We need heralds of the Gospel who are experts in humanity, who know the depths of the human heart, who can share the joys, the hopes, the agonies, the distress of people today, but who are, at the same time, contemplatives who have fallen in love with God.

Pope John Paul II
October 11, 1985
RETURN TO THE NORTH: Father Béchard and a dozen students will continue their trip in the Lake Athabasca region again this week to assist with the First Nations’ pilgrimage to Pine Channel. They will return on July 11, 2018. During his absence, the community is grateful for the Sunday ministry of Father Mark Sargent.

PASTORAL COUNSELLING: Deacon Jim Panchaud, MSW is open to receiving individuals and couples from our faith community and members of the wider community for Pastoral Counselling. If you would like to setup an appointment to see him, please contact him by phone at 519-963-1477 ext. 4340 or by e-mail at jim.panchaud@kings.uwo.ca. There are no fees for this service.

PARISH CHOIR: In the summer months, music will be led by a cantor and a pianist. The choir will return in September. Are you interested in joining the choir in September? If you sing or play an instrument and would like to share your talent with our worshipping community, then we would love to hear from you. Although having previous experience is always helpful, it is definitely not a requirement. Contact Janet Loo at 519-433-3491 ext. 4528 or janet.loo@kings.uwo.ca for more information.

LIVING FAITH RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The Sisters of St. Joseph are pleased to announce Living Faith, a retreat for young adults, men and women aged 18 to 39. Taking place in North Bay, August 24 to 26, 2018, it is a project of the Sisters from the three Congregations of the Federation: Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie and the CSJs in Canada. For further information, please contact Kataryna Ryba at 416-467-2645.

RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND: Retrouvaille offers help and hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Please contact Retrouvaille for more information or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 24 to 26th, 2018. Please call 519-243-0687 or email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: Are you giving support to a person struggling with mental health issues? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. They meet at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month, at St. Michael’s Parish, 511 Cheapside St., London. All are welcome. For more information to see if YANA is the support you are looking for, please call Cathie at 519-850-0600 or Dorothy at 519-204-2931.

NEW DAY is a faith-based support group for people living with mental health issues. Come receive and share in the compassion and strength of this welcoming group. They meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at St. Peter’s Cathedral Parish Community Centre, 196 Dufferin St, London. For further information, call Bob or Joanne at 226-377-4831, or email at info@newdaylondon.ca, or visit www.newdaylondon.ca.
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Vince Vilayil, son of Paul Vilayil and Donna Padavan, and to Sara Ibrahim, daughter of Georgina and Ricardo Ibrahim, as they celebrate their baptisms with us on July 15, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Fadel Ibrahim, son of Salim and Rola Ibrahim as he receives First Communion on July 15, 2018.

We pray Vince, Sara and Fadel 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.

Congratulations are also extended to Adam Newton and Rachel Welch who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on July 7, 2018. Please remember them as they enter in this vocation of love and service.

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

Shawn McIntosh and Estefania Rojas (July 21, 2018)
Amadea Setiabudhi and Julien Patel (August 3, 2018)
Omar Saade and Sara Attard (August 25, 2018)
Ali Neves and Zack Fitzmaurice (October 6, 2018)

Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, Kateri Tekakwitha was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri–Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God’s love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an “ordinary” life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Kids4Peace**
Jerusalem
**March 28-29, 2019**

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

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.