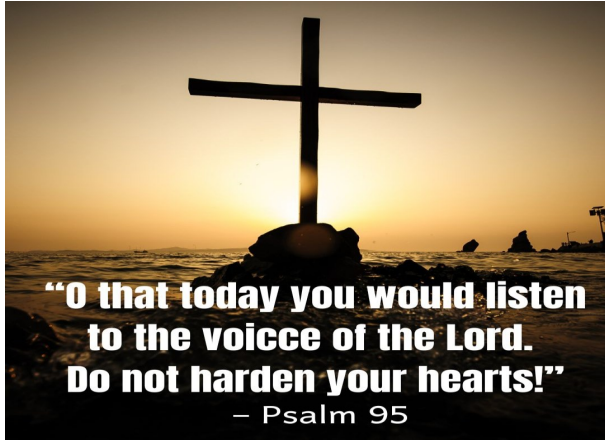


ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. MICHAEL
& Holy Trinity & St. Francis of Assisi

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**Third Week of
Lent
March 8, 2026**

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online
First Communion & First Reconciliation:
Registration is now closed.

Confirmation - Registration is now closed.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: at St. Michael's on Sat.'s from 2- 3:00 pm.
2153 Parkwood Ave.

Reconciliation: at OLPH on Tuesday's from 5-5:45 pm.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance
Holy Orders: Contact the office

**WEEKDAY (DAILY) MASS SCHEDULE FOR
HOLY TRINITY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Holy Trinity- 1035 Ellis Street East, : Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. in Polish & Saturday at 8:00 am. in English
St. Francis of Assisi—1701 Turner Road : Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm. in Croatian

**'ROSE CITY CENTRAL' CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER**

Lord, please console and protect our 'Rose City Central' family of parishes. May we become a true Catholic family.

We come to You Holy Trinity and ask You to guide our path as we become witnesses of our faith.

To Immaculate Mary our Mother, we ask for your perpetual help; and we ask Saint Francis for peace, and Saint Michael for protection.
Amen.

**PASTORAL TEAM FOR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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gball@dol.ca

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Miro Grubišić

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Pastoral Minister: Sr. Elzbieta Mruczek
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Pastoral Minister: Christine Toffolon, 519-966-1953
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FAMILY OF PARISHES STAFF**
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olph@dol.ca

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Secretary: Miroslawa "Mirka" Rodzinka STM & OLPH

Musicians: Jim Dittmer (St. Michael & STM)

John Salalila (OLPH)

Jeff Gendron (OLPH)

Maintenance: Victor Piccolo (STM)

Paul Smith (OLPH)

**MASS TIMES FOR OUR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

SATURDAY EVENING:

5:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)

5:00 pm. at St. Michael

5:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi (in Croatian)

SUNDAY:

9:00 am. at Holy Trinity (in English)

9:00 am. at St. Francis (in English)

10:30 am. at OLPH

10:30 am. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

11:00 am. at St. Francis (in Croatian)

12:30 pm. at St. Michael

12:30 pm. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

**Mass schedule for St. Michael German Mass—
Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 am.**

**"BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT
FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS."**

MAIN FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE HOURS: St. Michael Church—2153 Parkwood Avenue
Tues. to Fri. 9 am.—2 pm. Please call Shirl at 519-258-0910 Ext. 200
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—804 Grand Marais Rd. East



BAPTISM FOR OLPH & ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

Once you have filled out the online baptism registration form from our website, Christine will email you with the available dates. Baptisms for OLPH and St. Michael take place during our weekend Masses. Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. or Sunday morning at 10:30 am. at OLPH or at St. Michael at 12:30 pm. Information about the one required baptismal prep night will be sent to you once the registration form has been received by Christine. Further information is found on our website. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:226 or email her ctoffolon@dol.ca



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

For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery.

There is "a time for everything under Heaven...."

For those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes, especially Patrick Janisse.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March: For disarmament and peace: Let us that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH



EVERY TUESDAY
5:00 PM. TO 5:50 PM.

