

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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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 7:00 pm (May-Oct)

Fr. Frank Murphy

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

5th Sunday of Easter —May 15, 2022

A Message



Dear Friends,

As Marian devotion for the month of May continues through the praying of the rosary as individuals and families, let us learn from the life of the Virgin Mary. She was a woman of faith.

Where are we on our journey of faith? Do we sometimes have doubts and fear when things don't go the way we think they should go? Have we gone back to take on that which we hung on the cross with Christ as if he couldn't do it for us? When we offer our prayers to God, are we convinced that his will is the best for us? We find answers to these questions in the life of the Virgin Mary. Her profession of faith in total submission at the visit of an Angel teaches us to let go of ourselves into the hands of our Creator. She said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). This response changed the plans of Mary as a young lady looking into the future like the women of her time. Her 'Yes' to God at the little corner of her home took away from her the 'normal' lifestyle of a married woman of her time but became beneficial for the salvation of the whole world. She trusted in God who fulfills his promises. It shows that we don't own ourselves, we belong to God.

There are certain events in one's life that can change the course of life for us as individuals and as a family. Mary's life teaches us to have faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit when these events occur. The plans we make for ourselves are based on our human desire for a future that brings joy and fulfilment. We must know that God has a better plan that our human knowledge may not be able to comprehend but we are to accept in faith like the Virgin Mary. It is only God who knows the purpose of our creation and he directs us through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish this. Let us say yes to him by choosing the path that leads to life as the Virgin Mary did in total trust in the faithfulness of God. May the Lord strengthen us in our faith and give us the grace to respond to his demands even when it brings us some discomfort through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



Did you just have a baby recently? Congratulations. As you think about the days ahead you may be thinking about Baptism. When you are ready, please go

to <https://catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca/> and look under the Sacrament tab for

Baptism. There is an online form there to fill in and submit to Kathryn Heemskerk, Pastoral

Minister. Right now, we are doing the preparation on-line. After the preparation is complete then we will set a date at the Parish of your choice.

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,
Gerta Van Den Hurk, and Rob and Carole Doody

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Wilfred Cunningham, and Norma Harrop

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



DWELLING PLACE

God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying

*****The Office will be closed Tuesday May 17, 2022, due to Diocesan Training*****

Sacramental Dates to Remember

CONFIRMATION

Confession for Confirmation Students who cannot get to a confession before a regular mass, June 4 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Mary's

RETREAT: JUNE 11 10:00 am to 12:30 pm OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Registration will close June 1st (firm date)

JUNE 12 7 pm OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS, DELHI

JUNE 12 7pm ST. MARY, SIMCOE

JUNE 19 7 pm ST. CECILIA, PORT DOVER

JUNE 19 7 pm ST. BERNARD, WATERFORD

JUNE 26 7 pm OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS, DELHI

JUNE 26 7 pm ST. MARY, SIMCOE

First Reconciliation (Register online)

May 21 ST. MARY 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

May 28 ST. BERNARD 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

First Communion

Registration will open the week of May 5th and close June 10th (firm date)

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT **Tues June 14** after mass 7:30 to 8:30 pm **St Mary's** Fr Augustine and Kathryn...everyone is invited to mass and the meeting

July 7 ST. CECILIA'S 7 pm

July 12 ST. MARY'S 7 pm

July 13 ST. BERNARD'S 7 pm

July 19 OUR LADY, QUEEN OF MARTYRS 7 pm

July 26 ST MARY'S 7 pm



The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group Prayer meetings are every 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm electronically on Zoom and every 2nd and 4th. Tuesday in person after Mass at St Mary's. -Also, please sign-up for the 2022 Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Mary's Simcoe, Upper Parish Hall at 7:00PM Thursday June 2nd. and Friday June 3rd, and 8:00AM to 4:30PM Saturday June 4th. For more information call 519-583-0277, John or Barra.

