



# SPRINGBANK

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

Serving the Mission of St. George and St. John the Divine

JANUARY 15-16 2022 SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

How do we show reverence and love for Christ when we enter and leave the church? First, we greet each other as we would greet Christ. (“Where two or three of you gather, there I am.”) Then, we bow to the altar.

Why? On this altar we place our bread and wine that becomes Christ’s body and blood: This is the place of sacrifice. At this altar we sit with God to dine in eternity: This is Easter’s banquet table.

The altar of the Most High is this table in our midst—the table of every grace and blessing! And more. The Rite of Dedication of an Altar (#4) says, “Because it is at the altar that the memorial of the Lord is celebrated and his body and blood given to the people, the church’s writers see in the altar a sign of Christ himself—hence they affirm: ‘The altar is Christ.’”

Christ is the Anointed One, baptized, anointed with the Holy Spirit and robed in light. We are Christians, anointed ones, baptized, anointed with chrism and robed in white. Just like Christ, just like us, our altar was washed, anointed and robed. On its dedication day, it was sprinkled with holy water. The bishop rubbed holy chrism into its top, and ministers robed it in a white cloth.

So let’s bow to Christ at the altar before taking our places. And let’s bow again when we depart. Christ the offering. Christ the meal. Christ the altar of sacrifice. Christ the paschal banquet table. Holy Christ, we bow before you!

What does this mean practically in our space?

It means that when entering St. George, a bow is appropriate.

It means that at St. John the Divine, genuflecting to the tabernacle is appropriate and a bow is appropriate when crossing in front of the altar.

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# This Week at a Glance

**Sunday January 16 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Eucharist St. George (Live & Phone Stream)

**10:00 AM** Eucharist St. John the Divine

**11:00 AM** Eucharist St. George

**1:00 PM** Baptism Preparation Online

**3:00 PM** Slovenian Mass St. John the Divine

**Monday January 17, 2022**

**SAINT ANTHONY THE ABBOT**

**8:00 AM** AA Centennial St. John the Divine Meeting Room

**Tuesday January 18, 2022**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS**

**9:30 AM Trinity AA Group St. John the Divine Meeting Room**

**6:00 PM** Building Committee Meeting Online

**6:30 PM** Eucharist St. George (Live & Phone Stream)

Fred Bella

John Sandor

Reta Lienhardt

**Wednesday January 19, 2022**

**10:00 AM** Eucharist St. John the Divine (Live & Phone Stream)

Giovanni Parente

Steve Reid

Pat O'Neill

**Thursday January 20, 2022**

**SAINT FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR & SAINT SEBASTIAN, MARTYR**

**6:30 PM** Eucharist St. John the Divine

Intentions Gregory & Jennifer Ludziejewski

Maria Coutinho

Alice Houwen

**7:00 PM** Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Online

**7:30 PM** RCIA Online

**Friday January 21, 2022**

**SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR**

**10:00 AM** Eucharist St. George

John Bourdeau

Shirley Clarke

Intentions of Mary Ellen Kenny

**10:30 AM** True North AA St. John the Divine Meeting Room

**7:00 PM** Confirmation Preparation Online

**Saturday January 22, 2022**

**ST. VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR & OUR LADY'S SATURDAY**

**9:00 AM** CWL Regional Meeting Online

**1:00 PM** Confirmation Preparation Online

**2:00 PM** Baptism St. George Worship Space

**5:00 PM** Eucharist St. John the Divine Live & Phone Stream

**5:00 PM** Eucharist St. George

**Sunday January 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Eucharist St. George (Live & Phone Stream)

**10:00 AM** Eucharist St. John the Divine

**11:00 AM** Eucharist St. George

**12:30 PM** Baptism St. George St. George Worship Space

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FAMILY

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Next Tuesday January 18th begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

## **Why does it matter?**

In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers “may all be one,” as he and the Father are one, “so that the world may believe” and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is here made central to the very being of the church and to its mission and witness.

Today, we live with divisions even as we yearn for the unity promised and commissioned by Christ. The long and often painful history of Christianity has sundered our churches for theological, liturgical, and political reasons. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions, yet honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building. They also come together to pray for unity, joining Christ in his prayer to the Father. The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for ‘unity in diversity’. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.

