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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION ~ Leonie Downie, Pastoral Minister

It is the beginning of October! A time of transitioning from summer to fall. Where we begin to see the brush strokes of mother nature transforming the world around us. Where we take our cues in putting away our summer things and bringing out the multiple colors of fall to our patios and in our homes.

So too I begin to put things away and transition into fall, looking back on summer and taking account of what has taken place. And of course! one of those ways is seeing what has been posted on social media.

As I was scrolling through my Facebook page, seeing family and friends posting their thoughts and pictures and sharing certain quotes that resonate with them. I too have done the same thing in sharing Mission quotes, Lessons Taught by Life, Church Pop and Vocation Ministry and many others that have inspired me. There is one quote which continues to reverberate with me from Vocation Ministry "God left you on earth for a purpose Do it" The question is do what? and the answer is always, Love your neighbor, be kind, compassionate, understand those who are struggling through poverty, social injustices, and suffering through many other forms of adversity. To journey with them, to love them, to give them hope, to give them dignity. St. Teresa of Calcutta, she was the living example, she did Do It!

We are called by God and gifted by the Holy Spirit, to Do It as Jesus has shown us and continuous to do so. We are called to mission, to build the church, not that of brick and mortar, but the living church of you and I becoming the disciples of Christ. We need to be informed and formed to mission, as we prepare to transform ourselves and the church. I invite you to Do It, be informed and formed, through Truth and Reconciliation Series, Alpha, Call and Gifted and many more.

"God left you on earth for a purpose Do it" the question, what are you going to do?

PROOF OF VACCINATIONS REQUIREMENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO - CHURCH BUILDINGS

Do People 12 Years of Age & Over Need to Show ID & Proof of Double Vaccination when Coming to Mass, Funerals or Weddings in the Church?

No, proof of double vaccination is not required when attending Mass or other worship services IN THE CHURCH. However, if persons 12 years of age or older are seated in overflow space in the parish hall (at churches that offer this for weekend Mass) you will be required by law to show proof of double vaccination and identification when entering the hall. Persons who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry into the overflow space with a doctor's note and identification. All people attending weekend Mass at churches that utilize overflow seating (St. Benedict & St. Joseph Churches) may wish to bring their documentation with them each time in case you are seated in the overflow area - or alternatively, arrive early to be certain of available space in the church.

Weekend Masses Reaching Capacity

Some of the English Masses in our Family of Parishes are exceeding capacity (OLM 4pm, SB 9am, SH 9am, SH 11am). Please plan to arrive early - particularly families requiring a full pew. If the Mass you planned to attend has reached capacity, please see the poster on the door listing the times and locations of other Masses in our Family.

How About Other Gatherings Outside of Mass or Worship Services? Is Proof of Double Vaccination Required?

Yes, please note, everyone 12 years of age and over is now required by law to show proof of double vaccination in ALL areas of the church building (with the current exemption of the office area) for events other than Mass or Worship Services. Please bring your identification (showing your date of birth and name) and proof of double vaccination when coming for non-worship meetings or gatherings on church premises (for example, CWL meetings, Bible Studies). If you have a medical exemption from receiving the vaccine, please bring your identification (showing your date of birth and name) and doctor's note with you when attending such events. Thank you for your understanding.

UPDATE - GATHERED EVENT

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SPEAKER SERIES

Excellent Indigenous speakers have shared their personal stories during the past three weeks of the Truth & Reconciliation speaker series. These gatherings take place every Wednesday evening until November 10, beginning at 7:00 pm and concluding by 9:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room. This week's speaker is Valarie Waboose, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor Walpole Island First Nation (Bkejwanong Territory). Other speakers include: Senator Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission; Jesse Thistle, Author of From the Ashes Department of Humanities, York University; Peter Jaffe, Academic Director of the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, Western University; Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas; Bishop Jon Hansen, Diocese of McKenzie-Fort Smith. For a full schedule of speakers or to sign up for these talks to enjoy in your own home, please see this link: <https://springbankcatholic.ca/truthandreconciliation/>

Bishop Fabbro Extends Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation

Some parishioners are still expressing concerns about gathering in churches. As well, in light of the need for continued physical distancing, we will not be able to welcome everyone back for the foreseeable future.

Therefore, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue until the end of the liturgical year, that is 27 November 2021.

