

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

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent—December 11, 2022

A Message



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already three Sundays into the season of Advent. Today we are filled with the expectant joy as we approach the day of the celebration of the birth of Christ. When we expect visitors at our house, we know how much efforts we put into cleaning to make our house look good. We may even become nervous as the time approaches, thinking that we may likely omit something that we could have done as part of preparation to receive the visitor. Therefore, we tend to create a checklist and go through it carefully. So also, this Advent season we are expecting the most important visitor, the reason for our existence; the Word through whom heaven and earth were created. St Paul tells us that, “it is in him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Advent season helps us to prepare for his second coming as we celebrate his first coming as human. In his first coming, he brought us the Goodnews of the Father’s love and died for us. He lives on among us in his word, Sacraments, and the community of God’s people until his return in his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Therefore, as we reflect on the readings during the season, let us know that the Lord is inviting us to a complete and total cleansing of our hearts so that Christ may find a home with us. We have increased the time for the sacrament of reconciliation in our Parishes so that many people could benefit from the grace bestowed by God in this sacrament. We have gone to our schools, and it was a great inspiration as our children opened their hearts to God’s mercy and love after pandemic. May the Lord draw us closer to himself and fill us with peace. Amen.

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



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 Heemsker’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.

The Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The HOLY ROSARY Virtual Meet Up for December 2022 in ZOOM based on the theme Maranatha, “Come Lord Jesus Come.” (1Cor. 16:22) having the 1st Sunday of Advent lighted purple candle we pray in HOPE. The following are the dates for Holy Rosary in ZOOM: -December 8th Solemnity/Feast of the Immaculate Conception and 9 Days Novena <https://canadaneedsourlady.org/novena-to-our-lady-of-the-immaculate-conception>; & December 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We also start the 30 Days Prayer, St. Andrew Advent Devotion (Nov. 30-Dec. 24. Christmas Eve) “*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the purest Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother, AMEN*” (15x Daily with 1Our Father 1Mary 1Glory Be) www.catholicculture.org For further details or please email: ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com Thank you for the kind support and assistance. May GOD's Peace and Mercy be with us all through the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Amen!!

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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: Dorothy Harnick and Mary Ann Gills

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 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 26th – December 10th. 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 10th. 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 neighbours'!

Jesus always promises joy; a joy like the joy of a mother after childbirth (see John 16:21); a joy that no one can take from us (see John 16:22; a joy that is not of this world but a participation in the divine joy, a joy that is complete (see John 15:11). There is probably no surer sign of a true peacemaker than joy—Henri J. Nouwen)

Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
December 11, 2022, at **St. Mary's** for
Carlos Mendes Lopes & Maria Rodrigues (Zecs)
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs for Mary Vinnai



Third Sunday of Advent

Monday December 12 9:00 am St. Mary	+Terdik Family +Daphne Jarman
Tuesday December 13 2:00 pm Cedarwood 7:00 pm St. Mary 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs	+Michael & Winnie Clancy The Clancy Family McElhone & DeCloet Families +Theresa Fraser +Marlene Murphy +Harry & Margaret Heemskerk +Marcel Coudenys
Wednesday December 14 9:00 am St. Cecilia 9:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs <u>St. Frances School Mass</u> 7:00 pm St. Bernard	+Deceased member of the Catholic Women's League +Therese Joel José Da Costa +Bonnie Loncke +Maria Luisa linoco Mary, Stan & John Zlomanczuk
Thursday December 15 9:00 am St. Cecilia 10:30 am Norview	+Monica McCarthy Intentions of Cliff Casey +Monica McCarthy Cliff Casey
Friday December 16 10:00 am St. Mary <u>St. Joseph's School Mass</u> 11:30 am St. Bernard	+Maria Preciosa & José Mendes +Belmira Curado +Vital & Mary Vankerbroeck +Jerome & Albertine Degryse

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass



Simcoe/Waterford Knights of Columbus 4502

Meetings will be 1st Tuesday of every month at
7:30 pm, next one is January 2, 2023, at St.
Mary's Parish Hall.

Delhi – La Salette Knights of Columbus

A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Upcoming meetings

Held in OLQOM Parish Basement at 7:00pm

Monday January 2nd

Monday February 6th

Monday March 6th

**** NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME ****

Port Dover/Walsh Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus meeting is first Monday of month –
next one is January 2, 2023, at 7:30 PM



St. Bernard's CWL:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday
December 13 at 2 pm in the church hall.

On Sunday December 18 the C.W.L. will be

hosting a **coffee Sunday after Mass**.

If you have not paid your 2023 membership yet we will
collect them at that time too. Remember that the cost
is \$ 35.00 Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry
Christmas.



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



Special thanks to Murphy's Funeral
Home for donating 2023 calendars.

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



*Lord, thank you for the presence of **joy** in my life. Give
me the presence of mind to be thankful for all the gifts
you have given me and the fullness of heart to enjoy the
rest of Advent. Amen.*



Confessions/Reconciliation

Saturday, December 10, 2022

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Cecilia - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Mary - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

St. Mary - 7:30 to 8:30 pm.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Saturday, December 17, 2022

St. Mary - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 3:00 pm to 4:30 p.m.
St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Cecilia - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Christmas Mass Times



Saturday, December 24, 2022

St. Mary -
5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs -
5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 7:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia - 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 25, 2022

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 9:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary - 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 11:00 a.m.

**Both offices will be closed on
Thursday December 22, 2022, at noon until
Tuesday January 3, 2023**



Feast of Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph Friday, December 30, 2022

St. Mary - 10:00 am
Special blessing of families



New Year's Eve, Feast of Mary Mother of God Saturday, December 31, 2022

St. Mary - 5:00 p.m.

11:00 pm New Year's Eve Vigil

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Feast of Mary, Mother of God Sunday, January 1, 2023

St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 9:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia - 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary - 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 11:00 a.m.



The Epiphany of the Lord Saturday January 8, 2023

St. Mary - 5:00 p.m.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday January 9, 2023
St. Bernard of Clairvaux - 9:00 a.m.
St. Cecilia - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary - 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs - 11:00 a.m.