That we should “love God” not merely to convince ourselves that we are good people, or to get a warm glow of peace, or to fit in with an approving group, or to get rid of anxiety, but to throw all that to the winds, and anxiety or not, even though we realize the utter depth of our inadequacy, to realize that this simply does not matter in the “eyes of God” for, as we are, without misfortunes and needs, “we are his joy” and he delights to be loved by us with confidence in him because he is love itself.

Thomas Merton Precious Thoughts Selected and edited by Fiona Gardner  
(Darton, Longman and Todd, 2011)
UPCOMING WEEKS IN A GLANCE

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Please note that incense will be used at the Vigil of the Lord’s Nativity on Christmas Eve.

The celebration of Daily Eucharist is discontinued until January 7, 2020.

The office will be closed December 21, 2019 and will reopen on January 2, 2020.

In the event of an emergency, please contact michael.bechard@kings.uwo.ca.

Sunday bulletins will resume on January 5, 2020.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: Please note that the children’s program will not take place on December 24, through to January 1. Programming will resume on January 5, 2020.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Over 350 shoeboxes were collected, filled, wrapped and delivered last night. Words of gratitude are extended to all those who participated in this event. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Volunteers are needed for either the 5:00 to 7:00 PM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM shifts on our next visit on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Hospitality Centre to serve, prepare food or play music. Donations of healthy snacks, baked goods (store-bought or home-baked), sandwiches, cheese and fruit are needed. Non-refrigerated foods can be dropped off Friday in Wemple room 139 and all other food can be dropped off at the Hospitality Centre at 5:15 PM on January 4, 2020. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Annette at 519-963-1477 or at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers for our Christmas celebrations in memory of your loved ones and/or for the needs and intentions of friends and family, please use the designated envelopes that are available at the entrance of the church. You can call Lisa Caeiro in the Parish Office at 519-963-1477 until December 18, 2019. Your name and the name of the individuals you would like to remember will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ADVENT DRIVE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES: Imagine what it would have been like for Mary and Joseph: to be young, in a foreign land and with no place to give birth. Then imagine what an honour it would be to provide them with necessary provisions and refuge. For Advent, our faith community will be welcoming donations of diapers, clothing, sleepers and other items needed for the care of infants. Please bring your unwrapped and new gifts to honour the Christ-Child. Donations can be left at the side altar under the statue of St. Joseph until December 16, 2019. Your gifts will be given to the London Crisis Pregnancy Centre, to assist families who struggle with the financial obligations of raising a child.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE: Jonathan Kingwell & Kathleen McKee will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on December 28, 2019. May God strengthen them in faith and love.
We have committed to welcoming another family fleeing the conflict in Syria. To date, we have raised nearly $35,114. Thank you for your continued support. Aihem Zakeya is scheduled to arrive in Canada on December 16, 2019. His sister, her husband and her children are still awaiting their visas.

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.

NORTHERN CALENDARS: Last year, our parish offered IMAGES OF THE ARCTIC, a calendar using photos taken by Bishop Jon Hansen CSsR of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, NWT. The calendars are available again this year for $20. All the proceeds from this project will support the very basic needs in parishes of the northern missions. These calendars are available at the back of The Chapel.

TABLE TO TABLE: Meals will resume on January 12, 2020 when the 5:00 PM mass resumes. Would you like to get together with a friend or family in the parish and cook for this meal? We can help with ideas and reimbursements for the cost. Please contact Annette at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca or Maija at maija.wilson@kings.uwo.ca or call 519-963-1477.

BLANKET EXERCISE: The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, interactive and participatory history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) covers more than 500 years in a 90-minute experiential workshop that aims to foster understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. During the KBE, participants walk on blankets representing the land and learn about the role of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcome as they literally ‘walk’ through situations that include pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. The Exercise concludes with a debriefing, conducted as a ‘talking circle’, during which participants discuss the learning experience, process their feelings, ask questions, share insights and deepen their understanding. You are invited to participate in the KBE at King's University College on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM, in the Vitali Lounge of the Wemple Building. There is no cost but registration is required. To register, please contact Lisa at lisa.caiero@kings.uwo.ca

THE BIGGER PICTURE is a film festival that will be taking place on Wednesdays at 7:15 PM in the theatre at Windermere on the Mount. The first film will take place on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 entitled, Poverty Inc. This film challenges traditional understandings of development and international assistance, unearthing the uncomfortable side of charity. Discussion to follow. Popcorn will be provided.

This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan to bring your prodigal people home again.

We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act.

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UNPLANNED
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020, 7:00 PM, KENNY THEATRE
FREE / ACCESSIBLE

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of God’s Not Dead, Unplanned speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. Unplanned brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson’s best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation.

ARCHBISHOP LINDA NICHOLLS
That They May Be One
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020, 7:00 PM, KENNY THEATRE
FREE / ACCESSIBLE

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and amidst polarizations, both within Christian traditions and between us, how is Jesus’ prayer in John 17, “that they may be one…” being lived today? The current climate of polarization drives wedges within and between Christian communities. Are there signs of hope? From experience of parish and diocesan leadership and ecumenical dialogue. Archbishop Nicholls will explore the signs of hope for unity.

Archbishop Linda Nicholls is the 14th primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Previously, she was Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Huron, Area Bishop of Trent Durham in the Diocese of Toronto where she served as a priest for 20 years in parish ministry. She has served on the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue in Canada as a member (1989-1997) and Co-Chair (2011-2019) and is a member of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III). Her D.Min. thesis (2002), ‘That They May Be One,’ explored sustaining unity at the Eucharistic table in the midst of division, particularly on moral issues.

We acknowledge that King’s University College is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.