

# 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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Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Simcoe 519 429-3600

St. Frances Cabrini, Delhi 519 582-2470

St. Cecilia, Port Dover 519 583-0231

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Waterford 519 443-8607

## Parish Offices

### **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs & St. Bernard**

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1:00 pm-4:30 pm

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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

**Bulletins can be viewed on our website:**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2022

### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8, we celebrate one of the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.



Congratulations on the birth of your child and welcome to preparing for Baptism. Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of the month. When you are ready to begin, go to the Catholic Family of Parishes website, look under the Sacrament tab for Baptism and fill out the online form. It will go to Kathryn Heemskerk's mailbox, and she will contact you for the next

steps or contact Kathryn directly at the office for any questions. Looking forward to preparing you for this wonderful sacrament!



#### 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.



There will be a Luncheon sponsored by the Filipino Committee after Mass at St. Marys Church on Sunday December 11, 2022

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

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Ruth Lampman, Rob and Carole Doody,  
Michael McLeod, Nick Botzang, and Linda Clark

***"a time to die. . ."***

We pray for all the faithful departed: Hazel McLaughlin, Sister Rosemary Petrimoulx and Elizabeth Sphon

***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](mailto:jeanninekowalsky@gmail.com)**





### DELHI TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting toys, food, gift cards or cash to help the less fortunate in our community this Christmas. Donations can be left at the front of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs' church, by the Our Lady of La Salette statue.

Our greatest need is food donations and gifts for older children ages 10-14. Gift cards to Ardene or Walmart, cash, cheque payable to Delhi Toy & Food or

e-transfer to Delhi Toy and Food [gramps1836@gmail.com](mailto:gramps1836@gmail.com) are most welcome. Gift cards and cash donations or cheques in an envelope marked Delhi Toy and Food can be left at the church office or at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office.

Our collection closing date is Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

*Delhi Toy & Food Drive Committee*



### THE GIVING TREE

Every year St. Vincent de Paul asks for your support in ensuring that every family has a joyous Christmas!! We provide Christmas hampers directly to 50+ families in our community. Each family receives a hamper with a turkey or ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread, milk, cookies, and other items that will guarantee that they will not go hungry.

With the increased costs we are all facing this year from heating our homes to groceries, your continued support is urgently needed. Please consider taking a tag or two off our Giving Tree and help us to fill our Christmas hampers! The Giving Tree will be to the right of the altar at **St. Mary's** from November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>. Just take a tag, purchase the item, or gift card and place it under the tree in a bag before or after mass by noon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please also return the tag in the bag so that we can re-use the tags.

If you are an early shopper, feel free to purchase a gift card from Walmart, Giant Tiger or a grocery store and leave it under the tree during the first week of Advent! Hampers include gift cards for each adult, and a food store gift card for each family for the incidentals. Other items you may consider purchasing our peanut butter, coffee, hot chocolate, chocolates, or cookies. Every little bit helps! Your support will help us create a Merry Christmas for a family, couple, a single person or the elderly who may not be able to afford even the basic food necessities this holiday season.

*Thank you in advance for bringing the light of Christmas into the homes of others!*

God Bless & Merry Christmas

*Members of St. Vincent de Paul*

### St. Vincent de Paul Port Dover/Walsh - GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul will once again be providing Christmas "Baskets" to local families who need a little extra Christmas cheer this year. We are unable to collect canned goods but will still be collecting gifts at the back of St. Cecilia's and St. Michael's churches for young children, as well as gift cards or cash donations. We would really appreciate your support in purchasing gift cards to Walmart, Giant Tiger or Superstore, providing a monetary donation, or selecting a child's name and gift idea from the back of the church from the giving tree and purchasing the gift. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation of \$20 or more, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and address enclosed. All donations can be dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back of the church any weekend from now until Dec. 11th.

Our St. Vincent de Paul helps people from all over Norfolk County and last year we distributed approximately 50 Christmas baskets thanks to your generous contributions. We look forward to your generosity again this year. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and have a Merry Christmas.

