And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5.5

Christianity is, really, when you take away all the pomp and circumstance, it’s about hope and possibility.

Tarana Burke

Lord, when we weary of the journey, strengthen us by your Spirit to imagine new heavens and new earth.

Amen.

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PASTORAL COUNSELLING: Deacon Jim Panchaud, MSW is open to receiving individuals and couples from our faith community and where applicable, members of the wider community for Pastoral Counselling. If you would like to set up 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.

MEAL SPONSORSHIP: A number of parishioners have indicated that they would like to support the meal following the 5:00 PM Eucharist. The cost to sponsor a meal for 70 people is $500. Your financial gifts are always welcome and are tax deductible.

PARENTS AND BABY GROUP: An opportunity for parents and their babies to create community. We share struggles and triumphs, read stories and sing songs related to the Gospel, and learn from a variety of early year specialists. The group meets every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 11:00 AM. For more information please contact Maija Wilson at maija.wilson@kings.uwo.ca.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The Development and Peace Student Group at Kings University College is revving up for another year. If you are interested in engaging in meaningful conversation about issues of social justice, understanding the role we play in effecting change in the world today, making a difference in people’s lives and building community, please contact Annette at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca or 519-963-1477. We hope you will join us.

TRACY ROOT ART SHOW: We are grateful to Sister Sue Wilson CSJ, Father Denis Grecco and Tracy Root for their presentation on poverty in the City of London on opening night. Tracy’s art continues to be on display in the Vitali Lounge of King’s University College until October 9, 2018. There are a number of pieces still for sale. Please take a moment to come and see the work of this extraordinary artist.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST INFO MEETING: All children in Grade Two and their parents are invited to an information meeting about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion TODAY at 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Preparation classes for Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, October 14; Sunday, October 21; and Sunday, October 28, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the parish hall.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: On Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, beginning on October 3, 2018, we gather in the Vitali Student Lounge (with the exception of October 3, 2018 which will be in the Vitali Lounge Extension) to study and reflect on Pope Francis’ 2018 Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate. We will do this in conjunction with the writings of Sister Joan Chittister, OSB. Texts will be provided. To register, please contact Lisa Caeiro at lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca.
INTER-FAITH TREE PLANTING: Join with Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith groups to plant 400 trees at Pepper Tree park in London on October 28, 2018 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. We’ll have an afternoon of tree planting and fellowship. All are invited to bring a vegetarian snack to share. Plus, volunteers will receive a tree to take home. For more information and to volunteer please contact Annette Donovan Panchaud at 519.471.6024 ext. 4423 or annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca. We look forward to seeing you there.

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, October 6, 2018 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 and can be dropped off Friday in W139 or at the Hospitality Centre at 5:15 PM on October 6, 2018. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Annette at 519-963-1477 or at annette.donovanpanchaud@kings.uwo.ca.

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL: The Diocese of London Marriage Tribunal is in need of volunteer auditors to take the testimonies of people who are looking to obtain a Declaration of Nullity (“annulment”) as well as their witnesses. If this is something that you think you would like to do, please contact Philip Palmer at 519-439-1553 ext. 30 or ppalmer@dol.ca.

NINTH ANNUAL A.P. MAHONEY LIBRARY LECTURE: The A.P. Mahoney Library hosts an annual lecture to celebrate Theological Libraries Month, an initiative of the American Theological Library Association, held in October of each year. The lecture serves as a vehicle to showcase the seminary’s talented faculty and is followed by a reception in the library. This year features Father Pio Beorchia, Vice-Rector of St. Peter’s Seminary and Lecturer in Sacramental Theology with his lecture entitled, “By His Wounds We Are Healed.” The lecture will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:30 PM at St. Peter’s Seminary Auditorium. This is a free event and all are welcome. For more information visit https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Library/Lectures/82.

VERITAS SERIES FOR FAITH AND CULTURE

Dr. Timothy P. O’Malley
Liturgy and the University of the Church
Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7:30 pm, Kenny Theatre
FREE / ACCESSIBLE

The Church must think about liturgical inclusion not simply as a series of tactics to increase liturgical participation. Instead, it must relate to the Church’s very mission to transform the entire world in Eucharistic love.

Dr. Timothy P. O’Malley is the director of education for the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame. He also holds an appointment as the academic director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy where he teaches courses in liturgical-sacramental theology in the Department of Theology. He has authored six books most recently Liturgical Formation in the R.C.I.A. (Liturgical Press, 2019) and Off the Hook: God, Love, Dating, and Marriage in a Hookup World (Ave Maria Press, 2018)

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.

Ali Neves and Zack Fitzmaurice (October 6, 2018)
Shay Gavin and Eric Marrinan (October 8, 2018)
Sophia Kacprzak and Samuel Keys (October 13, 2018)
Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: “In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you” (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied “in every case”, especially when we are “confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult”.

Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God’s perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, “Be perfect” (Mt 5:48), but rather, “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you” (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: “The measure you give will be the measure you get back” (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

Jesus does not say, “Blessed are those who plot revenge”. He calls “blessed” those who forgive and do so “seventy times seven” (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (Mt 18:33). Seeing and acting with mercy; that is holiness.

Gaudete Et Exsultate (80-82)
Pope Francis

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.