l'Eucharistie tirées de l'Ancien et du Nouveau Testament,
menant au dernier repas avant la crucifixion
de Jésus et après sa résurrection.

Pendant ce Carême, prévoyez d'assister à ces trois messes
en semaine dans le cadre des expériences de prière du
Carême qui nourriront vos efforts de jeûne et d'aumône.
Vous n'avez pas besoin d'apporter votre bible, mais vous
pouvez le faire si vous le souhaitez. Vous n'avez pas besoin
d'apporter de quoi noter vos inspirations, mais vous pouvez
le faire si vous le souhaitez.

Le tout se présentera en anglais.

'Rediscover Your Faith'

Tuesdays Two times are available: **1:30–3:30 p.m.**
or **7:00–9:00 p.m. (following evening Mass)**

Both times take place in a safe environment,
at **St. Francis Xavier Church, 32 Canal St., Tilbury.**
Please invite a friend (Christian or non Christian).

God Bless you and Faith and Hope for the Journey!
For more information, please contact the parish office,
519-687-3118.

Mass of Chrism : The annual Mass of Chrism will take place on Monday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London. The faithful from across the Diocese are cordially invited to attend. The Mass will also be livestreamed at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-gXxglvDUBWQXmkLhaJwrA) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-gXxglvDUBWQXmkLhaJwrA>

The Eucharist in Scripture

If you missed the first session of our Lenten Mission you can view the videos that were presented at this link.

Si vous avez manqué la première session de notre mission de Carême, vous pouvez visionner les vidéos qui ont été présentées en cliquant sur ce lien.

<https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/the-eucharist-in-scripture>

Join us on Tuesday March 17th at St. Peter's or St. Francis Xavier after the 6:30 evening Masses.

Rejoignez-nous le mardi 17 mars à St. Peter's ou St. Francis Xavier après la messe du soir de 18h30.



TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 7:00 PM
ST. PETER'S ON THE THAMES
(5425 TECUMSEH LINE, TILBURY)
***FREE ADMISSION *RATED 14A**
SPONSORED BY RIGHT TO LIFE KENT

BE A FOSTER PARENT

Upcoming Info Sessions
January 22, 2026 @ 6pm
March 26, 2026 @ noon
May 21, 2026 @ noon

Contact Linck to learn more
519-358-4102
foster.permanency@linck.org

If not you then who?



4th Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
The lengthy exchange in today's Gospel between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees serves as a reminder that we are all born blind and are given our sight at baptism, when we are first able to see through the eyes of faith. As our Lenten journey continues, let us pray that God will continue to open our eyes to his truth.

4e dimanche du Carême 15 mars 2026 Refléter sa lumière

Baptisés en Jésus, nous recevons la lumière du Christ et nous sommes invités à la refléter. Comme l'aveugle-né, nous sommes créés à nouveau et nous recouvrons la vue. Nous grandissons dans notre foi et dans notre rapport au Seigneur.

The Readings / Les lectures

March 22 mars 2026

Ezekiel / Ézékiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130 / Psaume 129 (130)
Romans / Romains 8:8-11
John / Jean 11:1-45



Pray for the deceased...

Prions pour les défunts et défunt(e)s...

James Larsh, Christopher Jones



Please pray for the sick...

Prions pour les malades...

from / de

Paroisse Immaculée Conception & Saint-Philippe Parish

Jim Brown, Niall Hetherington, Robert L'Écuyer,
Rose-Marie Pepper, Aleks Pinsonneault, Nicolas Roy.

from/de St. Francis Xavier Parish

Avery Acheson, Nanette Baillargeon, Jim Brosseau,
Ken Dagenais, Bunny Dejong, Denise Dupuis,
Charlotte Gadal-Teichroeb, Bob Garant, Fr. Jack Hurley,
Christine Kilpatrick, Mike Martin, Rebecca McCarrell,
Christopher Powers, Oliver Reed, Eileen Ruehl,
Theresa Slack, Eileen Sylvestre.

from/de St. Peter's on the Thames and St Patrick's

Brad, Evelyn Gore, Jim Larsh, Katherine Moon,
Pauline Quenneville.

from/de Paroisse de la Visitation Parish

Jeannette Chauvin, Lorraine Chauvin, Marie-Anne Chauvin,
Lawrence Comartin, Pierre-Thomas Derikx, Jeannette Foolen,
Brynn Klassen, Jean-Guy Langlois, Charlene Parent,
Doreen Reaume, Randy Reaume, Ted Richardson,
Logan Smith, Steven Trepanier, Timothy Trepanier.

