

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK



**St. Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Cecilia**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**“We are a Eucharistic community forming faith-filled
disciples of Jesus in loving service of God and neighbour
for salvation”**

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St. Frances Cabrini, Delhi 519 582-2470

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

110 Adams Ave., Delhi

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Mary

211 Union St., Simcoe

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

165 Thompson Rd, Waterford

Sunday at 9:00 am

Spanish Mass Sunday at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday to November 1

St. Cecilia

17 Lynn Park Ave.

Port Dover

Sunday at 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary & Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Every Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

St. Cecilia & St. Bernard

of Clairvaux

Every Sunday 8:15 am or by
appointment

Four lit purple candles are arranged vertically on the left side of the image. Each candle is shown within a circular frame. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames. The background is a textured, abstract composition of purple and blue hues.

Fourth SUNDAY of *Advent*

December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel
said to Mary,
"Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have
found favor with God.
Behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son, and you
shall name him Jesus."

Luke 1:30–31

From the desk of Ian Duckworth:

God doesn't give us anything we can't handle.

I've had to constantly remind myself of that this Advent season.

Some of you may already know that my wife, Courtney, is pregnant (about 27 weeks now) and with our complicated past in trying to have children, she's been on bed rest in Hamilton since mid-November. I knew it would be challenging not having Courtney around for an extended period of time, but in very different ways than I imagined. It turns out Courtney does A LOT around the house, which I knew, but it is the seemingly simple but crucial things that took me by surprise - things like maintaining a routine, seeing dirt on the floor and sweeping it up or even recognizing that our 11 year old's fingernails are getting too long before I get stretched up when he tried to surprise tackle me.

But more than just "God doesn't give us anything we can't handle" - God draws us out of ourselves, out of our comforts and calls us deeper. This Advent season has turned into one of the best for my spiritual journey. When I get comfortable or confident, I can tend to push God to the side, even ever-so-slightly, saying "I'm good", "I've got this" or "I know what I'm doing". Since November I've forgotten what it feels like to "know what I'm doing" but I've had to lean in so much harder to God and draw from his comfort and his strength and that is all that is needed.

The peace and blessings our family is experiencing have been overwhelming even amidst the hardships of traveling an hour away to a hospital in a red zone to visit my pregnant wife (often times in a parking garage because she's only allowed one visitor) during a global pandemic. The graces have been overwhelming and I know that is because so many people are praying for our family, so thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I too will be praying for you and offering up all my little sufferings that you will all have a safe and blessed Christmas season with as much of your family as these weird times we live in will allow.

God bless

Livestreaming Masses

We now have a permanent set up for livestreaming Masses here in our Catholic Family of Parishes just underneath the balcony at St. Mary's church. Since Easter, parishioners have been sacrificing their phones to bring these Masses to you online and I would like to thank Mike Bellekom, Clark Churnack, Diana Garcia and Ian Duckworth for connecting us all online. Now it's all up to **(Fr. Robert/Fr. Al/ and myself)** to keep it going - please pray for us - we have to remember which tiny button is the "go live to YouTube Button" on this flashy new device in the sacristy.

With the change of this permanent camera fixture, we will be no longer livestreaming to Facebook, but YouTube in order for greater accessibility to the Mass - Not everyone has Facebook, but ANYONE can access YouTube.

That having been said, the YouTube video WILL continue to be posted on the Facebook Page around ten to 11am each Sunday and WILL be linked on The Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk Website's Homepage to allow the smoothest possible transition. The last Facebook Livestreamed Mass will take place on the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20th). Between now and then, however, you can try and connect over YouTube via our Website catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca (see the bulletin for the link). The Mass will be offered on BOTH Platforms until then.

With the change, the first several rows will be visible on Camera, so make sure you give just as much prep time to the back of your head as you all do to the front and at the sign of peace, feel free to turn around and offer a sign of peace to those watching from home

Please preregister for our **Feast Day Masses, (Christmas, Holy Family and New Year)** which are listed below, by phoning our parish office at 519-582-1312 or 519-426-0887.

