



Our Family Overview

A Note from Fr. Bob, Pastor

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family Parish
July 5, 2020

We praise and thank God for the gift of being able, little by little, to welcome 'home' our dear parishioners to celebrate Eucharist on site, in our church building, praying with one another! We are grateful for the opportunity to express our faith in Jesus, wherever we may be. And it is a great joy to pray together as community.

We welcome all who will gather with us in the church building; we also welcome all who gather with us online.

Before you leave home:

At the direction of the province and for the safety and protection of others:

- ◆ DO NOT attend Mass if you are feeling unwell
- ◆ DO NOT attend Mass if you have been outside of Ontario in the past 2 weeks.
- ◆ DO NOT attend Mass if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or have been asked to self-isolate in the past 2 weeks.
- ◆ IF YOU ARE 65 or older, especially if you have pre-existing health conditions, please consider joining us via our live streamed Mass through YouTube. Follow the link on the parish website at www.holyfamilylondon.ca



When you arrive for Weekend Mass: Doors will open **45 minutes** before Mass time on weekends.

*Entrance to the church building will be **ONLY** through the rear parking lot doors.*

The elevator is accessible from this entrance. This will help us streamline those in attendance as you enter.

We will begin to admit people at 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays for the 5:00 p.m. Mass and 7:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. respectively on Sundays for the 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Masses. Please take that into consideration when planning your arrival. Please follow the direction of the Hospitality Ministry members as they do their best to seat you in a timely manner and in a preferred area, but please note that specific seating **CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. People who arrive to attend Mass and have not reserved will NOT be permitted to attend the Mass. We apologize for this inconvenience.**

Bishop Fabbro, in concert with Pope Francis' directives, has given priests permission to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation using the format of **General Absolution**, until the end of September 2020.

For Catholic Christians, it is essential to experience the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every time that we gather for Eucharist in the church, we will also offer the **Sacrament of Penance or Confession**. Please find on *pages 2 & 3* what to expect as we celebrate reconciliation at the beginning of Mass. Through this rite and ritual, all who express sorrow for sin and ask for forgiveness 'in their hearts' will receive, unconditionally, the absolution for sin that this sacrament guarantees. For those who desire to come one to one for Confession, both Fr. Glen and I will be available on Saturdays, at 11:00am. A special protocol has been put into place to welcome penitents at the parking lot doors, so please follow the directions of the Sacristan or Hospitality Team member on duty. Bring your face mask with you and note that a church visitation will not be possible either before or following Confession.

Senior Leadership Team. I am grateful to Heather Cushing, Loretta Wilson and Fr. Glen Ball, for assisting me in making major decisions for our parish. They are stepping down as members of this leadership team. Their wisdom and ministry to the parish continue. I have made a few changes in membership to this particular group. Tim Firth and Daniel Pettipas will continue to work with me as part of this leadership group. I have also invited Christina Bahati to join us. We beg the Holy Spirit to continue leading our entire parish leadership. May we be obedient in discerning the Spirit's will.

Devotedly yours in the Lord,
Fr. Bob

Readings for Next Sunday ~ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

◆ Isaiah 55.10-11 ◆ Romans 8.18-23 ◆ Matthew 13.1-23

Readings for Next Sunday ~ The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

◆ Wisdom 12.13, 16-19 ◆ Romans 8.26-27 ◆ Matthew 13.24-43



A SERVICE OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

❖ SIGN OF THE CROSS

❖ OPENING COLLECT

❖ GOSPEL: Matthew 9.1-8

❖ HOMILY

❖ INSTRUCTION ON SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION

- The conditions for use of the extraordinary form of the Sacrament of Reconciliation using General Absolution have been satisfied.
- Pope Francis has granted permission for its use; so has Bishop Fabbro granted permission for its use until the end of September 2020.
- All sins are forgiven, absolutely, in this form of Sacramental Absolution.
- When a person is aware of serious sin, they are strongly encouraged to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a one-to-one experience with the priest, before next receiving this sacrament in the form of General Absolution.

❖ PERIOD OF PERSONAL PREPARATION AND EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

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 god 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?

❖ **THE CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and the Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord of God.

❖ **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

The priest prays over the people...

God the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the church
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our God is a God of mercy and healing and peace.

May we open our hearts to ask for these graces and to receive them in abundance.

❖ **CLOSING COLLECT**

Continue to join us
For on-line Masses
Tuesday through to Friday
by going to our
You Tube Channel
Holy Family Parish



NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
and 2:00 p.m.

During the summer, issues of
OUR FAMILY OVERVIEW will
be published on the following
weekends...