Beginning on January 18th until the 25th you are invited to prayer, scripture and reflection. You can go to [springbankcatholic.ca](http://springbankcatholic.ca) and participate in these daily reflections.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations and welcome to Kyla and Holly Hetesi, children of David & Elizabeth, Bentley Robert Bunoza son of Edward Bunoza and Valerie Dolar, Giovanni Bolzonello son of Joe & Kellie and Isabella Terraza daughter of Diego and Esther who will be Baptized in Christ on the weekend of January 22, and 23, 2022.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:** Nursing Homes are an integral part of our family of parishes ministries. We want to thank all those who volunteered in these ministries, for your years of service and dedication. Your service has been appreciated by the families of the residents we serve and the homes they are living in. In order to serve the five nursing homes we have in our family we are in need to have at least 40 volunteers to bring Communion to our seniors. Please consider joining the team of volunteers to better serve the residents of our Nursing homes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nives Davies at [ndavies@dol.ca](mailto:ndavies@dol.ca) or call 519-471-7022 ext. 226

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you are going into the hospital or are in the hospital, please contact the parish and let us know. This is the only way we know you are hospitalized. We would like to be able to visit you. If you know ahead of time that you are going into the hospital and would like to receive the sacrament of the sick, please contact us and we will arrange for you to receive this sacrament. Contact Nives Davies at [ndavies@dol.ca](mailto:ndavies@dol.ca) or call 519-471-7022 x 226

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FAMILY

**MASS REGISTRATIONS UPDATES:** Online Mass Registration for the Weekend Masses opens on Monday at 10 am and close when spaces are full or on Friday morning at 10 am. If you need to cancel or change your reservation please call the office during office hours. We are not able to change information after registrations close on Friday or on the weekends.

**UPDATING INFORMATION FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** Everyone who serves, or would like to serve, in all of our liturgical ministries: please take a few minutes to fill out an online form to provide up-to-date information for our scheduling purposes. We are updating our rosters and scheduling system.

For those who have not been serving during the pandemic, this will help us to resume scheduling you, whether you would like to resume now or at a later time. We'd love to welcome you back.

If you're interested in a ministry you haven't done before, welcome! You're warmly invited to fill it out so we can help you get started.

To help us update our whole system, we are asking everyone to fill it out, even if we already have current information for you.

Please note that everyone is asked to identify one "primary" ministry. To encourage as many as possible to be involved, each person will be scheduled for only this one ministry, while still being allowed to serve as a substitute in other ministries when needed.

For St. George, the form is at <https://tinyurl.com/SGLiturgyForm> and for St. John the Divine it's at <https://tinyurl.com/SJDLiturgyForm>.

Thank you in advance for this invaluable help. Please feel free to contact Chris with any questions or concerns at [cmccconnell@dol.ca](mailto:cmccconnell@dol.ca) or (519) 471-4220, extension 229.

**CWL ST. JOHN THE DIVINE:** Next General meeting will be January 17th at 7pm on Zoom. Topic for the meeting will be the Budget, as well Nives Davies will be our guest speaker discussing Insights on Seniors in the Springbank Family of Parishes. Click [here](#) to attend Hope to see you there!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE FAMILY

**BUILDING UPDATES | A FEW ITEMS:** The first meeting of the joint Building Committee will take place this coming Tuesday. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please bring them forward to Rod Tramble, the Chair of the Committee and our Family's Business Manager.

I am happy to report that our work at St. John the Divine is complete for the time-being. At some point, the roof over the hall will need to be replaced but the project is contingent upon funding.

Our thanks are extended to Brian MacDiarmid for the service he provided at St. John the Divine for the last three years. Our prayers and best wishes are with him, as he pursues other opportunities. We are grateful that Chad Carver has accepted the position of Building Maintenance and Custodial Coordinator. Chad has been engaged with us, contractually, for the last several months.

Chad has been working diligently to build shelving and storage units in the former loft and has done the same in the workshop.

I am grateful for the good work on the roof that was begun at St. George's under Father Jasica's leadership and for the ongoing coordination of the project by Dennis Matthews. The project is nearing completion. Final caulking will be completed in the spring when the temperatures are warmer.

Once the project is complete, the Liturgy Committee will work with an external consultant to select colours and trim for the worship space and narthex. This project should be complete by the end of 2022.

Bridget Corneil and Chris McConnell are working with experts in sound and video recording to enhance our ability to stream our liturgies and programming. The concerns that you have brought to us are taken seriously and we are looking to rectify these issues.