Living the Vision: Mission-Oriented Action

In your Parish: Become involved in a church committee or group

In your Community: Be virtuous: practice prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude

In your Heart: Seek what is good, true, and beautiful

Diocese of London: Being a Mission-Oriented Church that Forms Disciples of Jesus

Weekday Mass Intentions - October 4 to October 9

Monday, October 4		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Joe Seward Dennis & Mary Jo Mather	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Mary Veronica Hart Barcroft ~ Margarita & Frank Roberts Ilda & Eliseo Tolaini ~ Carla Torciva Teresa & Salvatore Lopetrone~Family	6:30 PM St. Michael Ryan Jude D’Silva ~ The Family Mate Bratanic ~ Daughter, Margarita MacDonald For the intentions of Jaxon and Baby Sofia ~ Dorothy Wright
Tuesday, October 5		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Crescenzo Rocca ~ Nancy Longo For the intentions of Vanessa & Andrew Runka ~The Monteiro Family For the intentions of Annette & Peter Lewis ~The Monteiro Family 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquino Lucien Charron ~ Doreen Paquette	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Elio DeCarolus ~ wife Giuseppina DeCarolus & Family Intentions of Joseph & Ruby Phillion ~ Margarita & Frank Roberts In Thanksgiving for Solemn Profession of Br. Joshua Rosario ~ Family	6:30 PM St. Benedict Julius VanDenBossche ~ St. Benedict KofC Jacques Grondin ~ Louise Anne Landry Isaura Cabral ~ Gabriella Ferreira 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish O zdrowie dla Aleksandry
Wednesday October 6		
8:30 AM St. Michael Judy Haslam ~ Archy Gillis For the intentions of Joe & Jackie Kennedy ~Daughter, Helen Ross Special Intention 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquino Ronald & Danielle Roy ~ Paul & Rose-Marie Shoniker	9:30 AM St. Joseph Intensions of Dr. M. Stoesser ~ M. Turner Mike & Steve MacDougall ~ Charlie O’Rae & Sonya Smith Repose of the Soul Wanda & Victor Danilowicz ~ Susan Prosser	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Madeline Dozois ~ Larry Maria Cocozzoli ~ Maria D’Andrea Maria Leal ~ Pozdyk & Desjarlais Families
Thursday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Antonia Benacquista ~ Rita Petitta 12:10 Our Lady of Mercy Deceased members of Walsh Family & Chesley Maidment ~ Jean Maidment Michele O’Mahony ~ Parents & Family	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Antonio Leonardo ~ Wife, Maria Tom Rocca ~Augusto & Fiorina Lancia For the intentions of All Saints ~ Onorio & Pasqualina Cicchini	6:30 PM St. Benedict Manuel Evaristo ~ Tony & Luisa Leonardo Moiria Spowart ~ Brian Spowart Jim Santoro ~ St. Benedict CWL

	Friday, October 8	
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Alexander Sr. & Eva Maria Lew ~ Son, Alexander Jr. Crescenzo Rocca ~ Nancy Longo In Thanksgiving ~ Maria D'Andrea	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Les âmes du purgatoire ~ Patricia Lajoie-Sparks 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish O błogostawieństwo Boże dla Jadwigi Krasinkiewicz ~ Bronia	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Pietro Cossa & Michele Peddone ~ Rita & Mario Solinas Maria Cocozzoli ~ Angela DiScanno
	Saturday, October 9	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Maria Mazur ~ Niece & Family 8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Special Intention for Brodie ~ Doreen Paquette	8:30 AM St. Michael Derek Kelders ~The Kelders Family Prayers of healing for Trish Berg ~ George Stanko Special Intention	9:30 AM St. Joseph Dialina & Tina Arruda ~ Evaristo Arruda Luciano D'Alessandro ~ Maria D'Allessandro Donna Greenwood ~ Nan Smyth

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

8:45 - 9:30am: Queen of Peace Sacristy
 9:15 - 10:00am: St. Michael Hall
 9:15 - 10:00am: St. Thomas d'Aquin Hall
 11:00am-12:00pm: Our Lady of Mercy Hall
Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy
 5:00pm - Queen of Peace
 +Nick Jurlij ~ Jurlij Family
 5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove
 5:30pm - Sacred Heart
 5:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)
 6:00pm - St. Benedict

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00am - Queen of Peace
 9:00am - Sacred Heart
 9:00am - St. Benedict
 9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin
 10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove
 11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish)
 +Anna & Michal Stalmach ~ K & J Stalmach
 11:00am - Sacred Heart
 11:00am - St. Joseph
 11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)
 6:30pm - St. Benedict

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH VIDEO SERIES

THE HIDDEN KING ~ THE JEWISH ROOTS OF ST. JOSEPH

Bible Discoveries resumes with a 6-week series, on Tuesday afternoons, from 2pm to 3:30pm at St. Benedict's beginning October 5th.

