God is revealed when freedom and righteous dealings are achieved. When slums are transfigured, when communities and peoples are redeemed from hurt and harm, when warring factions find peace, then the Kingdom comes nearer to us, and we reflect God’s glory.

David Adam, *Just One Year*. Ed. Timothy Radcliffe (Darton, Longman & Todd, 2006)
REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP INITIATIVE—UPDATE

4 August 2019

I am grateful to report that the initiative that we began together in 2014 has been hugely successful. We have been able to provide a place of safety and security to individuals and families from Africa and the Middle East, assisting them in rebuilding their lives, far from the wars which they fled. We have been asked to assist a mother and father, already settled in London, in bringing their children here. As you can imagine, in fleeing war, people often end up in temporary refuge far from their home. In this case, after leaving Syria, their son found himself in Libya. Their daughter and her family are in Turkey.

Medical assessments have shown that the children are malnourished and, as a consequence, are physically delayed.

We require $30 000 to bring them to London and have them settled here. Might you consider a final donation for this project? With nearly 300 families registered in the parish, if each household donates $100, we will easily meet our target. Some will be able to offer less. Some more. To date, we have raised nearly $9000.

Your generosity is, once again, a sign of our collective commitment to embody Christ’s words recorded in Matthew 25:31-46.

Donations can be made by contributing through our online portal or through writing a cheque to Christ the King University Parish (MEMO: REFUGEE). Alternatively, you can call the office and speak with one of the team who will assist you in contributing to this project.

In advance, I thank you for your consideration.

Gratefully,

Michael Bechard (Rev.)

DAILY MASSES HAVE CONCLUDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast Day (August 6)

Here is a mountain-top experience, in a rarified atmosphere, and yet we are called to share in it. We are all given the opportunity to be alone with Jesus and to see him for what he truly is. And in seeing him and his glory we will be changed. The transfiguration was not only a vision of the glory of Jesus, but an awakening to what life is about. Vision, if it is true, always demands change within us and about us.

Jesus had purposely taken Peter, James and John with him to the mountain top. By setting them apart for a while he gave them an opportunity to see him more clearly. Here is not only a glimpse of glory, but of the one who fulfils all that the law and the prophets looked forward to. Here is a vision of humankind as it could be.

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“COME TO THE WATER” RETREAT: A day retreat for people living with or supporting someone with a mental illness. The retreat is on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and is facilitated by Antoinette Parisio, Regional Leader for L’Arche Communities. The cost is $25.00 per person.

Kindly register or make further inquiries by emailing cathiegauthier@rogers.com.

Space is limited, so we encourage early registration.

LITURGICAL MUSIC COMPOSER DAVID HAAS IS COMING TO LONDON

The Diocese of London Liturgy Office and King’s University College Office of Campus Ministry are pleased to announce that celebrated liturgical music composer David Haas will be coming to the Diocese of London to perform a concert and present a workshop. He is the composer of such well-loved hymns as “Blest Are They,” “You Are Mine,” “We Are Called,” and “You Are the Voice.”

Concert with David Haas: Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7:30 PM in The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount. Cost: $10.

Workshop for Parish Musicians: Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at King’s University College (Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre). David will present a workshop on the spirituality and role of music ministers. He will also offer insight and guidance on choosing appropriate music for the liturgy. Lunch included. Cost: $20.

Purchase tickets online through eventbrite.com and search for “David Haas London” or contact the Office of Campus Ministry.

ST. MARY’S FAMILY THEATRE MOVIE SERIES & MARIAN DEVOTION: Please join us at St. Mary’s Church (345 Lyle St. in London) on Saturday, August 10 at 4:15 PM for the First Saturday Marian Devotion, which includes the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary during the Marian Procession of the Immaculate Conception statue with the Knights of Columbus.

Following the 5:00 PM Mass, you are welcome to dinner & fellowship in St. Mary’s Parish Hall. $10 for adults, $7 for kids—all refreshments, snacks, and desserts included. We will be screening the 1939 Academy Award-winning film Boystown, based on the real-life work of Father Edward J. Flanagan. Starring Spencer Tracy, who won the Oscar for Best Actor in his role as Father Flanagan, and Mickey Rooney, the film also won an Oscar for Best Writing and Best Original Story

For tickets and information, please call 519-434-9121.

UPCOMING MARRIAGES: In the coming months, the following couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. Please remember them in your prayers, and may God strengthen them in faith and love.

Rodney Lupo & Katrina Beeney on August 24
Federico Pasini & Jennifer Cyr on August 31
Kevin Van Lierop & Michelle Fogtton on September 28
Matthew Bellia & Kirsten Rimeikis on October 12
John McAlea & Lauren Phillips on October 15
Jonathan Kingwell & Kathleen McKee on December 28
The place where we gather for worship and mission is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lunaapeewak and Attawandaron peoples who have longstanding relationships to the land and region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London.