With a life in Jesus as our foundation, God’s call to us and our ultimate purpose in life tend to look very different. Thinking less about the decisions themselves and more about the life those decisions effect, we realize that what matters most to God is ultimately not what we choose but the amount of love that those decisions create in our lives; where we go to school, what we do for a living, and our familial life matters to God only to the extent that what we choose enables us to live as Christ-like as we can.

All that God wills and all that God calls us to be is his adopted sons and daughters. That’s it.

Casey Cole, OFM

Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God
**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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| Monday, April 23, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Prayer with the Songs of Taizé
                             Sts. George (Martyr) & Adalbert (Bishop, Martyr) (Memorial)
                             Intentions of Reverend David Furlonger, CSsR |
| Tuesday, April 24, 2018 |          | St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Priest, Martyr) (Memorial) |
| Wednesday, April 25, 2018 |          | St. Mark (Evangelist) (Feast) |
| Thursday, April 26, 2018 | 12:00 PM | Eucharist
                             Intention of Reverend Matthew Kucharski |
| Friday, April 27, 2018 | 12:00 PM | Eucharist
                             Intention of Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky |
| Saturday, April 28, 2018 |          | Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort (Priest) (Memorial)
                             Intention of Reverend Bogdan Molenda, SChr |

**PERMANENT DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSIONS:** The Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study Program is holding inquiring sessions on April 25, 2018 from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at Holy Angel’s Parish in St. Thomas and on May 27, 2018 from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at St. George’s Parish in London. For more information, contact St. Peter’s Seminary at 519-432-1824 ext 281 or email to cleach4@uwo.ca.

**CALL FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE:** A family is in the process of relocating from Syria to London. While we are not providing any financial support, we are being asked to help them find a new home within our community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with English tutoring, cultural integration and providing general support. If you have time and energy to be of support, please contact Annette Donovan Panchaud at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca or contact the office at 519-963-1477. Even an hour a week will make a big difference in helping those in need.

**ST. MICHAEL’S CHOIR SCHOOL,** with special guests CCH Testostertones and Amabile Young Men’s Ensemble, will perform a concert on April 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica. Entrance is by free-will donation. For more information, contact the Cathedral at 519-432-3475.

**BIRTHRIGHT LONDON** will be hosting their annual Special Ladies’ Brunch at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, April 29th at Greenhills Golf Club, 4838 Colonel Talbot Rd. London. Tickets are $55 each which includes taxes and gratuities and an $18 charitable receipt. For more information call, 519-432-3475.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Revera Windermere on the Mount is hosting an open house weekend on May 5 and 6, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Drop in to meet Revera residents and hear about their experience. Enjoy an afternoon of food and activities to see what living at Revera retirement residence is all about. For more information contact, call 519-432-9863 or see the website at reveraliving.com/openhouse.

**HOUSES OF WELCOME, HOUSES OF PRAYER:** The Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning at King’s University College invites you to take part in an exciting new interfaith initiative. Come and meet members of London’s Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, share in their prayer times, learn about their places of prayer and their history in the London community. The next location we are invited to is the London Muslim Mosque (151 Oxford Street West) on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome for this free event. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the prayer time. For more information and to register, please contact the Office of Campus Ministry at lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca.
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Bella Jenkins, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Jenkins and to Charlotte Marsman, daughter of Allison Powell and Michael Marsman, as they receive First Communion today. We pray Bella and Charlotte grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord and that their families provide them with a witness of God’s love throughout their lives.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Everyone is welcome to The Cathedral on Saturday, April 28, 2018 for the Ordinations to the Priesthood at 11:00 AM. Deacons Paul Kim and Robert Weaver from our diocese and alum of St. Peter’s Seminary will be ordained in the celebration for service to the local church. Please pray for them and for all discerning God’s will.

John Mark, later known simply as Mark, was a Jew by birth. His feast is celebrated on April 25th. He was the son of that Mary who was proprietress of the Cenacle or “upper room” which served as the meeting place for the first Christians in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). He was still a youth at the time of the Savior’s death. In his description of the young man who was present when Jesus was seized and who fled from the rabble leaving behind his “linen cloth,” the second Evangelist might possibly have stamped the mark of his own identity.

During the years that followed, the rapidly maturing youth witnessed the growth of the infant Church in his mother’s Upper Room and became acquainted with its traditions. This knowledge he put to excellent use when compiling his Gospel. Later, we find Mark acting as a companion to his cousin Barnabas and Saul on their return journey to Antioch and on their first missionary journey. But Mark was too immature for the hardships of this type of work and therefore left them at Perge in Pamphylia to return home.

As the two apostles were preparing for their second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take his cousin with him. Paul, however, objected. Thereupon the two cousins undertook a missionary journey to Cyprus. Time healed the strained relations between Paul and Mark, and during the former’s first Roman captivity (61-63), Mark rendered Paul valuable service (Col. 4:10; Philem. 24), and the Apostle learned to appreciate him. When in chains the second time Paul requested Mark’s presence (2 Tim. 4:11).

An intimate friendship existed between Mark and Peter; he played the role of Peter’s companion, disciple, and interpreter. According to the common patristic opinion, Mark was present at Peter’s preaching in Rome and wrote his Gospel under the influence of the prince of the apostles. This explains why incidents which involve Peter are described with telling detail (e.g., the great day at Capharnaum, 1:14f). Little is known of Mark’s later life. It is certain that he died a martyr’s death as bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. His relics were transferred from Alexandria to Venice, where a worthy tomb was erected in St. Mark’s Cathedral.

The Gospel of St. Mark, the shortest of the four, is, above all, a Roman Gospel. It originated in Rome and is addressed to Roman, or shall we say, to Western Christianity. Another high merit is its chronological presentation of the life of Christ. For we should be deeply interested in the historical sequence of the events in our blessed Savior’s life.

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Through the Veritas series, King’s endeavors to foster learning and dialogue by gathering scholars, artists and activists who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice in the 21st century. The coming year's series will be dedicated to looking at how we might be agents of healing and justice where there is division and animosity. We hope that many will join us for these gatherings and we encourage you to set aside time in your calendars. The following speakers have been confirmed. We hope that many will join us for these gatherings. This coming year, we will welcome:

**Susan Aglukark**  
Juno Award Winning Inuk Singer/Songwriter  
Chair of Arctic Rose Foundation  
**September 20, 2018**

**Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI**  
President  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
San Antonio, Texas  
**February 7, 2019**

**Dr. Tim O’Malley**  
McGrath Institute for Church Life  
University of Notre Dame  
Indiana, USA  
**October 18, 2018**

**Dr. Murray Watson**  
Catholic Biblical Scholar and  
Interfaith Leader  
Barrie, Ontario  
**February 28, 2019**

**Cardinal Joseph Tobin**  
Archbishop of Newark  
New Jersey, USA  
**November 21, 2018**

**Dr. Catherine Clifford**  
Professor, Saint Paul University  
Ottawa, Ontario  
**March 21, 2019**

**Archbishop Don Bolen**  
Archbishop of Regina  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
**January 17, 2019**

**Dr. Benjamin Muller**  
Associate Professor, King’s University College  
London, Ontario  
**April 4, 2019**

Further details and brochures will be available later this spring.

**FOUNDATIONS IN PARISH NURSING PROGRAM**: Are you a registered nurse who would like to integrate your spirituality with your nursing practice and also learn more about the exciting field of parish nursing? Join us from July 8 to 14, 2018 at Brescia University College in London, Ontario. For more information visit http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21 or contact Catherine Leach at 519-432-1824 ext. 281 or toll-free at 1-888-548-9649 ext. 281.

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