In this series, Dr. Brant Pitre takes the popular figure of Saint Joseph and opens up the mysteries of his hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus.

Pre-registration is required to ensure Covid-19 protocols are observed. Click on this [link](#) to register online or call the business office at 519 336-2653 **PROOF OF DOUBLE VACCINATION MANDATORY**



Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



Please use the following links to access this week's lesson and kids' bulletin.

Oct. 3, 2021-Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

[Kids Bulletin](#)

[Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service](#)

Readings for Sunday, October 3rd

1st Reading:

Genesis 2: 7ab, 15, 18-24

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel:

Mark 10: 2-16

Pray for Vocations: October 3rd to October 9th

Sunday: Rev. Ljubo Lebo O.F.M.

Monday: Rev. Stephen Marsh

Tuesday: Rev. Richard Tremblay

Wednesday: Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary

Thursday: Rev. Nelson Cabral

Friday: Miss Leigh Duckworth, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Saturday: Deacon John Vezina

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis



*We pray for all who have died
and for those who mourn their
passing.*

Marjorie Ann Vere

(mother of Father Dan Vere)

John Mumford

Ricardo Grassi

Gerard Bergeron

(Father in law of AJ Barrows)



~ Prayer Requests in Our Family of Parishes ~

If you wish to have yourself or a family member included in prayers for those who are sick please contact the Family of Parishes office at 519-336-2653.

New prayer intentions will be included in the bulletin for three weeks and have been added to the full listing of prayer requests on our Family of Parishes website at this [link](#).

If you wish to have your prayer request renewed after three weeks, please let us know.

Please pray for health in body, mind and spirit of Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic parishioners, their family and loved ones. We have no additional prayer requests this week.

Thanksgiving Appeal 2020

"Your gift will make a difference"

October is upon us and as we continue to struggle with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are blessed to have our Parishes open again to worship together. Our re-opening has been a work-in-progress as we follow the protocols set out by the Diocese.

Thank you to all those who have continued to financially support the parishes.

Next week, we will have our Annual Thanksgiving Appeal. By choosing to support this special collection, you will make a direct impact on your parish. The funds raised during the Thanksgiving Appeal campaign are not subject to the annual assessment by the Diocese. Every dollar raised stays in the parish.

Due to the pandemic, we could not distribute envelopes for this collection. For those of you with offertory envelopes, the pink "Parish Appeal" envelope is for this purpose. For those on pre-authorized giving, you can contact Cathy or Lisa in the office, and they can set up a one-time donation for you.

If you are comfortable with [e-Transfers](#), please use this method, noting "Thanksgiving Appeal". And lastly, for those who want to make a donation online using a credit card, please visit

<https://dol.ca/online-giving>. Be sure to select THANKSGIVING APPEAL from the Fund list and specify your parish using the Message option.

CO-ORDINATOR OF FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

After receiving valuable input and recommendations from our Transition Team, now the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council, and from the Finance Council of the Family of Parishes, it was decided that the Family should invite applications to fill the position of Family and Youth Co-coordinator.

We advertised extensively in our bulletin and website and across the Diocese of London as well as several other dioceses in Canada and the US. I am now pleased to report that a successful candidate was recently hired by the name of AJ (Austin) Barrows. AJ has previously worked for NET Ministries of Canada and as a high school Youth Coordinator as well as for Ablaze Ministries in Bryan Texas. He received his Youth Minister Certification from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He also studied history at the University of Northern Colorado. AJ will work with our pastoral team and area schools to implement family & youth ministry.

Welcome AJ Barrow to our Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes.

Fr. Brian Jane

Your help is needed.

The St. Vincent de Paul Help Centre and Food Bank is looking for volunteers to paint several different areas at the Help Centre. If you are able to assist please contact Sue Platt at 519-337-1058. Thank you for your consideration.

Monica Vautour,

President of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and Chair of the Help Centre Committee.



My name is AJ Barrows. I grew up in Denver Colorado, so yes, I am an American; please don't hold that against me too much.

My wife and I just moved into town

and are so very excited to be here in Sarnia to serve all of you!