40 for Lent



SAVE A FAMILY PLAN
IN INDIA SINCE 1965

During Lent, the 40-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter, many Christians prepare for Easter with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. (Regardless of one's beliefs, acts of charity and compassion are worthwhile, any time.)

This Lent, join Save A Family Plan to care for the poor and vulnerable. Our goal is to sign up 40 individuals or groups who will join our social justice mission to partner with impoverished families and villages in India.

Caring for the poor is not just charity, it is social justice – our mission since 1965. Join Save A Family Plan to partner with impoverished families and villages in India to break the cycle of poverty.

How you can get involved:

- Sponsor a family in India (\$25/month)
- Plan a fundraiser in support of a community development project
- Children's school supply kits (\$15)
- Children's education (\$95/student)
- Clean water purifiers (\$60)
- Women's tailoring course (\$500/student)
- Biogas stove unit (\$920)

Host an info event and invite SAFFP to give a presentation to your group.

For teachers: build global poverty and social justice into your lesson plans.

Or some other unique idea of your own!

We invite you to do something amazing this Lent. Let us know if we can count you among our 40 challengers; email ncouto@safp.org or phone 1-855-333-1115. If you can't commit this year but would like to make a donation, visit www.safp.org.

In the event that a program has already become fully funded, or where conditions delay or prevent program implementation, Save A Family Plan may redirect your donation to the most urgent needs.

Oue Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Home ANNUAL SPRING INTO LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

April 16th, 2026 - Doors open at 6pm. Dinner begins at 7pm.
Giovanni Caboto Club 2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor
Can't attend but still want to donate?
Consider donating \$50. for our mothers to attend.
Please call Marina Kowalsky to reserve a spot or a table.
519-962-4861

Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund

Do you know a young person within your parish that would like to attend a camp this summer but is financially unable to do so? The Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is directed towards helping young people experience camping activities, projects and leadership opportunities.

Income from the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is available to any individual, group or organization within the Catholic Diocese of London that best satisfies one or more of the following criteria and supports the objectives of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan:

- to provide camping experiences for young children
- to support camp related activities and projects for young children
- to provide financial assistance for youth programs designed to foster leadership in the context of summer camping experiences for young children
- to support special Diocesan projects or activities related to young children and youth

Funds will be awarded to applicants who, in the opinion of the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund Committee, best meet the specific criteria of the fund and are deemed worthy of support at that time. For specific criteria and an application form please click here OR contact Heidi Monteith at the Diocesan Centre at 519-433-0658 x 24 (hmonteith@dol.ca). The deadline for all applications to the Camp Olalondo Memorial Fund is Monday, April 27, 2026.

Trousse pour le carême 2026:

Cette trousse provient de nos amis de l'archidiocèse de Québec, qui sont contents de la partager avec nous. La trousse nous offre plusieurs options en-ligne, pour des petits-groupes ou individus, afin de nous rapprocher au Seigneur en ce temps.

<https://ecdq.org/careme-2026-avez-confiance-jesus-nous-conduit/>

Ressources pour le Carême de



Carême dans la ville
S'arrêter, grandir dans la foi

Revenez à moi de tout votre cœur !

Inscrivez-vous à notre nouvelle retraite de carême qui démarre le 16 février 2026 !

CARÊME DANS LA VILLE, s'arrêter, grandir dans la foi

Revenez au Seigneur de tout votre cœur et prenez la route vers la lumière de Pâques.

Chaque jour pendant le carême, du 16 février au 5 avril 2026, nous vous proposons de : méditer la Parole de Dieu avec des frères, des sœurs et des laïcs dominicains, prier les vêpres avec les moniales de Beaufort, approfondir le sens, les attitudes et la liturgie du carême, avec le frère Philippe Jeannin.