ADORATION

Confessions

CONFESSIONS FROM 5:00 - 5:45 PM.

Mass at 6:00 pm.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR ST. MICHAEL & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Mon. March 9 at 6:00 pm. at St. Michael

Intentions of John Nabben ... by Pat Bergeron

Tues. March 10 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Liz Farr ... by Bob & Jessica St. Onge
- + Ron Hancock ... by Bob & Sherry St. Onge
- + Renata Koter ... by Clark Hogue
- + Mark Brostowski... by Valerie Ferguson & Family
- + François Marion ... by Louis Marion & Family
- + All holy souls in purgatory esp. deceased members... by FOSS

Wed. March 11 at 12:00 pm. at St. Michael

- Intentions of John Nabben ... by Family**
- Intentions of Eleanor Ofner ... by St. Michael CWL**
- + Frank Elek ... by St. Michael CWL
- + Leo Masse ... by Marie Masse
- + Souls in Purgatory ... by Marie Masse
- + Murray Ball ... by John & Jackie Nabben

Thurs. March 12 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Ria Wanner... by Hogue Family
- + Maria & Christine Spiteri ... by Emanuel Spiteri
- + Angelo Spiteri ... by Emanuel Spiteri
- + Walter Sultana ... by Emanuel Spiteri
- + Clarence Goyeau ... by Scott & Ingrid Goyeau
- + All holy souls in purgatory esp. deceased members... by FOSS

Fri. March 13 at 8:00 am. at St. Michael

- Intentions of Peter Nantais ... by Barbara Mahoney**
- + Michael Hardstone ... by Silvio Corrente
- + Helen & John Kerekes... by Gabriela & Angelina
- + Anthony Chifor ... by Gabriela & Angelina
- + Paul Rechwan ... by Marie Masse

Gospel Background: John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42)

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture.

The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels.

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The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.. * *from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>*

BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH

Our next assigned session at the All Star Gaming Centre on Walker Rd. is **Wednesday March 18 from 10:00 am.—12:00 noon.**

Would you like to volunteer for our bingo assignments? We are hoping that starting in April we will be returning back to receiving monthly assignments. There is an online training that needs to be completed. Our sessions are only two hours each and you do not take in the money at the sessions. Your "job" is more like a host(ess)—a welcoming committee. Please email Christine if you are interested.



BINGO COMMITTEE (IMMACULATE HEART)

Please do not forget to support our Church Bingo's. They are held at All Star Gaming Centre on Walker Rd. The Bingos are very important to St. Michael's parish. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who continually make the effort to support our parish.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER- THE "MONEY WALL"

During Lent we be having a envelope fundraiser for youth events. The money raised will help cover any extra cost above and beyond what the K of C provide at some of our events. **We host several FREE family events over the year.** We also provide snacks and juice at our Confirmation preparation classes and provide a Christian treat (toy or game) to the First Reconciliation & Communion children at their preparation classes.

The method is simple: We will have a wall of numbered envelopes on the bulletin boards at St. Michael & Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Donors can select an envelope and donate the money listed on the envelope. For example, envelopes will be labeled from \$1.00 -\$100.00, someone can then choose the envelope numbered 17 and would then donate \$17 into that envelope. The instructions are to put the appropriate amount of cash or check into the envelope, fill out the form included inside the envelope, seal it, and put it in the collection basket. **We will begin next week. March 14/15.**

RETURN OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

We will resume offering the Precious Blood at our weekend Masses. We will start by offering the precious Blood from one cup at each Mass. We will monitor covid and the flu numbers and if things get unreasonable we will make changes as needed. **We will begin offering the Precious Blood this weekend. (March 7/8)**

SSVP IMMACULATE HEART CONFERENCE

We are always accepting "NON PERISHABLE" food donations. Just leave them on the ushers' bench. Monetary donations used to purchase groceries are always appreciated, and they can be dropped off in the collection basket, just mark your envelope "Immaculate Heart St. Vincent de Paul". Your generosity allows us to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul food calls: 519-258-0910 Ext. 235 God Bless all of you.