- ◆ July 19
- ◆ August 2
- ◆ August 16
- ◆ August 30

**OUR FAMILY
OVERVIEW**

FINANCIAL UPDATE – June 30, 2020

From Tim Firth

We are pleased to report that our year-to-date expenses are currently 30% below budget, and our year-to-date offertory revenue is only 20% below budget. Our thanks for your continued support! Significantly, a major factor in our expenses being 30% below budget is that, through the Diocese, we were able to participate in the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. To the end of May, we have received \$61,000 from the Federal Government in CEWS funding to assist in maintaining employment levels. This program will continue to August 31, 2020.

We are well on the way to having our new, permanent, Audio-Visual Production system installed, and to that end, we are very pleased to tell you that we have had \$54,000 specifically donated to support this "Live Streaming" ministry! As you are able, further donations would be greatly appreciated.

We have seen a tremendous increase in Interac E-Transfer offertory giving, and we continue to urge you to look into this if you haven't already. It's safe, convenient...and free!

We are truly blessed with your continued support, and do please contact me at the parish if you have specific questions.

Tim Firth
Mission Support Team lead
519-472-0057 ext'n 224



Updating our Database - We continue to welcome updates from parishioners for our database. If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or wish to have a new or updated email added to your profile, or your family has changed in numbers, kindly send this to hfparrish@dol.ca or call the office at (519) 472-0057, ext'n # 201. If you are NEW to our parish, kindly register at <https://holyfamilylondon.ca/registration-form/>

HOLY FAMILY DIVINE RENOVATION PRAYER ~ Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for bringing us together as a faith community to serve one another in love. You have sent us with a mission to evangelize and share your message of love and peace to all. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us in your efforts toward the radical divine renovation of our parish. We entrust our faith community to the care of the Holy Family and ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as we work together to bear witness to the gospel values and build a divinely renewed parish. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Volunteers Are Needed – If you are comfortable in doing so, we are looking for volunteers to help sanitize and clean between Masses after the 5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Masses. Kindly contact hcushing@dol.ca

To request **Mass intentions for the weekday Masses**, contact Kelly at hfparrish@dol.ca or inquire at ext'n # 201. We are accepting offerings for these Masses by sending your cheque made payable to Holy Family Parish, noting in the memo line that it is for 'Mass request'. (\$10 per Mass intention) These weekday Mass intentions are posted weekly on our parish website.

Our **Intercessory Prayer Team** is still very active during this current public health emergency. If you would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Heather Cushing at hcushing@dol.ca

Resources for prayer can be found on our parish website under the resource tab. As a parish we have a special subscription to FORMED, The Catholic Faith on Demand. The access code is GD6M84. For new subscribers ...

1. Go to formed.org and click the "Sign Up" button
2. Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and search "Holy Family London"
3. Click on the "Holy Family" that lists our street address (777 Valetta Street). It will then prompt you to add your name and email address. Once you do this, you're done!

Keeping your Family Growing in Faith and Growing in Christ resources are now available from home. The digital resources *Growing in Faith*, *Growing in Christ*, the Catholic School Religious Education program, are now available for home use. The website features videos, songs, bible stories, prayers, interactive activities and more. To access these resources visit website:

https://media.pearsoncanada.ca/intl/pec/school/ca_sch_religion_sso/

with **Username:** GIFGIC_student99 and **Password:** Student99.

(NOTE: Login will only work when using Internet Explorer/Edge).



To continue to stay connected in supporting us financially, kindly use one of the following options...

1. **Interac e-Transfer**, simply set up the email address 'hfparrish@dol.ca' as a recipient, choose the amount you wish to give, include in the note section('regular offertory', 'bible study', etc) and press send! No password is required.
2. **Pre-authorized automatic withdrawal** If you wish to make your Sunday offertory contributions through automatic bank withdrawals, [please complete this form](#) and email it and a copy of a void cheque from your bank account to Anne Sanderson, our Bookkeeper, at asanderson@dol.ca. If you do not have a cheque, please ask your bank to provide the appropriate Form indicating your account number, bank number and branch number.
3. **Mail in** your offertory envelopes along with a cheque made payable to Holy Family Parish and marking in the memo line "regular offertory donation".
4. **Mobile Giving at Holy Family Parish** - Donating to the parish with your mobile phone is easy. Scan this QR code, follow the prompts and you're done!



Our Annual Pig Palooza has been postponed until August 28, 2021



**May you walk with God
This summer in whatever you do
wherever you go**

VISION STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish
is a welcoming and vibrant faith community
that brings people to Jesus,
forms disciples and sends them out
to transform the world.
We joyfully commit to worship, grow,
serve, connect and give.



THE GAME PLAN

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