Recevez trois courtes vidéos chaque semaine. Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant pour y participer.

<https://careme.retraitedanslaville.org/>

Resources for Lent from



Dynamic Catholic
Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

Best Lent Ever

A Free Daily Lenten Experience with Matthew Kelly

Do You Believe in Miracles?

This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and Catholics across America on a journey to discover how God miraculously intervenes in human history—and your everyday life.

Are you ready to see miracles all around you?

Are you ready for a new beginning?

Join us for BEST LENT EVER and together, we'll learn about how God intervenes miraculously in human history through the lens of 33 mind-blowing events. Even if you think you know these stories, we're going to reveal them in ways you've never considered before...

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

Assumption University's Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies – Spring 2026 Registration is Open

Please visit the website <https://assumptionu.ca/diploma-in-catholic-studies> for information and the application process.

Three courses are offered in the program for Spring 2026: Foundations of Catholic Thought: CATH 8000 (3.00 Credit), Directed Readings in Catholic Studies: CATH 8800 (3.00 Credit), Major Paper in Catholic Studies: CATH 9000 (3.00 Credit).

Photo Directory for our Family of Parishes DID WE MISS YOU?

If you have not received a call from one of our volunteers to inquire if you would like to have your picture taken to include in our Family of Parishes photo directory please call the office. It could be that we don't have a valid telephone number for you as many people have dropped their land line and communicate by cell phone only.

There are still a few openings for photos available.

NOUS VOUS AVONS MANQUÉ ?

Répertoire de photos pour notre Famille de paroisses

Si vous n'avez pas reçu d'appel de l'un de nos bénévoles vous demandant si vous souhaitez être pris en photo pour figurer dans notre répertoire photo de la Famille de paroisses, veuillez appeler le bureau. Il se peut que nous n'ayons pas votre numéro de téléphone valide, car de nombreuses personnes ont abandonné leur ligne fixe et communiquent uniquement par téléphone cellulaire. Il reste encore quelques places disponibles pour les photos.

TAKE NOTE Notez Bien

If you were not able to sign up for a photo session but would like a digital photo of your family included in our Family of Parishes photo directory please note there is a cost of

\$22.60 by the photographer. The digital photo must be at least 1MB (1000KB) taken on the highest quality setting on your digital camera. Send digital photos along with the full names of all individuals in the picture

to: thedulong@gmail.com.

Payment can be e-transferred to visitation@dol.ca

Si vous n'avez pas pu vous inscrire à une séance photo mais que vous souhaitez qu'une photo numérique de votre famille soit incluse dans notre répertoire photo des paroisses, veuillez noter que le photographe facture 22,60 \$ pour ce service. La photo numérique doit avoir une taille minimale de 1 Mo (1 000 Ko) et avoir été prise avec les paramètres de qualité les plus élevés de votre caméra numérique. Envoyez les photos numériques accompagnées des noms complets de toutes les personnes figurant sur la photo à :

thedulong@gmail.com.

Le paiement peut être effectué par virement électronique à l'adresse visitation@dol.ca.

Diocesan Family Summit for families of all ages

on Saturday, May 30 - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Regina Mundi Catholic High School

(5250 Wellington Rd S, London)

Rooted in the Scripture theme:

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Featured highlights include:

- Keynote Speaker: Deacon Bob Rice
- Worship led by The Encounter Band
- Evening Mass celebrated by Bishop Fabbro
- Breakout sessions for women, men, teens, and youth
 - All meals included

• Bussing from Windsor & childcare available
More details, costs and registration information is coming soon

CWL -Visitation Council would like to thank everyone who made donations to the February food collection for the Tilbury Information and Help Centre.

On February 22 we collected 421 cans of soup, 66 boxes of crackers and \$520.00 in cash donations to help purchase additional items needed. Special thanks to the Squirettes for their donation of \$250.00.

Between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday March 29, 2026, we will be accepting donations of Kraft Dinner (macaroni and cheese) and packages of Sidekicks. Please help to spread the word with family and friends about our monthly collections.

