



Our Family Overview

Holy Family Parish
London, ON
May 19, 2019

As we pass the midway point of the Easter season, the Church's liturgy begins to prepare us for Pentecost Sunday, the sending of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit on all who are obedient to his will. Here are a couple of things to set into your calendars as we look forward to Pentecost. First, on the vigil of Pentecost, **Saturday, June 8**, we will have our fourth annual **Pentecost Vigil**, to take place from **7:00 to 8:00pm**. It will be a peace-filled, Spirit-filled time of praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration, intercessory prayer and prayer ministry. You won't want to miss it. Second, a perfect way to prepare for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is to pray the **Novena (nine days of prayer in preparation for Pentecost)** of Pentecost which begins on **Friday, May 31**, which this year also happens to be the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Novena prayers will be made available on our parish website and also attached to the May 26 Overview. Why do we make so much fuss about the Holy Spirit? It is because the Holy Spirit is the power of the universe given by Jesus to believers to dwell in them to assist them on their journey to heaven. The Holy Spirit, given at Baptism, never forces himself on us. He is a true gentle God. He comes when we invite him. Third, we are delighted to have **Fr. Fernando Suarez and Fr. Jeff Shannon** return to Holy Family Parish. They will come to celebrate Mass and pray for healing on **Wednesday, July 11**. More details to come.

The **Senior Leadership Team** (Fr. Peter, Tim Firth, Heather Cushing, Daniel Pettipas, Loretta Wilson and Fr. Bob) will be taking three **planning days this week** (May 21, 22, and 23) away from regular parish life. They will be available only for emergencies. We are fortunate to have **Fr. Glen Ball, our incoming Parochial Vicar** in early July, join us for these days. Please hold us in prayer as we discern God's will for ministry here at Holy Family. The following week, **May 27, 28 and 29**, the same leadership team will be participating in the diocesan-wide **Pastoral Study Days**, joining all priests, pastoral workers and leaders. Please note that there will not be Mass here on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28 and 29.

The Sacristy Ministry needs your help! There are two separate groups connected with this ministry. The first group lovingly takes care of the church space through dusting, tidying up, preparing for Sunday gatherings. It is a perfect ministry for a family to offer to the parish once every month or less. The second group oversees the care of Mass linens, washing and ironing. Members of this group are needed once every six weeks. If you have any questions, contact Harriet McEachen at (519) 471-2784, or Kelly at the office.



The **C.W.L. Annual Luncheon** will be held on **June 2nd at 12:00 noon**. (Cost \$15 at the door) - Lunch is being prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Please R.S.V.P. by May 19th to Angela Pellerin at (519) 471-3837 if you plan to attend. There will be door prizes, 50/50 draw, CWL annual update and more. Look forward to seeing you there. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

The **C.W.L. (Catholic Women's League)** is looking for **donations of rhubarb from** gardens that may have an abundance of rhubarb. We are planning to make pies to raise funds that will go to support our many charities. To donate or ask questions, please contact Lou Quirk at 519-473-4266.



God's Gardeners Help Needed! - As our gardening season begins to blossom, we are looking for extra help to keep our gardens attractive. We currently only have a few parishioners helping, but could use lots more help. If you have a green thumb and a few hours a week to help, please feel free to join our team by calling Tom & Monica Bevil at (519) 472-0689.

Join the Walk for Life on Saturday, June 8th. A Mass is celebrated prior to the walkathon at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Registration is at 9:15 a.m. The 5 km route (approx. 1 hour) starts at 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Choir School with a BBQ and family entertainment to follow. For more information, to register or sponsor others, call (519) 659-3334 or email: info@right2life.ca.

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