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The Holy Rosary Prayer Meet Up for the MARY Month of May 2022 schedule is as follows everyone is invited, please join us on ZOOM @ 11:00 am EST on the following dates below: Our of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray For Us! *Please note that Fr. Augustine also invites everyone to offer flowers to Mother Mary during this whole month of May 2022 and a Decade of the Holy Rosary is recited before the start of the weekend masses.*

May 24, 2022 -Tuesday Our Lady Help of Christians

May 31, 2022-Tuesday, Feast of the Visitation of Mary to St. Elizabeth, Queenship of Mary & Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces- To the Join Zoom Meeting please click the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87328815052?pwd=cS9oalM4bzFhdVBSUG1ZTkp5a2JXQT09>

Meeting ID: 873 2881 5052 Passcode: 7H21S0

<http://www.catholictradition.org/Mary/marian-feasts.htm#MAY> Feast Days of Mary

[/87328815052?pwd=cS9oalM4bzFhdVBSUG1ZTkp5a2JXQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87328815052?pwd=cS9oalM4bzFhdVBSUG1ZTkp5a2JXQT09)

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For details or information please email contact Christian O'Malley ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com

*****Please note that there will be some cement work done at St. Mary's Church near the ramp entry into the church during the next few weeks, that may make this entrance inaccessible. *****



DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

WHAT IS THE DPC?

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body made up of the Lay Faithful, including 2 lay parishioners from each deanery, that will act as an additional advisory council for the Bishop of the Diocese of London.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

The Diocesan Pastoral Council will meet at least four times a year prior to the meetings of the Council of Priests. The Bishop will be present at all meetings and a short period of each meeting will be given over to prayer and reflection on the Word of God in order to discern the movement and will of the Holy Spirit.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DPC

The role of the Council is to informally investigate and weigh matters bearing on pastoral activity and to communicate to the Bishop the lived reality of the people he shepherds.

DO YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Please join us at a Townhall Meeting

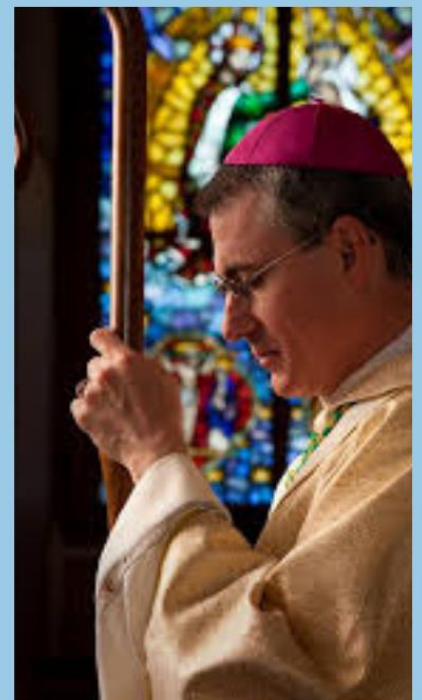
- May 24 at St. George, London
- May 25 at Precious Blood, Exeter
- May 26 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor
- May 30 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Delhi
- May 31 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Chatham

All meetings start at 7:00 PM

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.

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 especially lay people....giving the laity a distinct role in this body and thus a prominent voice in the discernment of the future pastoral directions of our local Church.

Bishop Fabbro



Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
May 15, 2022, at:

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs for Janet Gheysens

5th Sunday of Easter

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| Monday May 16 9:00 am St. Mary | +Manuel Fernandes +Luis Correia |
| Tuesday May 17 7:00 pm St. Mary 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs | +Manuel & Maria Fernandes +Mark Leitch +Paul Polfliet +Frank Sebestik |
| Wednesday May 18 9:00 am St. Cecilia 11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm St. Bernard | +Vital & Mary Vankerrebroeck +Jerome & Albertine Degryse +Margaret Vandenberge +Marlene Murphy For the healing of the Zinger Family +Winnie Clancy |
| Thursday May 19 7:00 pm St. Cecilia's | +Frank Oliver +Matthew O'Connor |
| Friday May 20 10:00 am St. Mary 11:30 am St. Bernard | +Madeleine Kokus Special Intentions of Teresa Relva +Winnie Clancy The Clancy Family |

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

"Behold,

God's dwelling is with the human race."

— Revelation 21:3

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy
Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."



St. Cecilia's CWL: St. Cecilia's CWL will be having a meeting on Wed., May 18th at 9:45 AM in the church hall. All of the women in the parish are invited to attend. We will be discussing year end topics such as the potluck meal & July 9th yard sale.

Our Lady of La Salette CWL: Our next general meeting will be Monday May 30, 2022, at 6:30 pm at La Salette Community Hall followed by wine, cheese and Bingo. All welcome to attend and please bring a friend for a night of fun and fellowship.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs CWL: We will also be leading a Rosary Wednesday evening at 7 pm on May 18 & 25 at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church. Please come and join us honoring Mary, the mother of Jesus.

THE GIFT

*The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is
nothing without work.*

—Emile Zola