How To Give Alms This Lent

- ✓ VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
- ✓ CLEAN OUT YOUR PANTRY AND GIVE ITEMS TO A FOODBANK
- ✓ MAKE A MEAL FOR A NEIGHBOR OR FAMILY IN NEED
- ✓ SACRIFICE A TREAT (COFFEE, DESSERT) AND GIVE THAT MONEY TO THE POOR
- ✓ MAKE BAGS OF TOILETRY ITEMS TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS
- ✓ GIVE AWAY AN OUTFIT OR ITEM YOU STILL REALLY LIKE! (AND OTHERS YOU NO LONGER USE)



2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The income tax receipts have been mailed out from St. Michael & Our Lady of Perpetual Help. If you have questions about your income tax receipt please call the office to speak to Shirli. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

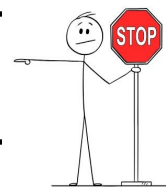
WOMEN PROTECTING THE EARTH

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours.

Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.



Please recycle or shred your 2025 envelopes. PLEASE Do not use the 2025 Offertory envelopes in 2026.





RESURRECTION Eggs

Join us for this FREE family event
You must register
on our website to attend
www.olph.dionet.org



Sunday March 29
AT 2:00 – 4:00 PM



St. Michael Church
2153 Parkwood Ave.



MORE INFORMATION
www.olph.dionet.org

The Stations of the Cross at
6:00 pm. and “No Greater Love”
video series immediately after
in our parish halls.

Join us on
Fri. March 13 - at St. Michael
Fri. March 20 - at OLPH
Fri. March 27 - at St. Michael



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & NO GREATER LOVE VIDEOS

Join us on Friday’s during Lent. We will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday and we will alternate between our two Church sites; St. Michael’s & OLPH Church. This week on **Friday March 13** the Stations of the Cross will be hosted by the German community at **St. Michael Church.**



Stations of the Cross begin at 6:00 pm. in the Church. Immediately after the Stations of the Cross we will view the fourth video from the *No Greater Love* series by Edward Sri. After the video there will be time for reflection and discussions. *We thank Steve DiPasquale for volunteering to help lead the sessions.*



Easter Memorial Flowers

At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church there is an Easter Flower Donation Envelope in the 2026 offertory envelope boxes. If you would like to donate towards the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, just fill out the front of the envelope and enclose your donation. You can put your envelope in the collection basket. If you do not have offertory envelopes, please put your donation in an Easter Flower envelope found at the Welcome Desk Please return the envelopes by Sun. March 29 (no later), in order for us to include your loved ones’ name in our Easter Memorial Booklet. At St. Michael’s the envelopes are provided at the back (entrance) of the Church. *They were attached to the bulletin last week as well. Please return your Easter Flower donation envelopes by Sun. March 29, in order for us to include your loved ones’ name in our Easter Memorial Booklet.



DURING LENT

**WE WILL OFFER
MASS ON
MONDAY**

**ST. MICHAEL’S
CHURCH AT 6:00 PM.**

MON. MARCH 9, 16 & 23

FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

March 9—St. Frances of Rome



READINGS OF THE WEEK



Monday— Kings 5:1-15; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 42: Gospel, Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday— Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 25: Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday— Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 147: Gospel, Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday— Jeremiah 7:23-28; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 95: Gospel, Luke 11:14-23
Friday— Hosea 14:2-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 81: Gospel, Mark 12:28-34
Saturday— Hosea 6:1-6; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 51: Gospel, Luke 18:9-14
Sunday— First Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 23: Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 ; Gospel, John 9:1-41

Annulment Info Session
Tuesday, May 5th • 7:00 PM
 WITH
FR. PATRICK BÉNÉTEAU
 (Canon Lawyer)
 at Holy Name of Jesus, Essex
St. John Paul II Youth Basement
Learn about the annulment process & get your questions answered!



