

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

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 4, 2022

Welcome to our Family! If you are new to our parish communities or wish to get involved, please connect with us.

You can go to our website www.catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk

or call the office at (519) 426-0887 or (519) 582-1312

A Message



Dear Friends,

I welcome everyone back from their vacation and in a special way, I welcome the staff and students in all our schools back to the schools this week. We thank God that we are now having a normal life, as we pray that God put an end to the spread of the virus. I am so excited that we shall have opportunities to visit the schools to support and strengthen our children in their faith. I wish to encourage the members of staff of all our schools in their mission of nurturing the gift of faith in the life of our children. The Children are in the schools five days in a week, and you get to see them and interact with them. If we are passionate about our faith, the children would be inspired too. There are children out there waiting to be inspired in faith by significant figures in their life, especially their teachers. Thank you for the good work you do for the growth of our children. May the Lord grant you all the grace of the Spirit as you embrace your task as a vocation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



New Life in our Parish

We welcome into our Family of Parishes through the Waters of Baptism the following:

St Bernard: Myra De Pauw, daughter of Paul and Jillian

St Mary: Bowen Buch son of Stephanie and Thomas, Jonathan Hoover son of Emily and Andrew

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Cal Dixon son of Douglas and Candice, Arabella Rattie, daughter of Samantha and Tyler, and Maycee Murtland, daughter of Shauna and Michael



RCIA
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Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults--RCIA

Want to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Do you know of someone who does?

Are you married to a Catholic and want to discover more about the Catholic Faith.

The RCIA journey of faith starts again in mid-September and will occur on Wednesday evening, starting at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining us or wish to find out more information, please contact the office or Father Charles Akinloye (ctakinloye@dol.ca) or 519 426-0887 ext. 223.



Thursday September 15, 2022, 2:30 pm—**Property and Finance Meeting**—St. Mary's Parish Hall

Thursday September 22, 2022, 7 pm—**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**—St. Mary's Parish Hall

Thursday September 29, 2022, 6 pm—**1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion**—St. Mary's Parish Hall

Thursday September 29, 2022, 6:45 pm—**Confirmation-Parent Information**—St. Mary's Parish Hall

****PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TIL 11:00 AM ON Tuesday September 6, 2022,
due to Staff Meeting****

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

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

"a time to die . . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Sister Genevieve Cloutier, Stanislaw Pasek, and Godelieve Benko
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

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. For more information call 519-583-0277, John or Barra.

Holy Rosary Prayer Group

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary on the following dates below:

September **03**, 2022 - *1st Saturday Marian Day*, September **08**, *Birthday of Mother Mary*, September **12**, *The Most Holy Name of Mary*, and September **15**, *Our Lady of Sorrows* back-to-back September **15th Exaltation of the Cross**

Thank you on your continued kind assistance and support. For further inquiries please email: Christian O'Malley:

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Family of Parishes Quilting Group

Let's get to know one another!

Quilters are invited to bring their sewing machine and quilt projects to **St. Mary's Parish Hall** on Thursday September 8, from 1-4 pm.

This group will meet **every other** Thursday until June 2023. Contact person: Cindy Vynckier 519 426-5806.

Voice for Life 2022 Walk for Life Fundraiser

On **Saturday September 17th**, Voice for Life will hold its annual Walk for Life fundraiser. At 9:00 am registration opens at St. Mary's Upper Parish Hall, 211 Union Street, Simcoe. The Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends before noon. Rain or shine. The Walk is in downtown Simcoe on selected routes. Refreshments are served following the Walk. If necessary, any mandated Covid protocols will be followed.

In partner with the In-person Walk, a Virtual Campaign will run online up to September 30. Full details can be found on the Voice for Life website: <https://www.simcoevoiceforlife.com/walkforlife2022.html>

Proceeds from the Campaign go towards Voice for Life community outreach in our area of Haldimand-Norfolk to promote the respect for life from the moment of conception to the end of life, regardless of stage of development, physical and mental ability, and age. More information and pledge forms, contact Barra/John 519-583-0277.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a full-time lunch monitor at St. Bernard's school, hours are 10:25-11:05 am and 12:30-1:30 pm. For more information call Sharon Martinow at 519 443-8607.

Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign - Norfolk Pregnancy & Family Resource Centre - Change for Life

The Norfolk Pregnancy Centre (NPC) is a faith based not for profit outreach ministry serving Norfolk County.

NPC offer a safe place of hope and healing for women, for men and their families facing crisis pregnancies, crisis parenting and related concerns such as poverty, mental health issues, additions and more.

NPC staff and volunteers are dedicated to saving lives and building homes of honor in our community.

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser is a practical way to support a local mission that helps save women and their families who are broken, lost and alone.

It is easy to participate! Just pick up a bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or a cheque. Return the bottle on Sun, **Oct 9th** and know that your giving is making a positive difference for women, for men, ...for families right here in Norfolk.



Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter mailouts for St. Mary's and St. Cecilia's church. Anyone interested, please contact Barb at 519 426-0887.



Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule
 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
 September 4, 2022, at:
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs for Irene Verspeeten
St. Mary for Mario & Francis Tomas

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Monday September 5 9:00 am St. Mary | +Maria Catarino +Jose DaCosta |
| Tuesday September 6 7:00 pm St. Mary | +Rita McElhone +Manuel Simoes |
| 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs | +Frank Dierick +Dorothy McElhone |
| Wednesday September 7 9:00 am St. Cecilia | +Tom & Mary Homeniuk +Carmen Ienco |
| 11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs | +Jessie Cordeiro +Stefan Fett |
| 7:00 pm St. Bernard | +Frank Oliver Karolina Mendyka |
| Thursday September 8 9:00 am St. Cecilia | +Dobbie & Johnson Families +Tony Masella |
| Friday September 9 10:00 am St. Mary | +Al Hays +Ronnie Slaman |
| 11:30 am St. Bernard | The Clancy Family +Frank Cahill |

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS MASS FOR
 CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK**
 Thursday August 15, 2022, 7:00 pm
 at St. Cecilia's Church
All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Father Charles on the occasion of your
 19th Anniversary of your Ordination.



St. Cecilia CWL

VENDORS WANTED – After a 2-year hiatus, St. Cecilia CWL is hosting our Annual Community Yard Sale on

Saturday, September 10th, 2022, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Rent a space with table provided for \$20; rent a space and provide your own table (1) for \$15 or sell out of your trunk/truck bed for \$10. Direct Sales

Consultants from home-based businesses are welcome, including crafters of any kind. You can also assist in this fundraising event by donating any household items, books, electronics (no TVs), toys, decorations, etc. to the CWL "white elephant" table.

For more information and to obtain a registration form, contact Judy at 647-231-4725 or email judyoul@hotmail.com Registration deadline is September 5th. Donations will be accepted at St. Cecilia's Church on Friday, September 9th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Our Lady of La Salette CWL Our next General Meeting is Monday September 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm at La Salette Parish Hall and it will be Wine, Cheese and Bingo. All are welcome.

St. Bernard's CWL: COMING SOON. St. Bernard's C.W.L. will be hosting a BAZAA-TIQUE event on November 5 from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. More to follow **SAVE THE DATE.**

Clothing Needed

Migrant Workers Clothing at St. Bernard's church: light jackets, heavier shirts, hoodies, and sweaters would be greatly appreciated by the men as cooler weather approaches. Work pants and jeans are always appreciated. Sizes S, M and L are best. Drop off donations at the church or office in Delhi or Simcoe. Thank you.



Congratulations to Rick Clarysee & Stephanie Pongracz who were married at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish.

Upcoming Cemetery Sundays

Sunday September 11 at 2 pm
St. Mary's, 271 Fourteen St. West, Simcoe

Sunday September 18 at 1 pm
Our Lady of La Salette, La Salette

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
 that we may shout for joy and gladness
 all our days.*

— Psalm 90:14



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31 August 2022

To: The Faithful in the Diocese of London Regarding the Celebration of Sunday Eucharist

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been over two and a half years since our world was hit by the COVID-19 virus, which upset our lives in many ways, including how we celebrated our faith. It was unheard of, in our lifetime, to have to close churches and suspend the celebration of the sacraments of the Church. So many other places were closed as well, forcing us to find innovative ways to be present to others and get the things we needed. It was, indeed, a bleak time but one that put us in solidarity with the people around us. Our streets may have been empty of vehicles and pedestrians, but they were filled with many expressions of love and goodness as we witnessed neighbours caring for neighbours, and total strangers helping one another.

