

*He is
risen!*

MARK 16:6

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK



St. Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Cecilia

The Resurrection of the Lord—April 20, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy—April 27, 2025

A Message



Dear Friends,

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!!

I wish you and your family and friends a happy celebration today.

The journey through the season of Lent has been a sacrificial one culminating in the joy of resurrection for us and our families. The celebration of Easter inspires within us the hope of eternal life. This reminds us that our sufferings and difficulties in this world are temporary and short-lived no matter how long they may take. As we live in a world with a plethora of problems, we need the joy of Easter to fill us with hope. There is no one who does not have one thing or another to deal with in our life, but it gives some relief and comfort that God is with us in our struggles. The resurrection of Christ has broken every chain that binds us into the slavery of sin and death and opened for us the door to the abundant grace of God. Therefore, we rejoice in the promise of God, that just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we who believe in him shall also be raised. Our joy knows no bound today because of the hope we have in the faithfulness of God to his promises as we look forward to that joy that has no end.

So, let us celebrate the gift of faith in the Lord and be grateful to him for his redemption. He has paid the price to reconcile us with the Father. Alleluia!!!

May the Lord fill our hearts with his love and mercy so that we may also be instruments of reconciliation in the world. Amen
Happy Easter to you and yours!!!

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

Fr. Augustine Ogundele



*The office will be closed on
April 23, 2025 1:00-3:00 pm
for a Staff Meeting.*



**Have a Blessed Easter
from all of us!**

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

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Michael McLeod, Dorothy Botzang,
Bill and Maria Perreira, Matt LeSage, John Azzopardi, John Gots, and Helen Hobbins

"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed:

Damien Ryan, William Born, Marjorie Lynn Rombout, Dorothy Caudron and Irene VanWynsberghe

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






The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:45 pm electronically on Zoom, and every 2nd & 4th Tuesday in person after Mass at St Mary's. For more information, call John/Barra: 519-583-0277, or E-mail: johnbarra@sympatico.ca

Evening of Praise & Worship

Evening of Praise & Worship Come join us Friday May 9 @ 6:30 pm at St. Bernard, Waterford for an Evening of Praise. The hour is filled with music, praying, adoration, blessing of religious items followed by snacks and fellowship afterwards. There is an opportunity to write personal prayer request out and placed collectively to be burned after the celebration. Invite a friend or some one who could benefit from this time in the presence of the Lord.

Holy Prayer Rosary Prayer Group

The HOLY ROSARY Saturdays Prayer Meetup in Zoom invites everyone as we continue Lent and the upcoming Easter season Prayer session and for the upcoming Canada Federal/National Election 2025, <https://catholicincanada.com/>. We are inviting you to join a Holy Hour via Zoom (Please join the last 2 Sundays (April 20, and 27th) for an important Consecration, Conversion of Canada, and its National Federal Elections all done in livestreamed Adoration at the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour in ZOOM when all Canadian Catholics and Faithful gathered together praying in unity. We will pray all four mysteries of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Election Prayer composed by Father Chad Ripperger, and the Canada54 National Novena, which includes a powerful invocation to our Canadian Saints and Blessed. Everyone is welcome so feel free to invite family and friends to join us or to pray in their own families and prayer communities. If Catholics were to pray the Rosary daily for this 2025 election, an extraordinary renewal in Christ will fall upon Canada on April 28th, the day after Divine Mercy Sunday and the Feast Day of St. Louis de Montfort. Let our prayers rise like incense to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and may St. Joseph, Our Lady of the Cape, and all Canadian Saints and Blessed intercede for this crucial election as we reclaim Canada for Jesus through Mary. We look forward to praying together, and may "God keep our land, glorious and Free. Everyone is also invited to the ongoing Consecration beautiful process sponsored by the Heralds of the Gospel Consecration to Mary (March 25-April 26, 2025), 1] Live  "The practical guide of your Consecration Course: <https://reconquest.heralds.org/course/course-for-consecration-to-jesus-through-mary/> Heralds of the Gospel-https://www.youtube.com/@HeraldsoftheGospel_official

Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Fabbro will be celebrated on May 4

Join us for an occasion of great joy! Bishop Fabbro invites all married couples to attend this year's Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m. at Visitation Parish in Comber. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. For more information and to register, go to www.dol.ca/anniversary.