I am grateful to Mary Slegers for creating the large liturgical banners for the space at St. George and for the small banners for the altar and ambo.

Meeting Room 2 has been undergoing a few cosmetic changes, including a fresh coat of paint and an area rug. The library will be moved into this space, allowing people to read and pray and gather for meetings. Thanks are extended to Patricia Silver for curating our libraries at both locations.

Thank you for your continued patience, prayer and financial support. May God who has begun this work in us, bring it to completion.

In peace,

Michael Bechard (Rev.)

Pastor

# ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY - OUR SHARED STORY

"Grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Our Shared Story ecumenical scripture study. The journey through the book of Hebrews, with the guidance and insight of Kerry and Peter, has been transformative."

—Shelley Martin



**OUR SHARED STORY ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:** Originally we were going to have three opportunities for Ecumenical Bible Study beginning in February. With the latest developments and guidelines we have decided to offer two online options.

We are grateful to Kerry and Peter Wilson who are providing these opportunities for our Family of Parishes. Kerry, who was received into the Roman Catholic Church, is married to Peter, who was raised in the Brethren tradition of the Protestant church. They will lead these programs examining the richness of the scriptures, and welcoming both Catholics and Protestants. This “bible study” has its purpose of celebrating our common biblical heritage as we grow closer to God.

**PASTORAL EPISTLES:** The gospel is not an abstract proposition but a personal reality. Join us in the New Year for a life-changing study of the pastoral epistles (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus). Paul wrote these personal and practical letters to his co-workers in ministry, and the truths he taught can guide us today. We'll explore the importance of sound teaching and being intentional disciples, and with our focus on Jesus, we'll be blessed with God's grace as we discover His great plan for each of us. This is an ecumenical Scripture study. All are welcome!

**Tuesday Evenings 7-8:30pm February 1- May 10th, 2022 - Online via Zoom**

**HEBREWS:** Explore the richness of the gospel as we study the book of Hebrews together. God has sent a better High Priest, a superior sacrifice, and the benefits of this New Covenant are eternal. Strengthen your faith and your assurance in God's mercy and grace as we journey through this beautiful rendering of God's plan of salvation. We welcome participants from all Christian traditions as we celebrate our shared story of redemption.

**Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30pm February 2 - May 11, 2022 - Online via Zoom**

**Registration for these sessions is available at [springbankcatholic.ca](http://springbankcatholic.ca) or by calling the office at (519) 471-4220**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

**CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE PROVIDENCE:** On January 13, the elementary schools of Conseil scolaire catholique Providence (Csc Providence) will open their doors virtually to welcome their future students and families. This will be an opportunity for parents to visit our schools virtually and to learn more about their neighbourhood school from our staff.

Among other benefits, this information evening will provide a chance to discover all the advantages offered by the French-language Catholic education that is delivered in every Csc Providence school. In addition, this virtual visit will allow parents to learn more about their child's future school, to find out about curricula and extracurricular activities and to ask questions live via video conference.

Click on the link for all the benefits to [choosing a French-language Catholic school](#).

Csc Providence is the perfect ally for parents! On January 13, parents are invited to participate in a virtual tour of the school which their children will attend – a school that will spur their children on to achieve their highest aspirations!

To participate in a virtual tour, parents must first select an elementary school and reserve their spot on our dedicated website: [MyFrenchSchool.ca](#). They will then be sent a confirmation link allowing them to access the tour.

Parents can follow Csc Providence activities on our [website](#).

**ST.MARY'S CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PROGRAM:** Calling all current grade four students! Join St. Mary's for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are now being accepted. To learn more about the program please attend a virtual open house on January 25th on Zoom. Email [kpalinkas@ldcsb.ca](mailto:kpalinkas@ldcsb.ca) for the link before January 24th. To apply directly to the school please click this [link](#).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DIOCESE

**VERITAS LECTURE SERIES:** Our next speaker is Christian Harvey, whose lecture is entitled, "Criminalizing Others for our Comfort: Confronting our Systemic Exclusion of Those Experiencing Homelessness and Marginalization." This will take place on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM. To register for this lecture click [here](#). The Veritas Lecture Series engages speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore the depth of human experience and to articulate the truth – the fullness of humanity – to which we aspire. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition welcomes and embraces this exploration as a participation in the common good that enhances the world we inhabit. For more information or to register for each webinar, go to [www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/veritas).