It was the same in our faith communities. We were united in prayer and sacrifice but not in person, for the sake of the common good, in order to diminish the spread of the virus and keep people as safe as possible. Pastoral team members reached out by phone and internet to assure our parishioners that we were there for them, even behind the closed doors of the churches. Priests celebrated Mass in empty churches, and by the internet were able to remain in contact with parishioners. Many will remember the hardship we suffered when we could not even gather for Funeral Masses. We eventually saw the gradual re-opening of our churches. Numbers were greatly restricted, however, and congregations were sparse. It was then that we learned to practice physical distancing and new cleaning methods. Hand sanitizers and masks became normative in our small gatherings, as did abbreviated and simple Masses. I am very grateful to all – pastoral teams and staff, volunteers and clergy – who worked hard at the parish level to carry on in such extraordinary circumstances.

That time without regular Sunday celebrations was not an easy time. Many of you communicated your desire to celebrate the sacraments, your desire to receive the Eucharist. In some cases, the best we could do was to offer up our suffering, in union with Christ. Throughout that time, along with other bishops across the country and across the globe, I extended to the faithful a dispensation from the Sunday obligation. Restrictions on numbers made it impossible for all the faithful to gather and, at the same time, we were concerned about the ways that the virus was spreading.

All those sacrifices paid off. Over time, with the new vaccines and strict rules on our gatherings in public, we saw the gradual decline of the virus among us. It is still present, though, since we have just gone through the seventh wave of COVID-19 in our area, and some are still testing positive. Medical experts warn that the virus is not yet eradicated and have prepared us for future waves to hit. In light of the great strides we have made as a country and on the local level, we see that we have been returning to a more normal life as it was pre-pandemic. The same is true in our churches. With no government-imposed restrictions and most pastoral activities returning across the Diocese, parish life is once again bringing people together for Masses and sacraments, for devotions and instructions, and for the many works of mercy for which our Church is known.

Since our parishes re-opened, many of you have returned to the weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and other sacraments. This is central to our Catholic faith. Watching Mass on television has been a long-standing tradition for home-bound parishioners, especially the infirm and the elderly. Throughout the pandemic, televised and livestreamed Masses filled a need along this line, but there is more to our Christian faith and the celebration of the sacraments. Not only do we need to pray and hear the word of God together, but our participation in the Eucharist is the essential “food for our journey” as disciples of Jesus. It is here that we encounter the Risen Lord, not only when we hear his word and break the Bread of the Eucharist (Luke 24:13-35), but also in each other in the faith community, and in the priest who presides over the prayer. Watching by TV or internet will never be the same or match the efficacy of what Jesus wanted for us when, at the Last Supper, he said, “Do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19).

Diocese of London: Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

It is appropriate, therefore, that I now lift the dispensation from Mass and remind you of the need to gather to celebrate our faith. **The general dispensation from the Sunday obligation is hereby abrogated, effective 6 September 2022.** This is not done in any way to create hardship but to do as the Church has done from the beginning, that is, to emphasize what is important for our lives as Catholic Christians. In this spirit, then, I extend an invitation to all the faithful to return to the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, “the Supper of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:9), and to the other sacraments. We are members of the Body of Christ, the Church, who together participate in the sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ, the Eucharist, so that we may become that which we eat; that is, Christ who serves others.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15). In our own day, the Lord no less desires to eat his Passover with us! With God’s grace we have the ability to respond to this invitation and to Jesus’ desire to share this meal with us. In his recent apostolic letter *Desiderio Desideravi*, issued on 29 June of this year, Pope Francis wrote: *Before our response to his invitation — well before! — there is his desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us* (DD n. 6).

