

**February 25, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"Here I am!" he answered.* - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**Readings for March 4, 2018**

**First Reading** : Exodus 20.1-17  
The law was given through Moses.

**Psalm** : 19

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

**Second Reading** : 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-55++

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

**Gospel** : John 2.13-25

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

**Financial Report February 18, 2018**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes \$5,829.90  
Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) \$1,625.00

**Assessment Total 2018** \$65,850.96  
Payment -5,487.58  
Assessment balance \$60,363.38

**Loan for New Roof** \$50,000.00  
Payment made for Jan/Feb 10,000.00  
Loan balance \$40,000.00

**Gift Card Report**

Profit last week \$ 265.00  
Total Profits for 2018 \$1,775.00  
Profits from 2006-2017 \$276,575.96

Ongoing Profit to Date \$278,350.96

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.



"Entering into the house, they found the child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down, they adored Him." (Matt. 2:11)

-Let us imitate the Magi!

**St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities**

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Barb Deneau by Sharon Pillon  
† Theresa Pietrangelo by Rosa & Dominic Pietrangelo  
† Brenna Jones by Jeremie & Jacob Bornais  
1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center  
7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus—Fr. Ware Room  
7pm Youth Group Meetings—Ecole St Jean Baptiste Gym  
**9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Amedina Simone by Maria Parete  
† Howard Pillon by Lou Ann & Dave Greenham  
† Alene Waters by Joyce Jubenville  
6:30pm Confirmation Meeting— Church

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Paulo and Maria DiPronio by Lucia Conte & Family  
† Cec Jubenville (6th Ann.) by Joyce Jubenville & Family  
9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room  
1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room  
6:30pm Faith Buddies Assembly room  
7pm Unveil—K of C Hall Amherstburg  
1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

World Day of Prayer

**8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Gary Pillon by Lou Ann & Dave Greenham  
† Steve Vuk by Isabell, Jim & Roger Bastien  
† Rosalina DiBartolomeo by Maria & Donato DiPasquale

**7pm Mass**

† Barb Deneau by Mary Dunn  
† Matteo Cristofaro by Theresa Cristofaro  
† Francesco D'Alimonte by Carmela Danese  
7:30 Bible Study "The Gospel of Mark" Fr. Ware Room

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

**8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Annina DeAngelis by Dan DeAngelis & Family  
† Matteo Cristofaro by Theresa Cristofaro  
† Francesco D'Alimonte by Antoniella Esposito  
9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration Chapel  
3pm Divine Mercy Hour  
6pm Youth Group—Fast for Friends at The House  
7pm Stations of the Cross—Youth Group  
4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass**

† Barb Mayville by Bob Mayville  
† Gaetano Esposito (5th Ann.) by Antoniella Esposito & Family  
† Joe Bondy by Stella Bondy & Family

**4-4:45pm—Reconciliation**

**5pm—Mass**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

**8am Mass**

**10am Mass—Children's Liturgy**

11am—St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting



All are invited to come to say goodbye to Father Donato at our Open House on Sunday, March 4 from 1 to 4pm at the K of C Hall as Father Donato will be returning to the DR Congo permanently to oversee Hope of St. Joseph Shelter and to work in a parish.

A March Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Holy Name of Jesus, 146 Talbot St. S., Essex, ON Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (please note the start time).

If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come and welcome the new Cursillistas at their first Ultreya.

All Cursillistas are WELCOME!



COMING NEXT SUNDAY  
March 4th, 2018

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOME BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:

Our Lady of Guadalupe depends on God to inspire good people to help provide the means to continue our program for new mothers in crisis. We hope you will help us. Please take a baby bottle home and fill it with change or bills or a cheque as the Lord inspires you, and return it to your parish within the next 2 weeks. For a tax receipt, provide your name and address (Revenue Canada Tax Registration #84260 0552 RR0001). Make cheques payable to Our Lady of Guadalupe Home. For more information, visit [www.ologhome.com](http://www.ologhome.com). Contact us at 519-962-4861 or [ldube3070@gmail.com](mailto:ldube3070@gmail.com) for answers to questions. Thank you for your generosity, and please join us in saying the following prayer: "Thy will be done: Nothing more, nothing less." May God bless you 100 fold!

In the Hospital or Homebound?

Please call the rectory office 519 736 5418, one of our Priests or Ministers to the Sick will visit, bring Eucharist and pray with you.



With pornography, sex becomes a substitute for nurture, intimacy, and love. Sex is no longer a wonderful source of connection between our deepest selves and a beloved partner; it becomes a commodity used to avoid intimacy and mask needs that should be met through human contact.

All people have a critical need for human intimacy and emotional connection with others. When someone views pornography, they end up creating an intimate bond with an artificial, fake world and can actually lose the ability to bond with real people.

Pornography is about sex being used for the wrong reasons. Because it is sex without emotional closeness, the underlying hunger remains unsatisfied. The viewer starts wondering what is wrong with their relationships and gets irritated or depressed. They end up feeling emotionally empty and disconnected from those around them.

Using pornography to feel pleasure and escape feelings of low self-esteem, anxiety, boredom and frustration creates a gateway for addiction. When the rush of pleasure disappears, the feelings the user is trying to escape from reappear stronger than ever, and then they are compelled to repeat the cycle. Like any addictive substance, it creates an appetite for itself. This appetite increases over time as one spends more and more time viewing pornography. The time spent viewing pornography can jeopardize work, relationships and interest in healthy pastimes.

Over time, the pornography first viewed becomes mundane so they escalate to view things which they once would have considered as going too far or totally wrong. They feel increasing urges to do things which will damage their reputation and relationships.

In the long run, pornography will not shore up a shaky ego, will not fill the emptiness left from childhood wounds or abandonment, will not save a shaky relationship or failing marriage and is not satisfying. In fact, it will magnify each emotional wound from the past and cripple your ability to meet your essential emotional needs, damage your ability to have a healthy relationship and leave you unable to sexually or emotionally respond to your partner.

Repeated consumption of porn causes the brain to literally rewire itself. It triggers the brain to pump out chemicals and form new nerve pathways, leading to profound and lasting changes in the brain. When pornography use becomes an actual addiction, viewers are not able to stop through their own will power. Pornography addicts will need to engage in a difficult recovery process much like drug addicts.

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