Here are the times you may phone the office:

Tuesday, December 15 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Thursday, December 17 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Monday, December 21 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 22 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday, December 24, (Christmas Eve)

Nativity of the Lord

St. Mary 5:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 5:00 pm & 9:00 pm

St. Bernard 7:00 pm

St. Cecilia 7:00 pm

Friday, December 25, (Christmas Day)

Nativity of the Lord

St. Mary 8:00 am & 12:00 noon

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 8:00 am & 12:00 noon

St. Bernard 10:00 am

St. Cecilia 10:00 am



Saturday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

St. Mary 5:00 pm

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 27

Feast of the Holy Family

St. Bernard 9:00 am

St. Cecilia 9:00 am

St. Mary 11:00 am

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 11:00 am



Thursday, December 31, (New Year's Eve)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Mary 5:00 pm

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1, (New Year's Day)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

St. Bernard 9:00 am

St. Cecilia 9:00 am

St. Mary 11:00 am

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 11:00 am

(You can preregister for any or all feast days in one phone call to be guaranteed entrance and a seat.
If you do not preregister you may not be able to attend.)



We are live streaming on Facebook and on our website our Sunday Eucharist every Sunday at 11:00 am.



Baptism News

I know that there are many parents wondering about Baptism. First, let me reassure you that if you are uneasy and want to wait, we completely understand. In each of the parishes, we have a separate space for Baptism and we have one family celebrating at a time. We are wearing masks, using sanitizer and keeping our distance when possible. We are keeping our numbers as low as possible as well. We are only celebrating Baptism on Sundays after mass right now. Once Christmas has passed, we will return to the practice of only 2nd and 4th Sundays. First step is for you to go onto the Catholic Family of Parishes website and under the Sacramental Tab find Baptism. Fill in the electronic form on line and it will go to Kathryn's inbox. She will then reach out to you. If you have any questions, you can call either office and ask for extension 224 or you can e-mail Kathryn directly at kheemskerk@dol.ca.

We Commend to your Prayers:

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Daphne Jarman; Ruth Lampman; Maria Carvalho; and Maggie Moore

We pray for all the faithful departed including: Mary Flenniken; Peter St. Jean; Sister Theresa Caillouette; and David Castelo



Prayer Line: 519 426-0788 ~ jeanninekowalsky@gmail.com or 519 582-2431



Let's Spread The Christmas Spirit!

Facebook is a tool that we use sometimes to inform you and sometimes to inspire you. For the Advent season, I was hoping to post some pictures from **you**, such as a favourite Nativity scene you put out every year, an advent wreath you use in your home, an ornament that has a lot of meaning with a few words about why you chose that ornament. There are two ways to get them to me, you can either upload them to me through Facebook messenger (I am Kathryn Heemskerk on Facebook) or you can e mail them to me at kheemskerk@dol.ca. The more the merrier!

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you have asked how you can continue supporting the Parishes with your offertory donations. As you know we still have expenses and we must continue paying our bills. If you have box offertory envelopes you can either issue us a cheque in one of the envelopes and send it in by Canada Post to the Parish you attend. I have also set up **e-transfer** for all four Parishes for your convenience. When you send an e-transfer to the Parish you are registered at, I will automatically know who you are and I will be able to enter your donation under your profile. **Just add under the memo section of the e-transfer what donation this is for: your weekly offering, a special collection i.e. the Seminary or Priest Pension Fund, or if from St. Cecilia's the Capital Campaign, or Christmas Donation.** We also offer **Pre authorized Giving**. Just send me an email ddrinkwater@dol.ca or give the Parish a call and we will send you the registration form. We know many of you are going through not only emotional but financial hardship and we do not want to add to your struggle. We appreciate everyone's understanding at this time and we would like to **THANK** everyone who is keeping us and the Parishes in their Prayers as we are keeping you in ours. Here are the four email addresses you use to transfer your donations:

St. Mary's Parish	stmarycecilia@dol.ca
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish	olmstbern@dol.ca
St. Cecilia's Parish	stcecilia@dol.ca
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish	stbernard@dol.ca

(PLEASE DO NOT E-TRANSFER CWL MEMBERSHIPS. The CWL have their own chequing account and is NOT associated with the Parish).

Debbie Drinkwater
Administration Manager

We will be closing the office from December 24th to January 4th 2021. If you need a Priest for an emergency only, call either the Simcoe or Delhi office and press "9".