Le CWL -Conseil Visitation tient à remercier toutes les personnes qui ont fait des dons lors de la collecte alimentaire organisée en février pour le Centre d'information et d'aide de Tilbury.

Le 22 janvier, nous avons collecté 421 cannettes de soupe, 66 boîtes de craquelins et 520 dollars de dons en espèces pour aider à acheter les articles supplémentaires nécessaires. Nous remercions tout particulièrement les Squirettes pour leur don de 250 \$.

Le dimanche 29 mars, entre 8 h et midi, nous accepterons les dons de dîner de Kraft et Sidekicks. Merci de faire connaître nos collectes mensuelles à votre famille et à vos amis.

Mental Health in Ministry: Faith in Action Conference: April 24-26, 2026 in London

This event is for anyone in ministry (clergy, deacons, LEM, members of associations) as well as parishioners who are passionate about supporting mental health and wellness within our parishes. Keynote speakers will share relevant research and innovative programs that support parishioners and serve our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the community. Participants will receive a toolkit of resources. Feature presentations include Angela Townend from St. Peter's Seminary as well as Sarah Campbell from Ark Aid Mission. Options are available to attend single days or entire conference. More information is on the poster at this link and the brochure at this link.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
REMOVAL OF ITEMS

All Catholic Cemeteries of Lakes Erie and St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes

We would like to remind everyone that all items on gravesites, as well as items on, around, under trees, benches and statue areas.

MUST BE REMOVED BY APRIL 1st ***
(As per the cemetery by-laws)

Care and lawn maintenance will soon begin. **Any items not removed by the above date will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.**

The Cemetery is not responsible for any damaged or lost/missing items. Thank you for your co-operation
*** Please take note that no glass items (such as candleholders, globes on solar lights, etc.) are allowed on or around gravesites as they pose a possible broken glass hazard.



Dimanche Loonie-Toonie

Le Cercle missionnaire



Sainte-Thérèse-de-Lisieux aura son dimanche loonie/toonie le 22 mars. Pendant le carême nous sommes appelés à pratiquer la prière, le jeûne et l'aumône.

Voilà une belle occasion de pratiquer l'aumône!

Merci de votre générosité.

Loonie/Toonie Sunday

The St. Thérèse de Lisieux Mission Circle will hold its loonie/toonie Sunday on March 22. During lent we are called to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This is a wonderful opportunity to put almsgiving into practice. Thank you for your generosity.

Calling all Cursillistas!

Be sure to join us for our next Chatham-Kent Ultreya taking place on **Friday, March 20th at 7 PM** at Immaculée Conception Parish in Pain Court.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Together let's keep the flame alive!

PLEASE NOTE - NOTEZ BIEN

Due to unforeseen circumstances the **Ushers' Annual Ham Bingo at Visitation Parish has been cancelled.**

En raison de circonstances imprévues, le **Bingo annuel organisé par les placiers à la paroisse de la Visitation a été annulé.**

Visitation Lenten Card Parties
Parties de cartes à la Visitation

The organizing committee for the Card parties is asking for donations of door prizes and whole loaves of bread made into sandwiches. If you can help sign the clipboard on the table in the hall lobby.

Le comité d'organisation des Parties de cartes demande des dons de prix de présence et de pains entiers préparés en sandwichs. Si vous pouvez aider, signez le petit tableau qui se trouve sur la table dans le foyer de la salle paroissiale.

AVIS IMPORTANT
ENLEVEMENT DES OBJETS

Tous les cimetières catholiques de la Famille des Paroisses Catholiques des Lacs Érié et Ste-Claire

Un rappel que tous les décorations, statues, fleurs, autour ou sous les arbres et les bancs

DOIVENT ÊTRE ENLEVÉS D'ICI LE 1ER AVRIL ***
(Conformément aux règlements du cimetière)

L'entretien des pelouses et soins commencera bientôt. **Tous les objets non retirés avant la date indiquée seront enlevés et éliminés par le personnel du cimetière.**

Le cimetière n'est pas responsable des objets perdus, manquants ou endommagés. Merci de votre collaboration.
*** Veuillez noter que les objets en verre (tels que les bougeoirs, les globes des lampes solaires, etc.) ne sont pas autorisés sur les tombes ou à proximité, car ils peuvent présenter un risque de verre brisé.