Thank you



The **Social Committee** and **IH CWL** would like to thank everyone who helped with and supported our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. We had a large number attending this year and you were very patient with us! We contributed \$530 to Development and Peace and the CWL made \$120 from the sale of jams and chili sauce. We were also collecting socks, gloves, etc. for the homeless and your generosity and support resulted in a car load of items!

JOIN US!

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men who LEAD, SERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND.

We share a desire to be better HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS, NEIGHBORS AND ROLE MODELS and to put charity and community first.

The next **OLPH CWL general meeting** will be held on Tuesday March 17 after the Mass (6:45 pm.). Come dressed in your best green! Or come dressed as St. Patrick! We hope to see everyone at our meeting.



ATTENTION MEN FROM ST. MICHAEL & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

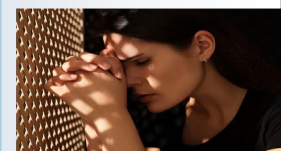
— have you ever considered becoming a Knight of Columbus member? Our Mother Teresa K of C council will be available to speak to you after Mass at their Breakfast on Sun. March 8. Our Mother Teresa K of C council supports St. Michael & Our Lady of Perpetual Help in many ways. Especially with the Family events at Christmas and Easter. And both the Trunk or Treats!

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Penance and Prayer across the Diocese

8—11:00 am. at St. Michael,
2—4:00 pm. at St. Michael
& 6—8:00 pm. at OLPH.



OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the SSVP we offer the option for you to make an e-transfer to ssvpolph@hotmail.com in the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH or you may leave a donation in the offertory basket. The SSVP green envelopes are found next to the offertory basket. Calls to the SSVP can be reached at **519-966-1953 EXT. 236**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Pat Power, Grand Knight
Steven Pellarin, Deputy Grand Knight
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Anna St. Antoine; President (IH)
Anna Thier: President (STM)

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Pat Rondot; President

SACRISTAN

Vicky Masotti

HOMEBOUND

Paulette DesRosiers

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Pat & Michelle Rondot

DECORATOR

Maricar Nicolas

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Janis McIsaac; President

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Phil Anderson; President

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website or in the narthex or back of the Church. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office .



**Mass Intentions at OLPH can be made with Christine by emailing her, or leaving an envelope in the offertory basket., Mass Intentions for Immaculate Heart or St. Michael's can be made by leaving an envelope in the offertory basket or calling Shirl at 519-258-0910 or by emailing her.
.Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

**** Please note that if you are asking for a certain date please send in your request at least three weeks in advance. Thank you.**

Pastoral Family of Parishes Council

Father Glen Ball * Father Stanislaw Izdebski Holy Trinity *
Father Miro St. Francis of Assisi * Sister Elzbieta Mruczek
Holy Trinity * Christine Toffolon Our Lady of Perpetual
Help * Chris Sak (Chair) Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Tony
Blak Holy Trinity * Angie Mora St. Michael * Tina Papac St.
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* Michelle Rondot Immaculate Heart * Victor Wolanski Holy
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Perpetual Help

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am. in the small hall at Immaculate Heart Church.

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HEAR US TOGETHER FOR HAITI AND THE JAVELIN FUND PRESENTS
The Haiti
Gala
AT THE FOGOLAR FURLAN
1800 N. SERVICE ROAD
APRIL | 25TH | 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
DINNER AT 6:30PM
TICKETS \$100
STUDENTS: \$75
JOIN US FOR DINNER, DANCING, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES AND MORE!
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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
Good Friday Family Service
April 3 at 11:00 am.
Looking for youth ages 7 to 16 yrs. to help lead the Good Friday Family Service.
Register on our website by March 22
There will be a practice on March 24 & March 31 at 6:30 pm.
www.olph.dionet.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
SPRING CAMPAIGN RUNS UNTIL MARCH 29
Vigil site on Tecumseh Rd. in front of Met Hospital BETWEEN BYNG AND KILDARE.