Pope Francis reminds us what the Second Vatican Council taught about our celebrations; that we are all called to full, conscious, active, and fruitful participation as we celebrate the Eucharist. This can only happen when we are personally present, but for this to happen the Pope calls us to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration (DD n. 16). With the help of God, this is possible.

I realize, however, that some of the faithful are still cautious and concerned about being in crowds. This may be due to ongoing health concerns related to the pandemic such as COVID variants, or pre-existing conditions such as a debilitating illness or the challenges associated with a long life. The Church’s law has always taught – and still does – that if you are sick or infirm, you are excused from Sunday worship (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, can. 1248 §2). The Church is sensitive to such needs. As your Bishop, I want to assure you that your parish wants to serve you in the best way possible. I encourage you to contact your parish with any particular need if you are unable to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

I renew my thanks, along with those of Bishop Joseph, for all you have done during the pandemic to care for each other, especially those who were in need. I thank you for your efforts to preserve and to promote the unity we share in Christ Jesus through your acts of love. Without the acts of charity, we risk sounding like noisy gongs or clanging cymbals (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:1).

Bishop Joseph and I have already begun visiting Families of Parishes and will again be on the road to celebrate the Eucharist in our parishes. We are looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London

| SEPTEMBER 2022 | | | | CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES | | | IN NORFOLK |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| Long Term Care Facilities and Retirement Homes may be cancelled if they have an Outbreak. | SB=St. Bernard SC=St. Cecilia SM=St. Mary OLOM=Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs | | | 1 9:00 Mass SC 10:30 Mass Dover Cliff 2 SB& OLOM Sun Choir 2 Mass Delhi LTC 7 CWL OLOM PH 7:30 SC Choir | 2 1 st Friday 10 am SM Mass 10:30-11:30 SM 1 st Fri Adoration/ Confession 11:30 SB Mass Noon-1pm SB 1 st Fri Adoration/Confession | 3 5 pm Mass-St. Mary -OLOM | |
| 4 9 am Mass-St. Bernard St. Cecilia 11 am Mass-St. Mary -OLOM | 5 8:30 am SM Adoration 9 am Mass-SM | 6 8:30 Staff Prayer 9 Staff Meeting *Office Closed till 11* 6:30 SM & OLOM Adoration 7 Mass-SM & OLOM 7:30 SM K of C meet 7:45 ZOOM S of T Gr | 7 8:30 am SC Adoration 9 am Mass St. Cecilia 10:30 Adoration OLOM 11 am Mass OLOM 6:30 Adoration SB 7 pm Mass SB 7 pm OLOM PH-AA | 8 9:00 Mass SC 1 SM Quilters Gr 2 OLOM Sun Choir 2 OLOM PH-CWL Exec. 2 SB Choir Practice 7:30 SC Choir | 9 9:30 SM Adoration 10 am SM Mass 11am SB Adoration 11:30 SB Mass | 10 9-1 pm SC CWL Yard Sale 5 pm Mass-St. Mary -OLOM | |
| 11 9 am Mass-St. Bernard St. Cecilia 11 Mass-SM OLOM 2 SM Cemetery Sun 7 pm Spanish Mass SB | 12 8:30 am SM Adoration 9 am Mass-SM 2 pm SVDP Meet-SM 6:30 La Salette CWL mtg | 13 8:30 am Staff Prayer 2pm-Mass Cedarwood 3pm-Mass Ret. Home 6:30 SM & OLOM Adoration 7 Mass-SM& OLOM 7:45 S of T Gr-SM | 14 8:30 am SC Adoration 9 am Mass St. Cecilia 10:30 Adoration OLOM 11 am Mass OLOM 6 OLOM Sat choir 6:30 Adoration SB 7 Mass SB 7 OLOM (PH) AA 7 SM (PH) SVDP Train. | 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1:30 Mass Delrose 2 SB Choir Practice 2 OLOM Sun Choir 2:30 Prop. & Fin. SM 6:30 Adoration SC 7 Mass-SC- Our Lady of Sorrows 7:30 SC Choir | 16 9:30 SM Adoration 10 am SM Mass 11am SB Adoration 11:30 SB Mass | 17 8-1 voice for Life Walk SM 5 pm Mass-St. Mary -OLOM | |
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