**LAKES ERIE AND ST. CLAIR
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES
EASTER BLOOMS**

Would you like to remember a deceased loved one in a special way at Easter time? We are offering you the opportunity to make a donation in memory of your loved one by contributing to our Easter Blooms fund. On Easter Sunday, the names of your loved ones will be displayed at your church as well as remembered in our prayer intentions. Donations without memorials will also be gladly accepted. The funds collected will be used to help cover the cost of flowers to decorate your church at Easter time. Place your donation in an envelope clearly marked Easter Blooms. Inside the envelope write your name and the name of the loved one you wish to commemorate. You can find envelopes at the back of the church for your convenience.

**FAMILLE DES PAROISSES
CATHOLIQUES DES LACS ÉRIÉ ET
STE-CLAIRE PÂQUES FLEURIT**



Au temps de Pâques, d'une façon particulière, vous souhaitez vous souvenir de quelqu'un qui vous était cher et qui est décédé? Nous vous offrons la possibilité de faire un don à la mémoire de cette personne en contribuant à notre fonds « Pâques Fleurit ». Le dimanche de Pâques, les noms de vos proches seront affichés à votre église ainsi que rappelés dans nos intentions de prière. Les dons non commémoratifs seront également acceptés avec plaisir. Les fonds collectés serviront à défrayer le coût des fleurs destinées à décorer votre église à Pâques. Placez votre don dans une enveloppe portant clairement la mention « Pâques Fleurit ». À l'intérieur de l'enveloppe, écrivez votre nom et celui du proche que vous souhaitez commémorer. Vous trouverez des enveloppes à l'arrière de l'église.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LOTTERY CALENDAR
WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY, 2026**

Winners please pick up your winnings at 24 Lawson Street. Call Kathy Cottingham at 519-809-0057 to make arrangements.

- Feb. 1, 2026 \$100 #005 Roger Bibeau, Stoney Point
- Feb. 2, 2026 \$25 #553 Ted VanBoxtel, Tilbury
- Feb. 3, 2026 \$25 #302 Jamie McKillop, Tilbury
- Feb. 4, 2026 \$25 #288 Mike & Marie Anne Quелlette, Tilbury
- Feb. 5, 2026 \$100 #516 Kathy Alexander, Windsor
- Feb. 6, 2026 \$50 #762 Rod Miller, Corunna
- Feb. 7, 2026 \$25 #402 Kathy & John Hindi, Amherstburg
- Feb. 8, 2026 \$25 #742 Amy Sylvestre, Comber
- Feb. 9, 2026 \$25 #092 Grace Breault, LaSalle
- Feb. 10, 2026 \$25 #747 Vincent Byrne, Woodslee
- Feb. 11, 2026 \$50 #449 Marcie Bak, Fonthill
- Feb. 12, 2026 \$50 #300 Darrin Longland, Chatham
- Feb. 13, 2026 \$100 #074 Celeste Ducedre, Tilbury
- Feb. 14, 2026 \$200 #146 Darlene Ouimette, Tilbury
- Feb. 15, 2026 \$25 #124 Kyle Jones, Tilbury
- Feb. 16, 2026 \$25 #558 Denise Dupuis, Merlin
- Feb. 17, 2026 \$25 #119 Mohammed Al Akel, Toronto
- Feb. 18, 2026 \$64.95 GC#524 Jordan Caron, Belle River
- Feb. 19, 2026 \$25 #308 Jillian Watterworth, Tilbury
- Feb. 20, 2026 \$50 #150 Lisa Phaneuf, Tilbury
- Feb. 21, 2026 \$25 #597 Roland Provost, Tilbury
- Feb. 22, 2026 \$50 #020 Jen Thomson, Ruscom
- Feb. 23, 2026 \$25 #256 Michael & Sharon Benoit, Tilbury
- Feb. 24, 2026 \$25 #145 Jeff & Lisa Vander Pryt, Chatham
- Feb. 25, 2026 \$25 #408 Fr. Jim Higgins, Chatham
- Feb. 26, 2026 \$25 #212 Paul Moynahan, Tilbury
- Feb. 27, 2026 \$50 #107 JoAnn Torok, Belle River
- Feb. 28, 2026 \$25 #108 Tefta Balla, Windsor

Congratulations to all the winners.

