

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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1:00pm-4:30 pm

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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

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

1st Sunday in Lent—March 6, 2022

A Message



Dear Friends,

I want to thank all the volunteers in the Hospitality Team for their excellent dedication during this pandemic. They are the frontliners for the Parishes at this critical time in our lives. I thank the members of their family for their support as well. Last weekend we shared the good news in the

bishop's update #24 that physical distancing and contact tracing will no longer be required but the Hospitality Team will still be at the entrance to welcome us, lead us to our seats, and tell us the time to exit the church at the end of the mass. At the meeting with the Hospitality Team, we decided to have a gradual opening by still using every other pew until people are more comfortable. The Ushers will also be there to direct people during the communion procession. There will be sanitizers beside the ministers during communion to purify their hands if someone decides to receive communion in the mouth though communion in the hands is strongly encouraged. The onus is on individuals to also self-screen for symptoms of the virus before entering the church.

As we prepare to begin the synodal process in our family of Parishes, I thank those who have volunteered to help us with the process. Please, I still want to make an appeal for more people to serve as Group Leaders and Scribes for the table discussion. Whatever role the Spirit of God is calling you to, please kindly contact the office or speak with the priest or deacon after mass.

Now is the Season of Lent to prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Pope Francis invites us to reflect on St Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10). "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing" (Pope Francis).

May the Season of Lent bear fruits in our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele

From the desk of Deacon Andy:

Repentance alone is not enough. Repentance of itself is not enough, grace must be available. But if grace is offered and not accepted, then nothing comes of that either. There is no point in putting up a sail if there is no wind. There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen. There is no point in pruning the tree if spring does not come. It is not enough to cut into people's hearts in order to save them—they must be touched by grace. Lord touch our hearts with your grace so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.



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!



St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League:

Our 1st regular meeting for 2022 will take place on Tuesday March 8 at 2 pm in the church hall. Hope to see many of you there so we can make plans for the year etc. Also, ladies, if you have not paid your C.W.L. membership for 2022 please do so a.s.a.p. because the due date was February 28.

Synod on Synodality

Have questions regarding the Synod on Synodality? Here is all you need to know—right from what does synodality mean to what can you do. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5IAktuejwo&t=34s>

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,
Paul Schooley and Rob and Carole Doody

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Father Vincent vanZutphen, Father Greg Blonde

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.

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The HOLY ROSARY Prayer Meet Up in ZOOM - Schedule for March 2022 in observance of Lenten season is as follows: the ZOOM Invite will be sent via email All are invited to join us to those who can in prayer reflection as the Holy LENTEN season begins this Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022. For details and inquiries please contact Christian O'Malley ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com

March 5th -1st Saturday March 12th/Saturday, March 19th-Saturday Feast of Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Patron St. Of Canada & March 25th Saturday Solemnity/Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

For Prayer Resources please refer to or check out or click the Link below

<https://mycatholic.life/> LENT/EASTER Prayers For Peace/Healing and Hope COVID19/Catholic Prayers/Gospel & Daily Reflections and <https://mycatholic.life/books/40-days-at-the-foot-of-the-cross/>

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diaconate

The Diocese of London is seeking men who are called to lives of service. Are you called to be a Deacon? For more information and to register as an "inquirer" visit: <http://deacons.space/admissions>.

Retrouvaille

The London Retrouvaille Community is hosting an in-person weekend in London on May 27-29, 2022. If any couples are interested please contact the registration couple Greg and Anita at retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or 519-243-0687 or register www.helpourmarriage.com.

Week 1: March 6

Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, People and Planet First, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse. To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.





Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule

The Sanctuary **March 6, 2022** at:
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs for
James Smith
St. Mary's for Antonio & Maria Santos



