



Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes

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January 22nd, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18 – 25 in the northern hemisphere). The theme for this year is “Do good, seek justice” (Isaiah 1:7). This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in liturgical and community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

As the universal Catholic Church is summoned by Pope Francis to a new evangelization, through the 2023-24 Synod on Synodality, both ecumenism and interreligious dialogue are receiving renewed prominence. Hence the vademecum for the Synod, the “Official Handbook for Listening and Discernment in Local Churches,” proclaims: “The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.”

One of the resources that has been prepared for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an 8 Day Bible Study. Each day presents Scripture readings, reflections, discussion questions, and prayer. This can be done individually or as a family. Get a copy of the document on our [webpage \[etcfp.dol.ca/#Prayer\]](http://etcfp.dol.ca/#Prayer).

Sunday of the Word of God, January 22

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”. More information available [here \[https://c-b-f.org/en/Materials/Biblical-Resources/Biblical-Pastoral-Resources/SotWoG-2023\]](https://c-b-f.org/en/Materials/Biblical-Resources/Biblical-Pastoral-Resources/SotWoG-2023).



“The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.”
(Is 40:8)

Welcome to our Family! If you are new to our parish communities or wish to get involved please connect with us. You can contact us through our website, or by email, or call the Parish Office.

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St. Mary's Office
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday
9am - 4pm
(Closed from 12- 1)

Sacred Heart's Office
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WEEKEND MASS INFORMATION

St. Mary's, Tillsonburg

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am;
Sunday 11 am

Sacred Heart, Langton

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 10:30 am

St. Michael's, Walsh

Sunday 8:30 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Tillsonburg

Friday during Adoration from
8:45 am to 9:15 am
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Or by appointment

Sacred Heart, Langton

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Or by appointment

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

St. Mary's Tillsonburg

Friday 8:30 am to 9:15 am

READINGS FOR JAN 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

In Galilee of the nations, the people
have seen a great light.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18

I appeal to you that all of you be in
agreement and that there be no
divisions among you.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Made his home in Capernaum

READINGS FOR JAN 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain
sheltered from God's anger.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his
power.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be
happy.



Our Confirmation families and the candidates' sponsors have been busy preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in February. What they need most as they approach the sacrament are our prayers! Please offer up a decade of the Rosary for the candidates, sponsors and their families that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their daily lives!

Bible study on January 23rd. *"The Eucharist: The bread of Life."* We meet in the Fr. Langan Parish Center Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00pm.

The purpose of Bible study is not to gain ready-made answers or to put a lid on truth. It is, rather, to gain deeper understanding of the mysteries of God. Such understanding, then, always leads to more questions to ponder.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Breakfast

This Sunday, September 22nd, the Knights of Columbus will once again be serving Sunday Breakfast after the 9 am and 11 am Masses. There is no set fee for breakfast, but for those who can, please consider a donation to help offset the increased costs of supplies and food. Thank you for supporting the work we do for the Parish and our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

LANGTON CWL

All members are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting on February 6, 2023, at 7 pm in the Langton Community Centre meeting room. Our new executive will be sworn in. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Congratulations to our young children who have completed their First Reconciliation - a wonderful hug from our Lord! Excitement is beginning to mount as they journey next towards their First Communion! Please remember the children preparing for this sacrament and their families who are preparing them to receive Jesus in the Easter season in your daily prayers.

Where is Christ in your life now?

Take time to reflect and redirect your path. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and every one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live as a Catholic Christian in normal everyday life and bring His presence and message to our homes and communities.

When? Men's: Feb. 2-5, 2023;

Women's: Feb. 9-11, 2023.

Where? Michaelite House, 2751 Sunningdale Rd. W., London ON. N6H 5L2

Cost? \$200 [funding available to those unable to meet this expense]

Please call Deacon Andre De Decker at 519 409 1167 for sponsorship information soon.

Contact? Sharon Walsh at 519-393-6750, kinkorite@hotmail.com.

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Stewardship Corner

Offertory - January 15, 2023

Category	St. Mary	Sacred Heart	St. Michael
Sunday Envelope	\$ 3,479.35	1,146.00	\$ 315.00
Initial Envelope	95.00	200.00	5.00
New Year's Day		100.00	
Building Fund	20.00	70.00	
Loose	443.60	139.00	25.00
Total	\$ 4,037.95	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 345.00



The statue of the Virgin Mary at St. Mary's, Tillsonburg, was removed from the Rose Garden to be painted and repaired. Soon the statue will be with us again.