Next draw date is March 29. Please share if possible.

Knights of Columbus

Corpus Christi Council 11891—St. Peter's / St. Patrick's

FISH DINNER

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd, 2026

Serving from 5—7 pm

St. Peter's Church Hall

1 fillet Baked Breaded Walleye, Fries, Coleslaw

And all the extras

\$15 per person \$12 Children 7—12

6 & Under FREE

ADVANCE SALES ONLY

Contact Stan Powell (519 401-2034)

Brody Ryder (519 987-4098)

Or any Corpus Christi Council Member

Or call the Parish Office



CWL St. Francis Xavier

Lenten Campaign



Proceeds to help support

Canadian Food for Children



(Chatham Kent)

Suggested Items:

Used candles (get melted and reshaped),

Milk Bags (are woven into mats),

Religious Items (rosaries, bibles, small crosses)

Sewing Notions, Tools, Nails, Hammers, Shovels (to help earn a living)

Sports Equipment (balls allow children to play without resorting to garbage)

Drop off donations at the entrance off the parking lot

32 Canal Street West, Tilbury

Bishop Fabbro's Share Lent Video

Bishop Fabbro has made a video in support of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign:

On Track for Justice. It is on the diocesan website and social media channels. It can also be found on our YouTube channel at this link [youtube.com/watch?v=oVvAWNbtJqk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVvAWNbtJqk)

Carême de partage Share Lent

CARÊME DE PARTAGE: DÉVELOPPEMENT ET PAIX – CARITAS CANADA

Sur la voie de la justice – de père en fille

La vie dans le village de Piquiá de Baixo, au Brésil, a commencé à être perturbée dans les années 1980, avec l'arrivée de plusieurs industries polluantes dans leur région. Les résidentes et résidents ont formé une association pour défendre leurs droits. Le père de Flavia a débuté cette lutte et elle a repris le flambeau.

L'année dernière, après 20 ans de lutte, 312 familles touchées par la pollution industrielle ont déménagé dans le nouveau village de Piquiá da Conquista, plus propre et plus sûr. L'appui du partenaire de Développement et Paix – Caritas Canada **Justiça nos Trilhos** (JnT) a rendu possible cette relocalisation pour 1 300 personnes.

Découvrez le travail de JnT en lisant le [Mini-magazine](#) et rencontrez Flavia et sa fille Aylla en visionnant leurs témoignages à devp.org/careme.



SHARE-LENT : DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

On Track for Justice – from father to daughter

Lives in the village of Piquiá de Baixo in Brazil began being disrupted in the 1980s, with the arrival of several polluting industries in their backyard. The villagers formed an association to defend their rights. Flavia's father started the fight, and she picked up the torch. Last year, after a 20-year struggle, 312 families affected by industrial pollution moved to the new, cleaner, safer village of Piquiá da Conquista. The support of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, **Justiça nos Trilhos** (JnT), made this relocation possible for 1,300 people. Learn more about JnT's in our [Mini-magazine](#) and meet Flavia and her daughter Aylla by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.



Introduction

Lent is a time of conversion that invites us to draw closer to God, to Jesus and to our neighbours. For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, it is an opportunity to draw closer to our sisters and brothers in the Global South. This Lent, let us walk alongside them, **On Track for Justice**, and ensure that our gifts and actions create a bridge of solidarity, echoing the words of Pope Leo XIV in Dilexi te (§75):

“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. (...) where walls are built, she builds bridges.”