1st Sunday of Lent

Monday March 7 9:00 am St. Mary	Maria Correia Jose Da Costa
Tuesday March 8 2:00 pm Cedarwood Long Term Care 3:00 pm Cedarwood Retirement Residence 7:00 pm St. Mary 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs	Winnie Clancy The Clancy Family The McNally Family The Reagan Family Mark Kwarciany Jane Kowalsky Fr. Augustine Angela Lados & Tewes Family Members
Wednesday March 9 9:00 am St. Cecilia 11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm St. Bernard's	Linda Kimmons Deceased Members of the CWL of Port Dover Jessie Cordeiro Fr. Matthew George Jan & Jurcha Dumanski Frank Cahill
Thursday March 10 7:00 pm St. Cecilia	Vital & Mary Vankerrebroeck Jerome & Albertine Degryse
Friday March 11 10:00 am St. Mary 11:30 am St. Bernard	Maria Preciosa & Jose Mendes Margitta & Jan Bystranako Herb Smith's 100 th Birthday Tony Van Den Hurk

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

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

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 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

March 11 Senior Choir
 March 18 Knights of Columbus Council 8149
 March 25 Hospitality
 April 1 Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
 April 8 Folk Choir

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

March 11 Our Lady of La Salette CWL
 March 18 Knights of Columbus Council 5019
 March 25 Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL
 April 1 Sunday Choir
 April 8 Parish Pastoral Council

St. Mary

March 11 Eucharistic Ministers
 March 18 Parish Pastoral Council
 March 25 Hospitality
 April 1 Knights of Columbus Council 4502
 April 8 Lectors

Income Tax Receipts

The Income Tax Receipts were mailed out at the end of February, if you have not received your income tax receipt by the second week of March please call the Parish Office 519-582-1312 or 519-426-0887.

St. Mary's Cemetery regulations

St. Mary's Cemetery **PERMITS** Full Traditional and Cremated Remains interments in the ground or Remains place in the St. Mary's Columbarium.

St. Mary's Cemetery **DOES NOT PERMIT** Personal Columbarium monuments on plots or placing remains inside the monuments.

Any question call Donna Jackson @ 519-426-0887 ext: 247

Childcare Volunteers

Do you have a heart for children? Whether you have past experience or you just love being around children, volunteering with children can be meaningful and rewarding. Norfolk Pregnancy & Family Resource Centre (NPC) is in need of volunteers to come to the centre weekly/bi-weekly or monthly and care for our clients children in a 1 on 1 or group setting while the parents are participating in programming. Please contact Heather Smith at heathers@norfolkpc.org or call 519-428-2177 if you are interested in this opportunity!



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1 March 2022

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After a period of consultation and deliberation at various levels and following the recommendation of the Council of Priests, I am pleased to announce my decision to reactivate the Diocesan Pastoral Council. This consultative body, which has been in abeyance for several years, will have an important role within our diocesan governance structure.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Bishop. It has a long history in the Diocese of London. My predecessor, Bishop Gerald Carter, established such a council according to the first statute put forward by a diocesan synod in the late 1960s. The constitution of this body was revised in the mid-1990s. It was part of the overall organizational structure of the diocese for the better part of that decade. Now with the move to a more synodal mode in the governance of the Church, as advocated so insistently by Pope Francis, the time has come to reinstate the Diocesan Pastoral Council, which is an authentic expression of synodality at the local level.

While not mandatory, a Diocesan Pastoral Council is, nevertheless, urged by documents issued after the Second Vatican Council and the Code of Canon Law. It falls under the authority of the Bishop, and its function is to study and weigh those matters which concern the pastoral works of the diocese and to propose practical conclusions concerning them (Canon 511).

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is not a lay council as opposed to the Council of Priests but a council that is composed of representative members of all the faithful: priests, permanent deacons, religious men and women and lay people. The latter category of members, that is, lay people, will be the largest group on the council, giving the laity a distinct role in this body and thus a prominent voice in the discernment of the future pastoral directions of our diocese.

In the months to come, Father Murray Sample and members of the ad hoc committee who studied the Diocesan Pastoral Council and then produced an updated version of its constitution will be meeting with each of the deaneries to begin the process of discernment that will be used to identify members of this body, who will be appointed by me.

To learn more about the Diocesan Pastoral Council, I invite you to visit the Diocese of London website at www.dol.ca/dpc.

In a time when we have been invited by our Holy Father to journey together, listening to one another and looking to discern where the Spirit is leading us, the People of God, the Diocesan Pastoral Council offers us an opportunity and a means to engage in this unique form of dialogue and interaction as we live out the mission that is ours as Jesus' disciples.

I ask for your prayers during this time of education and discernment as we take steps to reactivate the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London