2023 Offertory Envelopes—Remember, you can pick up your 2023 Offertory Envelopes at the end of Mass in each of our three parishes. If you have not received them yet, please sign the form that is located near the envelopes or contact the office to arrange for pick up during office hours. Thank you!



Home Bound or In Hospital

When you are unable to attend Mass please know that we are praying for you and your healing. If you are in the hospital and wish to be anointed please let your nurse know and they will contact the office to make arrangements.

Resources for Kids are available in the Kids Korner at the back of the church at each of our three Parishes. An electronic copy of the Kids' Bulletin and other resources for families can be found on our webpage [here](http://etcfp.dol.ca/families) [etcfp.dol.ca/families].



Senior's Health & Wellness Fair 2023 will be happening on Wednesday, February 1st, from 9am to 2pm at Tillsonburg Senior Centre. Call 519-688-2520 for more information.



Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life. Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

Source: loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Tue, Jan 24
6:30 pm

St. Mary's
Special Intention for
Matt Schultz
✠George Maeckelbergh
✠Queene & Ken Smith
and their son Peter
✠Joe Oliveira
✠Irene Zahorak
✠Lino Martin

Wed, Jan 25
9:30 am

St. Mary's
✠Eleanor Jesson
✠Joe Oliveira
✠Elizabeth & Leo Scarff
✠Madeleine Renneboog
✠Darlene Vanhooren
✠Ileen VanHove

Thu, Jan 26
9:30 am

Sacred Heart
✠Dan VanEenoo
✠Irongina Canto

Fri, Jan 27
9:30 am

St. Mary's
Special Intention for
Dora Caro Cabrera &
Family
Special Intention for
Kirwan & Scarff Families
✠Joe Oliveira
✠John Schonberger
✠Roger DeDecker



Please pray for

Victor Rigole

"Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:26)

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This week at Formed:



Alive, The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

Alive, a powerful film from Spain, presents the compelling testimonies of five men and women with unique stories of how their lives were completely transformed by experiencing the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Watch the video film [here](#) or use the following link:

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/alive-the-real-presence-of-jesus-in-the-eucharist>

Attention: Bulletin submissions must be received by 4:00 on Tuesdays at etcfp@dol.ca. Thank you for your cooperation!

Prayer Service To Conclude The Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity



On January 25, 2023 at 5:30pm All Saints Anglican Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish will co-host an Ecumenical Evening Prayer service at Assumption to mark the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For more information please contact Assumption@dol.ca, or check the livestream link [here \[AssumptionParish.ca/Live\]](http://AssumptionParish.ca/Live)

The Mysteries of the Eucharist

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of London and Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes welcome Father Michael Driscoll, Professor-Emeritus, University of Notre Dame. Join us as we discover the Eucharist as a mystery to be celebrated, a mystery to be believed, and a mystery to be lived. The evenings will be streamed at www.springbankcatholic.ca on March 7-9, 7-9 pm. You are welcome to join us in person or virtually. Further details are available on the Family's website.

Called and Gifted Charism Discernment

"Learning about our Charisms is an amazing experience. To know more about who God has created each of us to be, uniquely made and each called to our own mission, is truly a life changing experience." This was feedback from a participant in our fall session of the Called and Gifted Charism Discernment. Pastoral Services is offering the Called and Gifted Charism Discernment again soon for parish staff and key volunteers. Sessions begin on February 28. Registration closes on February 23. To register and find more details visit: dol.ca/called-gifted. Contact Chrisandra Skipper (cskipper@dol.ca) if you have any questions.

National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada (NACN-Canada)

NACN's goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, fellowship, mentoring, access to resources regarding ethical issues and participation in public discourse. On First Fridays at 3:00 p.m., pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with them using the link on their website, where you will also find information on events and how to join their association (catholicnurses.ca or nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com).

Truth and Reconciliation - January Speaker's Series



On January 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom the Truth and Reconciliation Speaker's Series will be focused on Indigenous Justice Methods and the Circle Sentencing Method. The Circle Sentencing Process is a way that Indigenous Peoples deal with criminality and issues between persons in their societies. Indigenous Persons Courts have adopted the process across the country and it involves a non-adversarial process in which members of the community, victims, the accused and all persons have a voice and a collective decision is made regarding reparations and punishment (if any.) Our speakers will be the Hon. Justice Deborah Austin; Bethany Williams, Indigenous Jail Liaison; and Sarah Donohue, criminal lawyer and member of the Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Committee. To register for this session please click on this link: us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UOphjNS7ToG4yrCjVoVTaw.



For the Sacrament of **Marriage** please contact our priest at least **eight months in advance**. For the Sacraments of **Anointing of the Sick** and **Baptism**, please contact our **Parish Office**.