*thank
you*

During the pandemic, Connie Benson from St. Joseph's church, organized (in the parking lot of St. Joe's) parishioners to do drive by birthdays. We decorated cars and dropped cards off and made phone calls to check in on people who could not get out.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to her for taking the time to do this kind deed.

Thank you from all of us at St. Joe's. God Bless

ALPHA ~ The Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting Alpha via Zoom!

What a great way to experience this wonderful opportunity to explore basic life questions, with a group of people, while staying in the comfort of your home.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basic questions of life and faith. Each session looks at a different question relevant to everyday life and offers a great opportunity for reflection and conversation. Why not Give Alpha a try and invite a friend to experience it with you! You will be so glad you did! Promise it will be fun, interactive and informative!



**Beginning on Monday September 20th at 7:00 p.m.
for 12 weeks**

Register online www.sbrcfp.dol.ca or call the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic family of Parishes office for more information ~ 519-336-2653.

LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

The Family of Parishes Sunday Mass recording from St. Benedict Church is also available on Cogeco channel 6 with all our Family of Parishes priests taking turns serving as the celebrant at this Mass.

Please note that some recorded Sunday masses on Cogeco may run longer so the Rosary prayed before the mass may need to be shortened to accommodate.

Daily Televised Masses...

If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV—channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)

EWTN—channel 184

(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

VisionTV—channel 24

(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633

Vision TV—channel 261

(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292

Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559

Shaw national—EWTN channel 28



Honouring Our Lady of Fatima Wednesday, October 13

Mary, the Mother of God, has many titles in many places across the globe. The Miracle of the Sun, also known as the Miracle of Fátima, is a series of events reported to have occurred miraculously on October 13, 1917, and was attended by a large crowd who had gathered in Fátima, Portugal, in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children.

Join us in honouring Our Lady of Fatima on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church with a service of Word, prayer and song led by children from across our Family of Parishes. Special music will begin at 6pm so plan on arriving early.

Space is limited so please contact the Parish Office at 519-336-2653 to reserve your spot.

The History of the Rosary

The word rosary means crown of roses. In the Middle Ages monks used knotted ropes or collars of grain to count the 150 psalms in the Bible. The recitation of the Psalms was replaced with the "Our Father" for those who could not read. In the 11th century some hermits and laypersons began to recite "Our Lady's Psalter". 150 salutations of the "Hail Mary" divided into three series of 50 salutations which were termed "rosaries".

According to pious tradition Our Lady consecrated this devotion by appearing to Saint Dominic in 1214. The rosary was to be a weapon to combat heresy. Again in 1464, Our Lady and Saint Dominic appeared to Blessed Alan de la Roche to re-establish this devotion. Through the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary at the Dominican convent, devotion quickly spread throughout Europe.

It is to the confraternities that the accepted 15 mysteries to be meditated on during the recitation of the Holy Mary's is mainly due.

Pope St Pius V asked all Christians to pray the Rosary prior to the Battle of Lepanto, October 7, 1571. On that day the smaller Christian armada won a stunning victory defending Christianity from the Muslim invasion. That day has been celebrated ever since as the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

In 1917 our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima Portugal in a series of six apparitions beginning May 13 and ending October 13. The miracle of the sun was witnessed October 13 by about 70,000 spectators on Our Lady's final appearance. Our Lady gave the children the mission to tell the world she was profoundly displeased with the impiety and corruption of men. To advert chastisement she asked for prayer and penance and especially the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Saint John Paul II said many times that the rosary was his favourite prayer. In 2002 he called for a Year of the Rosary and added five luminous mysteries focusing on the public ministry of Jesus.

The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times. - St Padre Pio

God bless us all and Peace in your day
Helen Ross



Sacramental Preparation

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation for children in grade 2, as well as Confirmation preparation for youth in grade 8, will be available soon. Please watch the bulletin, website and school communications for further information in the next couple of weeks. If your child is older than these specified grades and did not receive the sacraments at the time, it is absolutely not too late. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

St. Michael School Students at Wednesday Morning Masses

Students from St. Michael school may soon be joining the Wednesday morning Masses at St. Michael Church. Because of their classroom cohorts, students in individual classes do not require the 6 foot social distancing from one another at Mass. It is expected a couple of classes may start attending each Wednesday. Sections A & B of the church will be reserved for school students attending and sections C & D will be reserved for other parishioners.

October 16/17 Survey Weekend -

An Even Greater Opportunity for Your Voice to Be Heard!