Le Carême est un temps de conversion qui nous convie à nous rapprocher de Dieu, de Jésus et de notre prochain. Pour Développement et Paix – Caritas Canada, l'organisation officielle de développement international de l'Église catholique au Canada, c'est l'occasion de se rapprocher de nos sœurs et de nos frères des pays du Sud. Ce Carême, marchons à leurs côtés, **Sur la voie de la justice**, et faisons en sorte que nos dons et nos actions créent un pont de solidarité, faisant écho aux paroles du pape Léon XIV dans Dilexi te (§75) :

« L'Église, comme une mère, marche avec ceux qui marchent (...), là où l'on construit des murs, elle construit des ponts. »

SHARE LENT 2026 SYMBOLS OF SOLIDARITY



4th SYMBOL
A mustard seed and young sprout

This **mustard seed and sprout** represent hope for tomorrow. As the Gospel says in Matthew 13:32, “It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree...” This parable illustrates how small gestures or small gifts, made with great love, can really make a BIG difference. Together, let's build a world of justice so that our sisters and brothers in the Global South and future generations can live in peace and dignity. During Share Lent, we are invited to place our gifts of solidarity next weekend in the collection basket to build a bridge of global solidarity. On behalf of all the partners of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada and the communities they support, **thank you for your solidarity and generosity!**

CARÊME DE PARTAGE 2026 SYMBOLS OF SOLIDARITY

Cette **graine de moutarde et cette jeune pousse** démontrent l'espoir pour demain. Comme le dit l'Évangile selon saint Matthieu 13, 32 : « C'est la plus petite de toutes les semences, mais, quand elle a poussé, elle dépasse les autres plantes potagères (...). » Cette parabole illustre bien comment de petits gestes, comme des petits dons, faits avec beaucoup d'amour, peuvent vraiment faire une GRANDE différence. Ensemble, bâtissons un monde de justice pour que nos sœurs et nos frères des pays du Sud ainsi que les générations à venir puissent vivre dans la paix et la dignité. En ce Carême de partage, nous sommes invité·e·s à déposer nos dons solidaires dans le panier de collecte en fin de semaine prochaine afin de créer un pont de solidarité mondial. Au nom de tous les partenaires de Développement et Paix – Caritas Canada et des communautés qu'ils accompagnent, **merci de votre solidarité et générosité !**



4^e SYMBOLE
Une graine de moutarde
et jeune pousse

BUFFET DE SOUPES MAISON

Sur la voie de la
JUSTICE

Samedi le 21 mars, 2026
Après la messe de 17h 18h15-19h30
Dans la salle paroissiale de l'église
Immaculée Conception Pain Court

COÛT
10\$

Enfants de 6 ans et
moins gratuit
**LES DONS SONT AUSSI
ACCEPTÉS**

Inclus breuvage, diverses soupes,
pain et carré de dessert.



**Campagne Carême de
Partage 2026**



BUFFET OF HOMEMADE SOUPS

*On Track
For*
JUSTICE

Saturday March 21, 2026
After 5:00 pm Mass 6:15 pm-7:30 pm
In the parish hall at
Immaculée Conception Church Pain Court

COST
\$10

Children 6 years
and under free
**DONATIONS ARE ALSO
ACCEPTED**

Includes beverage, various
soups, bread and dessert square.



**Share Lent
2026 Campaign**



RIGHT TO LIFE KENT'S ANNUAL BANQUET



ABBY JOHNSON
former Planned Parenthood Director turned
Pro-Life Advocate

We are thrilled for the opportunity to host **ABBY JOHNSON** as our VIP speaker for our 2026 Annual Banquet. Abby is a former Planned Parenthood director whose change of heart led her to speak against abortion and become a best-selling author, CEO, and the true life story behind the major motion picture "Unplanned" – plus many other incredible accomplishments!

We hope you will join us for this opportunity to see Abby here in Canada, have dinner and support RTLK in sustaining these valuable and life-affirming ministries.