Mark your Calendar for upcoming Jubilee Celebrations:

St. Cecilia – June 29, 2025

11:00 Church Tour, **1:00 pm Mass**

St. Bernard – August 24, 2025

11:00 Church Tour **1:00pm Mass**

St. Mary – October 26, 2025

11:00 Church Tour **1:00pm Mass**

Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk— November 23, 2025

Location: Holy Trinity High School **1:00 pm Mass**

Novena to Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Novena is a nine-day prayer tradition, starting on Good Friday and culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the second Sunday of Easter, to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska that this novena should be prayed for graces and salvation for others.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

St. Bernard-Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 9:00 am Mass

St. Mary-3:00 pm Divine Mercy

* Novena for this can be found at the back of all 4 parishes. *

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of
April 20, 2025

St Mary: The Late Antonio & Maria Santos

St. Cecilia: In Memory of Kathleen O'Mara

OLQM: Thanksgiving for the Verhoeve Family Blessings

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Apr 21 **St. Mary**

10:00 am +Jose DaCosta
 +Frank Oliver

Tues Apr 22 **Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs**

10:00 am +Mike & Donna Norkus
 +Louise Lachance Moyaert
 In Thanksgiving

Wed Apr 23 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Jerry Finnigan
school Deceased Members of the C.W.L

Thur Apr 24 **Norfolk Hospital**

10:30 am Intentions for Residents & Staff

Fri Apr 25 **St. Mary**

10:00 am +Mario Tomaz, Francisco Tomaz & Irene
school Lopes

St. Bernard

11:30 am +Mary Koopman
school +Mary, Stan & John Zlomanczuk

NO Adoration prior to Weekday Masses this week



Employment Opportunity

Organist needed for:

- 5:00 pm Saturday night Mass & 11:00 am Sunday Mass at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish
 - 5:00 pm Saturday night Mass at St. Mary
- If interested, please contact the office at
519 582-1312 or 519 426-0887

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April 27, 2025

OLQM: In Memory of Steve Scheers

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon Apr 28 **St. Mary**

9:00 am +Maria Catarino
 +Michael McElhone

Tues Apr 29 **St. Mary**

7:00 pm +Lucia Gama
 +John Buch & Richard Buch
 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

7:00 pm +James Bakos
 Our Lady of Fatima

Wed Apr 30 **St. Cecilia**

9:00 am +Theresa Joel
 +Mary & Joseph Heffer

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

9:00 am +Paul, Eleanor & Eileen Polfliet
school +Luisa Gomes Ferreira & Robertina
 Gomes Ribeiro

St. Bernard

7:00 pm +Herman Plas
 +James Chmiel

Thur May 1 **St. Cecilia**

All Souls
Jose M. Couto & The Couto Family

10:30 am **Dover Cliffs**

Intentions of Residents & Staff

2:00 pm **peopleCare**

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First Friday

Fri May 2 **St. Mary**

10:00 am +Gontarde Family
 +Herbert & Marjorie Smith

St. Bernard

11:30 am +Rodger Dupuis
 +Mary Zdriluk

First Friday – 1 hour Adoration after Mass

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

Employment Opportunity

The Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes is seeking a full-time bookkeeper.
The details are at dol.ca/bookkeeper-erie-tri-county.

Living the Gospel message
by serving Christ in the poor
with love, respect, justice and joy.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE SIMCOE/WATERFORD/ DELHI

Last month, in the Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi area, we gave a three day supply of groceries and \$950.00 in food store gift cards to 179 families, having a total of 553 adults and children. The Community Kitchen served an average of 48 full course meals every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday to our clients who also were able to have a friendly chat with their peers and our members and volunteers.