Do you have lots of ideas and creative thoughts to share about your parish and our family of parishes? After the results of our Family of Parishes survey are tabulated we will be forming focus groups for each of the parishes in our family to zero in on what the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges are in each of our parishes. Help your parish pastoral council and pastoral leadership team plan ministry to best serve the needs of our parishes, community and world. You will have an opportunity to sign up to participate in a focus group. Watch for details in November!

Copies of the survey will be available in French, English, Spanish and Polish based on the language of the Mass you are attending.

Bring your phone and weigh in online or on paper! Let your voice be heard!



Attention: St. Michael & Sacred Heart Offertory Envelope Users

The new box sets begin the first week of November. For those of you who have returned to Sunday mass on a regular basis, your boxes will be available for pick-up starting the weekend of October 9th/10th at the Welcome Tables. Our Welcomers will distribute them when you check in.

If your box is not there, we will take your name and have your box at the table for you the following week.

If you prefer to pick them up at the parish offices, please contact:

Michelle (SH)

519-344-2992 x201; mchristie@dol.ca

Cathy (SM)

519-869-2845 x241; ccimetta@dol.ca

Please be aware of our new Office Hours:

Sacred Heart: Tuesday & Friday 8:30 - Noon

St Michael: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 - Noon

Adoration Chapel to reopen on October 12, 2021

Through inquiry, research, and discussion regarding the Covid protocols for the Adoration Chapel, our leadership team is happy to announce the reopening of the Adoration Chapel on the north end of Our Lady of Mercy Hall, **beginning on October 12th daily from 8 am to 5pm.**

To visit the chapel the following protocols are in place:

- ♦ Please call the office to book your time and receive your pass code to enter.
- ♦ Due to limited capacity, only four people at a time who have booked with the office are permitted in the chapel. **Please do not share the code or let others in.**
- ♦ Please sign in the logbook, upon entering and leaving.
- ♦ You must always wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.
- ♦ Upon entering the chapel, if the tabernacle is not open, please feel free to open using the key.
- ♦ When you are leaving, if there is no one else in the chapel, please close the tabernacle.
- ♦ Please do not place anything on the altar and be sure to take your personal belongings when you leave.
- ♦ Turn the lights on and off upon entering and exiting.

BULLETINS

While we encourage you to continue viewing our Family of Parishes bulletin online (for financial & environmental reasons), some print copies will be available at Mass for those without computer access. If you are able to attend Mass and have previously received your bulletin by mail, please be sure to pick up your copy at church. Bulletins that have been mailed to parishioners who are homebound or in long term care facilities will continue to be mailed.

Bulletins can also be picked up at the business office on Oak Avenue. We will continue to email bulletins so please contact the Family of Parishes office with your email address if you are not yet receiving your bulletin by email.

Click below to visit the Family of Parishes website and to get all the latest updates & news about our Family of Parishes ministries, organizations and happenings.

www.sbsjolm.dol.ca



Life Chain - October 3, 2021

Sunday, October 3, 2021, is Life Chain Sunday. Knights of Columbus members, their families, parishioners, and friends are invited to join the silent vigil holding pro-life placards on London Road between Murphy and Lambton Mall Rd./Finch Drive. Please park in the Super Centre or Tepperman's parking lots.

The silent vigil is between 2:00 and 3:00pm. It is surprising how being a silent witness for life will trigger a subset of people to rethink their position and not go ahead with an abortion or encourage another to not do so. We are the premiere advocate for legal and cultural change in Canada with respect to protecting human life and the family. Campaign Life Coalition is a national, non-profit organization with offices from coast-to-coast. The goal of our work is to heal the culture that leads our nation to allow and tolerate abortions.

www.campaignlifecoalition.com

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sarnia>

Roses for Life Sunday - October 3, 2021



The first weekend in October (Oct 2-3, 2021) is Roses for Life Sunday. The Ontario Roses for Life program is to support pro-life organizations and activities.

Two years ago, the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council redesigned the Rose Lapel.

The new Rose has a red and a white Rose. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is the symbol opposing euthanasia.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Lapel Roses outside of the church entrances.

A "toonie" is requested for each Rose Lapel. However, if you wish to donate more, be aware that all proceeds of the sales are in support of the Lambton Right to Life.

ST. JOSEPH & OUR LADY OF MERCY CWL SPRING ROLLS SALE

Deacon Lyle, our Spiritual Advisor, has made his yummy spring rolls again!! Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph CWL have decided to jointly have pickup the same day at OLM Hall on November 13, 2021 from 9am to 12pm.