The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic prayer group holds prayer meetings every Tuesday Evening at 7:30 pm electronically on Zoom until face to face meetings become possible at St. Mary's Lower Hall. To join the virtual meeting, please contact John or Barra at johnbarra@sympatico.ca for information. Thank you and May God Bless. John G Gots 519 583-0277

The Holy Rosary Group

The HOLY ROSARY Group Christmas Season 2020 and New Year 2021 Prayer meet up via ZOOM schedule below. The ZOOM link invite details will be sent out via email:

December 19th Saturday - 10:30 am

December 27th Sunday - 5:00 pm (Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus Mary & Joseph)

January 1st 2021- 1st Friday- 5:00 pm (Mary Mother Of God & New Year)

January 16th 2021 Saturday- 10:30 am

January 30th 2021 Saturday- 10:30 am

Everyone is welcome to join in the Holy Rosary Prayer ZOOM Meet Up. Together we invoke our Blessed Mother's intercession, to keep us, our families, love ones, relatives and friends close to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the reason Why Christmas came to be. May the Holy Infant Jesus through the Holy Family grant Peace, unity and reconciliation to mankind, to nations and to the whole world. (For inquiries email Christian O'Malley ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com)

For your personal reflections please be reminded below: of the ongoing **ST. ANDREW ADVENT NOVENA**
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/advent/prayers/advent-novena>

A Blessed Peaceful Christmas and a Promising New Year to All! Thank you for your continuous kind assistance and support.

Port Dover/Walsh St. Vincent de Paul

The Port Dover/ Walsh St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way to our Christmas basket drive.

Thank you to all who brought in gift cards, made mittens and hats, or contributed a monetary donation.

With your generous donations, you helped to make Christmas a little bit merrier for families in our area who have fallen on hard times. Thank you, God Bless and all the best to you and your family in 2021.

Journey through Advent Video Series - Second Sunday of Advent

The video series "Journey through Advent" – Second Sunday of Advent is now available on the CCCB website in [English](#) and [French](#). This week's reflection contemplates the theme of consolation and how we can "prepare the way" in our own lives. The video series offers short reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings throughout this joyful liturgical season and is available each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration.

Journey Through Advent Video Series - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - is posted

The video series "Journey through Advent" – Third Sunday of Advent is now available on the CCCB website. The video series offers short reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings throughout this joyful liturgical season and is available each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration.

Graphics to assist with the promotion of these videos in bulletins and on websites are available in [English](#) and [French](#). Additional information is available in the CCCB website in [English](#) and [French](#).

Holy Family Retreat House Needs Your Support

Donations are needed to support the Retreat House so it will be there, ready to serve you, your parish, students, those discerning vocations and the many others who will bring their spiritual needs to those sacred grounds. Much has been accomplished in the last two years under Deacon Frank Lepain: painting, renovation of the chapel and dining room, new beds, plumbing and boiler repairs, and restoration of the grounds. But with no revenue from guests for the next several months, your support is needed. Please help us keep the Retreat House ready for tomorrow by donating what you can today. You can e-Transfer to hfrh@dol.ca or go to this [link](#) and select the Retreat House from the fund options on the right.



Looking Forward

WEEK 4 OF ADVENT: Live Love

The fourth week of Advent can be a challenge, in part because, by now, it feels like it's about time for Christmas. The anticipation may be more than you can bear, and you might just be ready for it all to be over. Or, on the other hand, you may be so excited that you're ready to explode.

This week, we're looking at how to live love. Love is the third and greatest virtue after faith and hope, the Bible says. It's also called charity. Charity can be defined as wishing good will to

someone. Two kinds of love are self-interested love and the love of friendship.

Self-interest love means that you love that other person for how they are useful for you or pleasant to you. The love of friendship is selfless, and it's based on the other person—loving them for their own sake, for their own good, to please them.

To live love as we move into the Christmas season is to embrace the example that Jesus gave us. It is to keep in mind those who need us and to go a step beyond our duty—to choose love for them and of them, above and beyond our own interests.

--Sarah Reinhard

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

*Weekday Mass is celebrated on WEDNESDAYS only in our 4 Churches.
Beginning in January the Weekday Mass times will change. Time changes will be in the next bulletin.*

Wednesday December 23, 2020

NO MASSES on this Wednesday.



4th Week of Advent

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs for Mary Vinnai
at St. Mary's for Peter St. Jean
At St. Cecilia's for Bill Barber



Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24, 2020

St. Mary - 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 7:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia - 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020

St. Mary - 8:00 a.m. & 12 noon

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs -- 8 a.m. & 12 noon

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 10:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia - 10:00 a.m.



Notice Regarding Mass Intentions

When contacting our office regarding Mass Intentions, please indicate if the Intention is for a living or for a deceased person. Intentions for a living person can be indicated by stating "For the Special Intentions of (person's name here)." Mass Intentions can also include a particular intention appropriate to the Eucharist celebration, such as in Thanksgiving, Respect for Life, Vocations, and World Peace.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! "It is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, and the genial fire of charity in the heart."

—Washington Irving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of December 21

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 6bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius