

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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Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

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Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Mary

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Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

165 Thompson Rd, Waterford

Sunday at 9:00 am

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 27, 2022

A Message



Dear Friends,

The Lenten Season begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday leading up to the celebration of Easter joy. The ashes remind us about the reality of our existence, with the saying, “you are dust and unto dust you shall return”; and the necessity to “repent and believe the Good News”. We have a temporary abode here on earth; therefore, we must always prepare ourselves for the heavenly home with Christ. Lenten season is a season of grace to reflect on the sacrificial nature of our vocation as Christians. During this season, we learn to embrace the life of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is a time to deny ourselves the bodily pleasure for the spirit to thrive. The liturgy at this time helps us to recognize our human limitations and weaknesses as we struggle daily to respond to God’s love for us. We shall come to appreciate the gift of God’s love in his abundant mercy and forgiveness of our sins through the death and resurrection of Christ.

During these penitential days of preparation for Easter, the Church invites every one of us to walk with Christ on his way to Calvary in the Stations of the Cross. This shall take place every Friday at all the Parishes at 7pm. It is a great devotion through which Christ blesses the members of his body with the grace to carry their cross daily. Let us remember that Christ created time to submit himself to his passion and death on the cross for our salvation. We must also see the walk with him as our recognition of the price paid for our redemption and participation in his suffering. To pray the Stations of the Cross during this season has its own spiritual benefits because the spirit moves wherever it pleases him. Every devotion has its purpose in the life of the Church and more importantly in the season of Lent. We thank the various groups that volunteered to lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday. Remember that attendance is not restricted to the groups alone. Let us come together to walk with the Lord. Don’t be left out! Jesus is waiting!!

May the Lord grant us the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit on our journey of faith. Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord Always! God is greater than our challenges!!

Fr. Augustine Ogundele

From the desk of Deacon Gerard:

Last week and this week’s Gospels conclude what is called Jesus’ sermon on the plain. Last week we heard our Lord say Stop Judging! No directive from our society could be as liberating as our Lord’s command to stop judging! No police officer, elected official or cleric, can peer into our souls. God alone sees and judges all because he alone brings all of us into existence. But our Lord’s instruction liberates us in another respect; it frees us from wasting our precious limited time and energy in the useless occupation of judging others. We have been given life for more worthwhile endeavors.

Being merciful is the one Jesus is teaching by word and example last week and today. We are all created in the image and likeness of our heavenly Father, so we also have the capacity for boundless mercy. This does require investment.

The Gospels remind me of investing our money in the banks. When we place our money into the bank’s trust, we expect our money back with a good return or at least in these days a bit more than we have initially invested. We are rewarded with more than we put in.

Jesus is telling us the same thing about our faith today. We will reap riches beyond our imaginations with the more committed and invested we are to him and his teachings.

As we prepare our Lenten practices, maybe this is the year we give up judging others and add forgiveness and mercy to our way of Christian life. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. This is loving God, our neighbour and ourselves, our Lord’s greatest commandment.

Rejoice in our Lord

To everything there is a season . . . "a time to be healed . . ."

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Daphne Jarman, Ruth Lampman, Mark Pastir,
and Rob and Carole Doody

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Madeliene Clapdorp and Joanne Robbins and Ted VanKessel

Eternal rest grant unto them

Please contact our **Prayer Line** for anyone in need of comfort and solace. We have parishioners who share their gifts and gather in a prayerful ministry to pray for whatever request comes to them.

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



The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

Prayer meetings are every Tuesday evening **at 7:45 pm** electronically on Zoom. To join the virtual meeting, please contact John or Barra at johnbarra@sympatica.ca or 519 583-0277 for information.

World Day of Prayer

Yes, there will be a World Day of Prayer 2022! To view it, go to www.wicc.org and look for a box that says **World Day of Prayer 2022 Service Video** and click on it. It will take you to a new page: scroll down a little and then click on the play symbol in the picture on the video.

Catholic French-language school

During the kindergarten registration period, Conseil scolaire catholique Providence (Csc Providence) elementary schools will be offering future students and their families the opportunity to meet with our team of education specialists whenever is most convenient for them! Whether by phone or videoconference, it's an ideal opportunity for parents to find out about all the advantages offered by the Catholic French-language education provided at each CSC Providence school and to meet the administrative team of their local school. This meeting also serves as an opportunity for parents to learn more about the school their child will be attending, to get information about study programs and extracurricular activities and to ask our education specialists questions.