We continue to be so grateful for your ongoing support of prolife ministry in Chatham-Kent.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
John D. Bradley Convention
Centre
565 Richmond Street
Chatham, ON

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Program begins at 6:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm

Tickets \$50 per person
\$25 Youth (25 yrs and under)
Please call 519-352-3611 for tickets or by
etransfer to
righttolifekent39@gmail.com

Online tickets are also available at
canadahelps.org

* Please note seating is for tables of 10

Lenten Sunday Card Parties



**Parties de cartes pour
les dimanches du Carême**

February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 2026

Time / Heure: 7:00pm

Doors open / Portes ouvertes: 6:00pm

Admission / Prix d'entrée: \$7.00



Prizes & Light Lunch
Fun for All

Prix et Petit Gouter
Plaisir Pour Tous

Salle paroissiale de la Visitation Parish Hall, Comber
(5407 Comber Sideroad near the 401)



Nos Offrandes ~ Our Offertory



Please note that although we have become a Family of Parishes, the finances of each parish will remain separate. You may deposit your offertory envelope at any one of our 4 parishes and it will be forwarded to the parish identified on the envelope.

Veuillez noter que bien que nous soyons devenus une famille de paroisses, les finances de chaque paroisse resteront séparées. Vous pouvez déposer votre enveloppe d'offrande à l'une de nos 4 paroisses et elle sera acheminée à la paroisse identifiée sur l'enveloppe.

Paroisse Immaculée Conception & Saint-Philippe Parish

March 7/8 mars 2026

Envelopes (26)	\$605.00
Pre-auth. debit (19 donors)	\$425.00
+ pièces/ loose	\$54.00
	\$1084.00

Thanksgiving Appeal/ Campagne d'action de grâce.....	\$460.00
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Projet notre église / Project Our Church

Donations.....	\$320.00
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St. Peter's on the Thames Parish

March 8 mars 2026

Envelopes (7)	\$130.00
Thanksgiving Appeal.....	\$580.00
Easter Flower donations.....	\$20.00

Capital Projects

Donations.....	\$20.00
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Paroisse de la Visitation Parish

March 8 mars 2026

Envelopes (70)	\$2045.00
Pre-auth. debit (44 donors)	\$943.60
+ pièces/loose	\$56.00
	\$3044.60

Thanksgiving Appeal/ Campagne d'action de grâce.....	\$176.00
Initial Offering.....	\$10.00
Easter Blooms.....	\$40.00
CWL donation for Bereavement Ministry...	\$300.00
CWL donation for Children's programmes...	\$100.00

Building Fund

Pre-auth. Debit (19 donors).....	\$182.00
Donations.....	\$1105.00

St. Francis Xavier Parish

March 7/8 mars 2026

Envelopes ()	\$1007.00
Pre-auth. debit (9 donors)	\$246.00
+ loose	\$124.75
	\$1377.75

Thanksgiving Appeal.....	\$575.00
Easter Flower donations.....	\$40.00

Capital Projects

Pre-auth. debit (15 donors).....	\$155.40
Donations.....	\$330.00

The need for blood doesn't stop.



Book now
blood.ca

Évadez-vous dans un centre de donneurs et découvrez que donner, c'est aussi recevoir.



Société canadienne du sang



Did you know you can give year round to Thanksgiving Appeal?

To provide pastoral and other care, our parish always needs our financial support. Thank you to those who have already contributed. To the

others, know that we are still counting on you. Your donation will help reduce your taxes while helping your parish. Do not miss this opportunity! 100% of the Thanksgiving Appeal stays within the parish of your choosing.

Please do not forget your parish family.
Thank you for your support!!

Saviez-vous que vous pouvez donner toute l'année à La campagne d'action de grâce?

Pour assurer les soins pastoraux et autres, votre paroisse a toujours besoin de votre soutien financier. Merci à ceux qui ont déjà contribué. Aux autres, sachez que nous comptons toujours sur vous. Votre don permettra de réduire vos impôts tout en aidant votre paroisse. Ne manquez pas cette occasion ! 100% de La campagne de l'action de grâce reste au sein de la paroisse de votre choix.

N'oubliez pas votre famille paroissiale.
Merci pour votre soutien !

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OPPORTUNITÉS D'EMPLOI

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes, Chatham is seeking a Weekend Custodian and a Communications Lead
Closing Date to apply is March 23rd, 2026

For these and other employment opportunities go to
Pour ces postes et d'autres possibilités d'emploi, voir
<https://dol.ca/employment>