Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for Him at all, Christ has come uninvited.

But because He cannot be at home in it, because He is out of place in it, and yet He must be in it, His place is with those others for whom there is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated.

With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world.

Thomas Merton
The Time of the End is the Time of No Room
1965
The celebration of Daily Eucharist is discontinued until January 9, 2019.

**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.

**COMMENTS TO THE KING’S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CHAMBER CHOIR** on a very successful and very well-attended Christmas concert held on Saturday December 1, 2018 in the Chapel at Windermere on the Mount, entitled “Gloria! Christmas with Brass.” The concert raised $2825.00, which will go toward our parish’s Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. Be sure to mark your calendar for their next concert, “Through Darkness to Light” on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 7:30 pm in ‘The Chapel’ at Windermere on the Mount.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Over 250 shoeboxes were collected, filled, wrapped and delivered last weekend. Words of gratitude are extended to all those who participated in this event. We will continue to collect diapers, sleepers and other items for new families in need for the London Crisis Pregnancy Centre until today. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

**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 also see Annette Donovan Panchaud or call Lisa Caeiro in the Parish Office at 519-963-1477. 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.

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM:** Please note that the children’s program will not take place on December 24, 25, 30 or January 1, 2019. Programming will resume on January 6, 2019.

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:** The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and provides us the opportunity to reflect upon the Gospel of Luke. Following the morning Eucharist on December 16, 2018, Andrea DiGiovanni, lecturer in Scripture at St. Peter’s Seminary and King’s University College, will offer a one hour presentation on the unique themes present in Luke’s narrative and the challenges they provide us today. Refreshments will be provided. This presentation will be relaxed and accessible to any and all.
IN MEMORY: Please remember in your prayers, Grace Solomon, a resident at Windermere on The Mount, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 and to Mark Ouellette, former Episcopal Director of Personnel for the Diocese of London, who passed away on December 11, 2018. May Grace and Mark know the fullness of life in God's presence and may those who mourn their deaths find hope in the promise of resurrection.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITALITY CENTRE: Volunteers are needed for either the 5:00 to 7:00 PM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM shifts on Saturday, January 5, 2019 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 5, 2019. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Annette at 519-963-1477 or at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca.

COMMUNITY MEALS: Our community meals following the 5:00 pm liturgy will continue in the new year. We warmly encourage parishioners to contribute to our potlucks, to consider sponsoring a meal ($500) or to join with another family to prepare a meal for those gathered. This offering is tax deductible For more information, contact Annette at 519-963-1477 or at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca. Today marks the final community meal of 2018. The meals will resume on January 13, 2018.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PROGRAM: St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2019/2020. Brochures with application forms are available in all elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at (519) 675-4423. Applications are due to back to St. Mary School by December 21, 2018. Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 Students of the London District Catholic School Board. All applicants must meet the admission requirements.

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Since the Second Vatican Council, we can say with confidence that dialogue is constitutive of the Church’s life in the world. Dialogue and relationship building takes many shapes, and some of those creative efforts, including receptive ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions, and interfaith conversations in the sphere of culture.

Pope Francis appointed Bishop Bolen, as the eighth Archbishop of Regina, on Monday, July 11, 2016. Born in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, he studied English and in Religious Studies at the University of Regina and theology at the University of Saint Paul in Ottawa, obtaining the License in Theology. He then transferred to Oxford University in England to further his studies in ecumenism and the documents of the "Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission." Archbishop Bolen is a Member of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, Co-Chair of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, and Co-Chair of the Joint International Commission for Dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Catholic Church.
Imagine how young Mary—probably no more than 15 or 16 years old—must have felt upon receiving the news that the impossible was about to take place within her, that she would give birth to the Savior. How could she tell her betrothed, Joseph? What would her family think? Who would believe her?

“Do not be afraid, Mary,” the angel says to her. “Nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:30, 37). We know the rest of the story. The impossible was indeed made possible, not only at the birth of Jesus, but in the many miracles he performed, and most of all at his Resurrection. If God could accomplish all this, imagine what God can do in your own life. Advent is the season for imagining what is possible, for dreaming new dreams, for hoping beyond hope.

But it is also the season when hope can be hardest to find, dreams hardest to believe. The days draw short, the nights are long and the air turns. Expenses may loom at a time when resources are scarce. Separation, grief, loneliness, and depression are no strangers to the season. Hope may be in short supply during this time. We need Mary’s inspiring example of courage and trust in the face of uncertainty more than ever.

What Mary can offer us is a remarkable and inspiring example of courage in the face of adversity, patience in the face of uncertainty, and hope beyond hope that the impossible is indeed possible.

Mary stood with her son as he was crucified (John 19:25–27); she stood with his fearful followers who huddled after his death (Acts 1:13–14). She knew that the story wasn’t over yet. And she was right.

Our story isn’t finished, either, no matter what challenges or wounds burden us this season. All things remain possible with God. This is the miracle of Advent. We can once again dream the impossible dream—and reach the unreachable star.

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