**St Bernard's** will be supporting some Waterford families that need our support this Christmas. Please take a ticket from the Giving Tree, return the item chosen...unwrapped...and leave the ticket in the bag and place under the trees. We thank you for your kind support, let's make this Christmas a little easier for our neighbour's!

## Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of

**December 4, 2022**, at St. Mary's for Jose Borges.



## Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Monday December 5</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>+Mark Kwarciany</b> <b>+Maria do ceu &amp; Fernanda Correia</b>
<b>Tuesday December 6</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>St. Mary</b>	<b>+Augusto Neves &amp; Maria Piedade</b> <b>+Jeremy Gilchrist &amp; Ed &amp; Betty O'Mahony</b> <b>+John Engelhardt</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs</b>	<b>+Jose Borges</b> <b>+Betty Lohman</b>
<b>Wednesday December 7</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>St. Cecilia</b> <b><u>St. Cecilia's School Mass and Confessions</u></b>	<b>+Monica McCarthy</b> <b>+Tony Masella</b>
<b>11:00 am</b> <b>Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs</b>	<b>+Dorothy McElhone Stanley Pasek</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>St. Bernard</b>	<b>Special birthday wishes for Enid Jamieson</b> <b>+Joseph &amp; Manuel Moniz</b>
<b>Thursday December 8</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>St. Cecilia</b>	<b>+Vital &amp; Mary Vankerbroeck</b> <b>+Jerome &amp; Albertine Degryse</b>
<b>Friday December 9</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>St. Mary</b> <b><u>Avec l'ecole Ste Marie</u></b>	<b>Rose &amp; Les Vinoaci</b> <b>Mass of Thanksgiving</b>
<b>11:30 am</b> <b>St. Bernard</b> <b><u>St. Bernard's School Mass</u></b>	<b>+David Castelo</b> <b>+Tony Van Den Hurk</b>

**Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass**



Heavenly Father, give me the eyes to see your plan for my life in this new Advent season. Amen

—Henri Nouwen

## Delhi – La Salette Knights of Columbus



Upcoming meetings

Held in OLQM Parish Hall at 7:00pm

Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Christmas dinner meeting – please call Bill Csinos – 519-535-2932 – if you wish to attend \* NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME \*

## Simcoe/Waterford Knights of Columbus 4502

Meetings will be 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

## Port Dover/Walsh Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus meeting is first Monday of month – next one December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

We will be selling Cash for Christmas Tickets \$10 each at the back of the church over the next few weeks.

**SUNDAY MISSALS are available for \$5.00 at the back of all parishes.**



## St. Bernard's CWL:

Our C.W.L. Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday Dec. 8 in the church hall.

Gather at 4:00 pm., dinner at 4:30 pm. Cost

is \$ 25.00 per person. Husbands / partners are invited.

DEADLINE to sign up and pay is DECEMBER 1. Call Tinie @ 519 443-4881 or Conny @ 519 512-2786.

Where are all the tea towels from the kitchen??? Did somebody take them home to wash? Please bring them back a.s.a.p. Thank you. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday Dec. 13 at 2:00 pm in the church hall.

## St. Cecilia's CWL:

All the ladies of the parishes are invited to St Cecilia CWL Christmas lunch on December 14 at 12:30 pm. A full turkey dinner will be served at the cost of \$25 each. Please join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. Please call Evelyn at 519 583-9528, or email any [ehudecki@gmail.com](mailto:ehudecki@gmail.com) by December 09 if you are attending

CWL membership fees may be paid at this time. Unfortunately, the fee indicated on your envelope is incorrect. The national office has raised its portion of the fees bringing the total amount to \$35.00. We hope you understand that we have no say regarding the request from national office to raise these fees. Despite this setback, we hope you will still join in on the Christmas celebration with your friends.

Lord Jesus, I long to do your will. Give me the grace to see and respond to the needs around me and be with me always as I pray for the needs of all who suffer.

Amen.—Henri Nouwen