**COME AND SEE VIRTUAL WEEKEND:** St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a virtual discernment retreat on February 11 to 12 for men 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provide spiritual help for discernment and offer the opportunity for prayer and reflection. Please contact Fr. Danny Santos at [vocations@dol.ca](mailto:vocations@dol.ca) for more information or to register visit our website at [www.dolpriest.ca/registration](http://www.dolpriest.ca/registration).

**THE POPE FRANCIS FUND - APPLICATION PROCESS IS OPEN:** The Pope Francis Fund has opened the application process for grants to be distributed in 2022. Last year eight organizations received funding and this year a total of \$46,500 is available. Click [here](#) to see last year's recipients. The application process and criteria are at this [link](#). Pastors are encouraged to announce the following at Masses over the coming weeks: "Organizations are encouraged to apply to the Pope Francis Fund for grants for charitable works that help the poor. Application details and criteria are available at [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca)." The application process closes on February 28.

**SYNODAL 2021 -2023 PROCESS:** Since Vatican II, bishops have gathered every two to three years to reflect on important issues confronting the Church, seeking to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. In recent times Pope Francis has sought to invite broader consultation. The Synod of Bishops in 2023 will be the culmination of a two-year synodal process for the entire Church that will shape the bishop's meeting in Rome in 2023.

This Synod begins with a diocesan listening phase involving all the faithful at local churches in dioceses throughout the world. This listening phase was scheduled to run January 2022 through to April 2022 in light of COVID guidelines these discussions have been moved to a later date, when we are able to gather together.

The goal of this synodal process is to involve as many people as possible in a worldwide process of intentional listening: listening to each other, and listening to the Holy Spirit. The theme of the upcoming Synod is "For a Synodal Church Communion, Participation and Mission" defines how the synodality of the Church will be achieved.

For more information on our Diocesan plan click [here](#) to watch Bishop Fabbro's Homily to open the Synod in the Diocese of London go [here](#).



## WAYS TO DONATE TO SPRINGBANK CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES:

### FOR ST. GEORGE:

Click [here](#) to donate for all the options or call the parish office at 519-471-4220

Consider these options:

1. **E-Transfers** - Simply send funds from your account to our parish email at [stgeorge@dol.ca](mailto:stgeorge@dol.ca)
2. **Pre-Authorized Donations Monthly** - Sign up and donate from your account monthly. Simply complete the online form. NEW 2022 forms are now available online or from the office.
3. **Envelopes** - Request Offertory Envelopes online or by contacting the Parish Office. We can deliver parish envelopes to you. During the pandemic you can mail or drop them off at the parish in our mail.
4. **Canada Helps**

### FOR ST. JOHN THE DIVINE:

Click [here](#) to donate for all the options or call the parish office at 519-471-7022.

Consider these options:

1. **E-Transfers** - simply send funds from your account to our parish email at [stjd@dol.ca](mailto:stjd@dol.ca)
2. **Pre- Authorized Donations( PAD) Monthly Donation** - Sign up and donate from your account monthly. Simply complete the online form. NEW 2022 forms are now available online or from the office.
3. **Envelopes** - Request Offertory Envelopes by contacting the Parish Office. During the pandemic you can mail or drop them off at the parish in our mail
4. **Canada Helps**

Please note that any contributions that you wish to be included in your 2021 charitable tax receipt must be received at the Parish Office before December 31st, 2021. Cheques received prior to December 31st and post dated into 2022 cannot be included for 2021.

If you have any questions regarding your contributions or information about the many ways to donate please email Rod Tramble at [rtramble@dol.ca](mailto:rtramble@dol.ca)



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**This Lent,  
let's put**



**PEOPLE  
& PLANET  
first**



**Share Lent Workshop: London Diocese  
Thursday, February 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Visit [devp.org/events](http://devp.org/events) to register!**



# London/St. Thomas Retrouvaille The Weekend

[www.retrouvaillelondon.com](http://www.retrouvaillelondon.com)

**Do you feel alone? Are you angry or frustrated with your spouse? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other?**



## **“Retrouvaille**

**hasn't eliminated our problems, but has given us the tools to work with. We have a better understanding of each other and the maturity to talk things out instead of fighting.”**

## **Hope is Available**

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience, in which husbands and wives are helped with communication to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The Weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, nor is it counseling.

You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

Confidentiality ensured

**In Hamilton March 11-13, 2022**

**In London May 27-29, 2022**

**Contact us soon to register as limited spaces are available.**

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