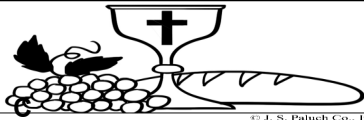


Masses for the Week



TUESDAY, July 20 @ 7 PM

(s) Michelle Taylor Jane & Jerry Yates
(s) Gerard Black Jane & Jerry Yates
(Int) Sandra & Stephen Wheeler family

WEDNESDAY, July 21 @ 7 PM

(s) Elaine Gouin Ray & Edie Yaworski

THURSDAY, July 22 @ 8 AM

(s) Alexander & Jane Bezzina Imelda Bezzina

FRIDAY, July 23 @ 8 AM

(s) Charles Acquilina Imelda Bezzina

CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY

The Certificate in Youth Ministries (CYM) is an education program of personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth for those who desire to serve in ministry with young people, primarily in parish and school settings. Prospective students may include coordinators of youth, young adult, and family ministry; volunteers; high school chaplaincy team members; clergy; religious; university students; and seminarians. Graduates will be equipped with knowledge, skills, practical tools, and resources for accompanying young people, and addressing their spiritual needs into young adulthood. The deadline to register for courses beginning September 2021, is Friday, August 6th. For more information please contact Alexandria Gun, Family & Youth Ministry Specialist, at afung@dol.ca



WHAT'S THE SCOOP ON MARRIAGE?

The second "What's the Scoop?" event will take place on Thursday, July 22 from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM. This event will combine live praise and worship music with guest band Found Together; and an opportunity to chat with the band (Jesse and Kathleen Le Blanc) about their journey to and through marriage. New special guests will join the conversation each week, please save the dates: July 22, August 5 and August 19, 2021 from 8:30 PM to 9:00 PM daily. As a tribute to the Diocese's annual summer camp (CCLC) that will not take place in-person this year, participants are encouraged to join the conversation with an ice cream (sundae) in hand! For more information, or to register, please contact

familyandyouthministry@dol.ca.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Did you know you can direct your property taxes to support Catholic education? By default, the English public school board is selected to receive your property taxes. The Diocese of London recommends checking your property tax assessment to verify your current selection.

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHTS

Youth (grades 9-12) and Young Adults are invited to participate in a series of virtual game nights, facilitated via Zoom, and hosted by the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry department of the Diocese of London. Pre-registration is required for Zoom access. For more information, please contact familyandyouthministry@dol.ca

KEEP CONNECTED VIRTUAL WEEKEND

On August 20, 21 and 22, young people aged 10 - 14 years old and their families are invited to a virtual weekend retreat called "Keep Connected". This program is designed to support participants to learn the keys to positive family relationships during the transition into teen years. Keep Connected offers families - and organizations that support them - ideas, activities, and experiences to help build strong family selves. For more information, please contact

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Pastor's Desk

What a welcome! Fr. Mario and I were truly blest by the great welcome we both have received from the Parishes of St. Justin and Sts. Francis and Martin. We both are settling in, though I am still surrounded by boxes! (Fr. Mario travels much lighter than I!) As you may or may not know both Fr. Mario and I have been assigned to the Parishes of St. Justin and St. Francis and St. Martin and to facilitate our "getting to know you" we are rotating our presence at the celebration of the Mass and other gatherings so that both parishes get to know us. So, when you see me, you probably won't see Fr. Mario and vis versa.

We received some sad news on Saturday, our long time Pastoral Minister here at St. Justin's, Suzanne Walton, is retiring. She has been with the parish of St. Justin's for 15 years and worked a total of 27 years within our diocese. I know that you have been blest by her ministry and presence - the fruit of her work I can see around me already. I was truly hoping to get to know her better and minister with her, but we pray all the best for her in this new stage of her life. Suzanne has purchased a home in Sharon, Ontario (just outside of Newmarket, Ontario) with her family.

Suzanne will continue to minister to us on the weekends until we go through the search process for a new Pastoral Minister. Once we have been successful in our search, we will hold a formal "Thank You" celebration for Suzanne (COVID-19 allowing).

In this weekend's Gospel according to St. Mark, we receive the invitation of Christ to "come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile". This direction is given to the apostles who have just returned from their missionary efforts. They are excited by what they have experienced - the power of Jesus name. These apostles have ministered in the name of Jesus and have experienced the effect of the Gospel in people's lives, but they are tired. "Come away...rest awhile". Jesus speaks these words to us today. He is not only advocating for rest and leisure but a deeper rest - in God, primarily found in prayer - the profound recognition of being in God's presence.

Each day we can find an element of "Sabbath rest" if we are mindful about including prayer as part of our daily lives. In the midst of family and work life, in the midst of demands and duties, turn away, with God's grace, towards the refreshment and new life that God offers each day to us.

Have a wonderful and blest week!

Fr. Christopher