Csc Providence is an ideal ally for parents! During the kindergarten registration period, parents are encouraged to take advantage of a personal meeting with their local school's administrative team. Parents must register to reserve their place at the following website: MyFrenchSchool.ca.

The Norfolk Refugee Committee

In October of 2015, our parishes along with Waterford United Church formed the beginnings of the Norfolk Refugee Committee. The group blossomed to approximately 50 members from all areas of Norfolk County. Over the following few years, we welcomed and successfully integrated into our society three Syrian Refugee families. These families are all contributing and prospering in their new lives in Canada. You may have read in the news that our first family became full Canadian Citizens in the month of February, five and a half years after arriving in our county.

I am writing today to let all our supporters know that we are expecting a fourth family within the next few months. The mother of this family of 5 is the sister of the mother of our third family. We are embarking on this sponsorship as a family reunification and, as such, there will be no government funding support because we have asked for a specific family of refugees. Within the last month we have assembled ¾ of the funding required for this initiative from our most generous and supportive community.

The issues before us today are a need of \$15,000 to complete our forecasted funding requirements; affordable housing for the family (preferably 3 bedrooms but 2 can work); and more volunteers to help with transportation for the family's appointments during their initial settling in and then ongoing English language instruction (typically offered in Brantford as the closest centre).

We welcome any help you can offer our committee and this family as they begin a new life in our wonderful country. Please contact Deacon Gerard (email: gvenschyndel@dol.ca) for more information or how you can be of help to the family.




Volunteers needed at all our parishes for the Sunday Liturgy to sing in the choir. Please contact the Office if interested in singing the Praises of our Lord!



Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
February 27, 2022 at:
All of our Parishes for all parishioners and their families.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday February 28 9:00 am St. Mary	Luis Correia Jose Da Costa
Tuesday March 1 7:00 pm St. Mary 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs	Jane Kowalsky Luis Correia Deceased Member of M.A. Murphy Family Jose Borges & Maria Adelaide & Luis Mendosa
 Ash Wednesday Wednesday March 2 9:00 am St. Cecilia 9:00 am St. Bernard 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm St. Mary	Vital & Mary Vankerbroeck Jerome & Albertine Degryse Frank Cahill Members of the Reagan Family Fr. Matthew George Maria Catarino Martin Porter Frank Cahill
Thursday March 3 10:30 am Dover Cliffs 2:00 pm Delhi Nursing Home 7:00 pm St. Cecilia	Members of the McNally Family Members of the Clancy Family Matthew O'Connor Members of the Reagan Family Deceased Members of the CWL of Port Dover
1st Friday Adoration 1 hr. after both Masses Friday March 4 10:00 am St. Mary 11:30 am St. Bernard	Jose De Oliveira Faria Maria Vaz Correia Wojeiech & Karolina Mendyka Members of the Clancy Family Herb Smith's 100 th Birthday

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

SIMCOE/WATERFORD/ DELHI

During the past month, in the Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi area, we gave a three-day supply of groceries and \$2035.00 in food store gift cards, from our pantries to 132 families, having a total of 369 adults and children. The Soup Kitchen provided nutritious takeout meals, three days per week to some of God's neediest children. During the past month they served an average of 87 people per day of operation, with a hot, full course, take-out meal.

The collection on the first Sunday of February was \$764.00 from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, \$582.00 from St. Bernard's and \$2035.00 from St Mary's.

The 2021-year end income tax receipt has been mailed out to those making donations to Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi St Vincent. If you are expecting one and have not received it, please leave us a message, including your name and phone number on our phone number is 1-855-561-4184.

Our volunteers will be available after Mass on March 5th & 6th to accept your kind donations to assist the less fortunate in our area. You can also donate by cheque, payable to St Vincent de Paul, Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi, and **mailing** it to: St Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Conference 211 Union Street, Simcoe, ON. N3Y2B3. We also are able to accept an E Transfer to ssvpstmarysconference@gmail.com. If using the E Transfer facility, in the detail section, please give your name and address. For the security question please use "What province do we live in" answer "Ontario". The income tax receipt will be mailed out at year end, unless otherwise requested.

Again, thank you for your kindness and please pray for our members and for those we serve.