Please follow Covid protocol and distance yourself and please wear a mask in the hall.

There will be 45 dozen available for St Joseph and 45 dozen for OLM. Please preorder to reserve for pickup.

Cost is \$25 a dozen or \$15 a half dozen. Cash or a cheque made out to the CWL you wish to support is very much appreciated. To place an order please either email or call one of the following people.

For St Joseph CWL - Lynda Miller at 519-384-0199 or Charlene Hummel at 519-542-4244.

For Our Lady of Mercy CWL - Phyllis Vanoverbeke at 519-383-7541 or Pat Sloan at pat.sloan1948@gmail.com

We would like to Thank God for Deacon Lyle's talent and Deacon Lyle himself for his generous gift of support.

Blessings to all and stay safe and thank you in advance for your continued support, from your CWL ladies!!



From Brescia University College - The Journey's Gift Podcast

Join Brescia in this podcast discussion of some ways that awareness develops and unfolds, bringing us hope and new life amidst challenge--and of how we can journey toward inclusion in community and the world.

Season 2, Episode 1 of The Journey's Gift: Awareness and the Journey to Inclusion with Grace Estrada is available at this [link](#). Celebrate with us the gift of Grace Estrada as we explore ways we find awareness along the journey, and discuss her insights on the journey to inclusion throughout the world. Brescia celebrates its Ursuline charism and student voice in this collaborative effort between Campus Ministry and Brescia's International Department.

Bishop Fabbro: My Apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land

September 27, 2021

My Apology to the Indigenous Peoples of this Land

On 24 September 2021, at the conclusion of our Plenary Assembly, the Bishops of Canada issued a statement to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, acknowledging the suffering of those who attended Canada's Indian Residential Schools as well as the intergenerational trauma and the tragic legacy of suffering that Indigenous people continue to experience. The whole system of the residential schools did not respect the languages, culture and spirituality of Indigenous Peoples but sought rather to suppress them. The Bishops acknowledge that the Catholic religious orders and dioceses which ran these schools participated in this system, and that terrible abuses were committed in them by some of these Catholics. In their statement, the Catholic Bishops of Canada express their profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

In solidarity with the Bishops of Canada, I too want to acknowledge the grave harm afflicted on you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, to express to you my profound sorrow and to offer my own unequivocal apology to you. With the Bishops of Canada, I am committed to the process of healing and reconciliation across the country and here in the Diocese of London.

As an expression of our continuing commitment to healing and reconciliation, we will take the following actions in the Diocese of London:

Conversations with local Indigenous communities: We will continue conversations that have already been taking place with band members at Walpole Island and Aamjiwnaang First Nation. These conversations and others give us an opportunity to learn from local Indigenous communities how best we can journey with them on the road of truth and reconciliation and could also provide a platform for educational opportunities.

Educational opportunities: Currently, there are some excellent educational opportunities in our diocese, such as the Truth and Reconciliation Speaker Series offered by the Springbank Catholic Family of Parishes in London and available virtually to all in our diocese. We will continue these conversations with local Indigenous communities to learn from them the educational process that is needed and are adding resources to a dedicated page on our website.

Service of Reparation: With guidance from local Indigenous communities, we will craft a "service of reparation" to express the suffering and the harm afflicted by the residential schools, to atone for the role our Church played in them and to seek God's guidance as we journey on the path of healing and reconciliation.

Collection of funds: Our diocese will develop a fundraising plan as our contribution to the nation-wide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities announced by the Bishops of Canada on 27 September 2021. The allocation of funds raised in our diocese will involve the input of local Indigenous communities and will be part of our efforts to build good relationships and partnerships with them. We will also continue our financial commitment to the Diocese of Whitehorse, with its large Indigenous population.

A new committee to oversee this work: We will establish a committee to oversee these actions: the conversations, the educational pieces, the service of reparation, and the collection and distribution of funds. This committee would be named by the Bishop and report to the Bishop regularly. The work of healing and reconciliation is ongoing. The duration of this committee and the role it would play into the future, however, will need to be determined.

In union with the Bishops of Canada, I commit the Diocese of London to accompany you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, on the journey of healing and reconciliation. I realize that there is much more work to do in our diocese, but I know that "we look forward to listening and learning from you as we walk in solidarity". Through the intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe, may God bless you and may our efforts bear fruit in abundance.

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Bishop of London
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