The collection for the month of April was \$1655.00 at St Bernard's, \$1260.00 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, and \$1265.00 at St Mary's. We also received a kind donation from the St. James United Church Women as well as from Housing & Homeless Prevention Services of Haldimand & Norfolk

Receipts for donations to Simcoe /Waterford/ Delhi St Vincent de Paul have been mailed out. If you were expecting one and have not received it, please contact the parish office and they will pass the info on to us.

We are always looking for new members, as drivers, to deliver groceries to the homes, &/ or as dispatchers, who work from home, with their computers. If interested, please leave us a message on the email address below or on our phone 1-855-561-4184 or at the parish offices.

Our volunteers will be available after Mass on May 3rd & 4th to receive your kind donations, which will enable us to continue to assist those who need a helping hand in our area. You can also donate by cheque, payable to St Vincent de Paul, Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi, and **mailing** it to: St Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Conference 211 Union Street, Simcoe, ON.

N3Y2B3. We also are able to accept an E-Transfer to ssvpstmarysconference@gmail.com. If using the E-Transfer facility, in the detail section, please give your name and address. For the security question please use "What province do we live in" answer "Ontario". The income tax receipt will be mailed out at year end, unless otherwise requested.

Again, thank you for your kindness and please pray for our members and for those we serve.

St Anthony's Bread For The Poor

Recently, members of St. Vincent De Paul opened the St Anthony's Bread For The Poor box at the back of St Mary's Church, for the first time since May of 2022. Even though the church is now open only during Mass times, we still got \$162.25 from folks who have found joy in their heart to utilize this old way to help the poor in our area. This unique way of giving has been used by generations of families in the parish since before our St Vincent De Paul Conference started in 1958. The priest of that day, gave those funds to 4 individuals, to assist the local needy and the number of volunteers of our St Vincent Conference has grown and carried on the tradition to this day. May God Bless the generous donors who contributed over the years.



Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs:

A sincere THANK YOU to all who supported and bought tickets for the CWL 50/50 draw . Winners of the draw, held April 3, 2025 , were Becky Bakos & Justin Louks, each received \$500 .

In the month of May , our CWL will be saying the **Rosary**, each **Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church**, in honour of Our Blessed mother, Mary. (May 7, 14, 21, 28.)

Please join us!

The next CWL meeting will be May 1, at 7 :00 pm in the parish hall .

Bring a friend and join us for a cup of tea!!



The Knights of Columbus Dollier and Galinee Council 8149:

Our next General Meeting is on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm which will be May 5, 2025 at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall.

Knight of Columbus Delhi-La Salette 5095:

Our next General Meeting is on Monday May 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Knight of Columbus Simcoe-Waterford 4502:

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

**Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk
and London Diocese
are inviting you to celebrate the
Canonization of
Carlo Acutis**



**Join us for
Snacks, Crafts, Games,
Canonization moments
and Adoration!**

Sign up on our Parish Website!
catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca



We will be hosting a deanery wide Family Event

When: April 27, 2025

Where: Our Lady Queen of Martyr Parish
(Delhi - 110 Adams Ave, Delhi ON N4B 1P7)


Time: 3-5:30pm


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May 7: Understanding the Experience of Dying & Death
May 14: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
May 21: Accompanying at the End of Life
May 28: Supporting and Integrating inside the Wider Community

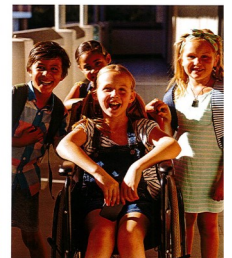
Register:

 www.catholicfamilyparishesnorfolk.dol.ca
 stmarycecilia@dol.ca
 519-426-0887



When facing a life-limiting illness, we are called to walk with one another in love, offering care, comfort, and spiritual support.

**"We must fan the flame of HOPE
that has been given to us"**
- Pope Francis -



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Here is a link <https://youtu.be/JLmOYG8uX8E> for more information on Horizons of Hope.