MOVIE—AFTER THE STORM

Here is the contact information for the Movie After the Storm. It's about Pope Francis' village in the Philippines. on Feb 24, 2022

You have to register to receive the zoom invitation.

<https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/register/>

THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM
AT ALL FOUR PARISHES DURING LENT

2022

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at all Parishes during Lent at 7:00 pm
The Stations will be led by these Groups, all are welcome!



St. Bernard of Clairvaux

March 4 St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League
March 11 Development & Peace
March 18 Choir
March 25 Knights of Columbus Council 4502
April 1 Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
April 8 Parish Pastoral Council

St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia Catholic Women's League
Senior Choir
Knights of Columbus Council 8149
Hospitality
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Folk Choir

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

March 4 Saturday Choir
March 11 Our Lady of La Salette Catholic Women's League
March 18 Knights of Columbus Council 5019
March 25 Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Catholic Women's League
April 1 Sunday Choir
April 8 Parish Pastoral Council

St. Mary

St. Vincent de Paul
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Parish Pastoral Council
Hospitality
Knight of Columbus 4502
Lectors

ASH WEDNESDAY

DISTRESS SIGNAL

*... rend your hearts . . . return to the LORD your God,
For he is gracious and merciful . . . JOEL 2:13*

Orange smoke in the jungle lands of Vietnam, red flares on an open sea, three rapid gunshots in the forest, "dits" then "dats" (SOS) in Morse code, a foghorn blaring—all recognized distress signals. When you see or hear them, you know someone's in trouble. "Is anybody out there to help?" these signals plead.

On Ash Wednesday, when the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we send out a distress signal: someone's in trouble (me) and someone's got to help me. But am I really in trouble? Who told me? The apostle Paul tells us, "The thing I want to do, I recoil from doing it. The thing I know I shouldn't go near, I rush to it. Who will rescue me from this body of death?" The answer: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord?" (Romans 7:15, 24-25 paraphrased).

Ashes upon my forehead? They are a distress signal but in the form of a certain shape—the shape of a cross that says, "You were going down slow. But Jesus was lifted high upon the cross in order to lift you out of every trouble?"

Jesus, I am often distressed. Remind me I'm still in your grip. Amen.

--David Boyd

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you into the desert of Lent
so that we might confront the powers of evil and, with your assistance, overcome them.

Give us the courage to face the truth about our lives,
both the blessings we have received and the failures we have experienced.

May these forty days of prayerful observance strengthen us in faith,
renew us in hope and fill us with love to share with our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need.

AMEN



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22 February 2022

To: All the Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to bring you updates on the progress of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Diocese of London which I established last fall and on some of the ongoing efforts of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

- Our local Committee has been able to meet three times, virtually, and they are currently compiling a list of resources that our parishes and faith communities may find helpful in their pursuit to better understand the legacy of Canada's residential school system. Their hope is to provide a variety of resources, appropriate to various ages and backgrounds.
- Responding to the actions called for by the final report of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, our own Committee is developing resources for distribution to parishes and other opportunities for both education and formation. Its hope is to provide an opportunity for our clergy, lay ecclesial ministers and staff to better understand the issues our nation faces, while considering how our parishes might cooperate as agents of reconciliation.
- Last month, on 28 January, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that it will establish a new registered charity to support and advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The charity is expected to manage the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, which will accept contributions from 73 dioceses across Canada to fulfill the \$30-million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September. The commitment of the Diocese of London to this fund is \$1,800,000 over the next five years.

Any administrative costs will be on top of the \$30-million being raised and will not be deducted from this principal amount. Independent auditors will foster transparency in this work.

The Bishops intend the funds to contribute to the following priorities:

- Healing and reconciliation for communities and families
- Culture and language revitalization
- Education and community building
- Dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture

I have asked the Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Diocese to assist me in reviewing and assessing requests made by individuals or groups. The Committee will continue to work with me on goals, objectives and the manner by which it will review and assess requests.

- The delegation to Rome of Indigenous Elders and leaders, which had been delayed by the pandemic, is now scheduled to meet with Pope Francis the week of 28 March 2022. A final audience with all participants will take place on Friday, 1 April 2022.

There is a recognition that any authentic healing will take time, but the preliminary work that is being done and the accomplishments of our diocesan Committee are positive steps forward. We pray that God, who in Jesus has embodied reconciliation, may bring this work to fruition in our Diocese and across our country.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

MARCH 2022			CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES				IN NORFOLK	
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