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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION ~ Leanne Moran, Pastoral Minister

Make a Difference in Someone's Life -

Just a Seemingly Little Can Mean a lot

When reading this weekend's Gospel passage from Mark the theme of service called out to me. This theme is most boldly presented in the optional "longer version" of this week's Gospel reading. I'm reminded of a familiar tale that is probably known to many of you. The original story below is credited to Loren Easley:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.

Then, smiling at the man, he said....."I made a difference for that one."

For all of the blessings in our lives, may we be truly grateful; and in that gratitude, may we reach out to others in love.

A friend of mine recently said to me, "Loneliness is such a horrible condition - and so curable!" Like the starfish who needs the proper environment to survive, so too, all of us need to be surrounded with love and caring, respect and support, a listening ear and an open heart. Maybe take a look this week at your "beach" - your places of encounter with others - and see whose life you can make a difference in. And like the boy walking along the beach, be gentle.

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The Nobel Prize winning Irish poet William Butler Yeats often receives credit for the following sentiment: *"There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met"*.

If you are in need of a new friend you haven't yet met, or if you are feeling called to be a friend for another, please let me know and I will do my best to partner you up. We are called to serve - to be Christ's hands, feet, ears, eyes and heart here on earth. Sometimes we think that what we have to offer is just a drop in the ocean; but what is the ocean but countless drops?

Almost all of us have at least a few drops to spare and your few drops can make an enormous difference in someone else's life - and perhaps unexpectedly - an even bigger difference in your own.

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.

ST. JOSEPH HOSPICE GALA

Please support St. Joseph's hospice by shopping for Christmas in our silent auction.
Check Sarnia Auctions on line October 18th to November 6th and check out the preview at
<https://www.facebook.com/sjhsilentauction>

Living the Vision: Mission-Oriented Action

In your Parish: Pray for and encourage your priests

In your Community: Avoid gossip, speak well of others

In your Home: Share affirmations with each member of your family

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

Weekday Mass Intentions - October 18 to October 24

Monday, October 18		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Ruperto, Remedios, Eugenio & Gil Castro ~ Ray & Rose Jusi	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Mary & Matthew Bednar ~ Bednar & Evangelista Families Maria Cocozzoli ~ Filomena Di Cocco & Rinaldo Di Cocco Veko Vukobratc ~ Wife Barbara & Family	6:30 PM St. Michael Madalena DaSilva ~ Husband, Eduardo, Children & Grandchildren Eduardo Medeiros ~ Dad, Siblings, Nieces & Nephew Iain Bickerstaff ~ Nancy & Fiona Ricardo Grassi ~ The Moniz Family
Tuesday, October 19		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Tom Rocca ~ Domenico & Giuseppina Iafrate Joey Chaput ~ John & Margie Blake Desmond Pigott ~ The Family Marjorie Vere ~ Irene Koh Stephen Kuhn ~ wife Elizabeth 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquín-French Bill Courtemanche ~ Grace Michaud	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Joe Seward ~ Jerry Costello In Thanksgiving ~ Rene & Juliet Estanol Maria & Ramiro Ferreira ~ Daughter	6:30 PM St. Benedict Paolo Padiglia ~ Wife Tomasina & Family Jacques Grondin ~ Louise Anne Landry Pierrette Saucier ~ Lynn Ellis 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish O Boży pokój w rodzinach
Wednesday October 20		
8:30 AM St. Michael Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Mary Moran ~ Jo & Henry Kulik Marjorie Vere ~ Jo & Henry Kulik Gerard Bergeron ~ Leanne Moran 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquín-French Les Dames de Ste-Anne	9:30 AM St. Joseph Tina & Dialina Arruda ~ Evaristo Arruda Pierrette Saucier ~ Leo & Pat Mayer Donna Greenwood ~ Margaret Hummell Family	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Francesco D’Angela ~ Domenica D’Angela & Family Rosa Minicilli ~ Domenica D’Angela & Family Intention of Major General Deny Fortin ~ Madelyn E. Stillar
Thursday, October 21		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Health for Ola ~ J.P. 12:10 Our Lady of Mercy Lucy & Mary Tolaini ~ Carla Torcivia Veko Vukobratc ~ Nada & Matt Steve Paquette ~ Mario & Speranza Riggi & Family	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Toni Conroy ~ The Monteiro Family Crescenzo Rocca ~ Gisele DeSena Tom Rocca ~ Gisele DeSena For couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this month	6:30 PM St. Benedict Manuel Evaristo ~ Tony & Luisa Leonardo Thomas Byron Coleman ~ Coleman Family Pierrette Saucier ~ Marg Maheu

	Friday, October 22	
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Joey Chaput ~ Susan, Tracy & Jason Alexander Sr. & Eva Maria Lew ~ Alexander & Juanita Lew For the intentions of the Leaders & Girls at the 2021 Anchor Camp ~ Karen Gallagher For the intentions of Mary Kischuck & Family ~ Louis & Suzanne Michaud In Thanksgiving ~ M.S.L.	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Parents défunts ~ Don & Claudette Sonier 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Katarzyna, Władysław & Genowefa Jaroch ~ Córka z Rodzina	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Maria Cocozzoli ~ Norina & Armando Tuzi Special Intention ~ Gerry Moore Special Intention
	Saturday, October 23	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Mary Joyce & Carmel O'Sullivan ~ Richard Joyce 8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Leonard Paquette ~ Doreen Paquette	8:30 AM St. Michael Pat Fazio ~ Norma Lynn & the Fazio Family Marjorie Vere ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab Prayers of Healing for Trish Berg ~ George Stanko	9:30 AM St. Joseph Special Intention of Gerald & Susan Prosser 50th Anniversary ~ Gerald & Susan Donna Greenwood ~ Lauchie Mac Dougall Special Intention of Deacon Richard Kliemann & Wife Carole ~ Chris & Theresa Doyle
WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE		

<u>Saturday Confessions</u> 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 <i>Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.</i> <u>Saturday Vigil Masses</u> 4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy 5:00pm - Queen of Peace <i>Health & Blessings for Sylvia & Gaelan ~ Parents</i> 5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove 5:30pm - Sacred Heart 5:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish) 6:00pm - St. Benedict	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy 9:00am - Queen of Peace <i>Blessings for Cole Rade ~ Bernice Rade</i> 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) 11:00am - Sacred Heart 11:00am - St. Joseph 11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French) 6:30pm - St. Benedict
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Many Thanks for a Beautiful Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service

A special thank you to Ana Maria Moniz for her vision and leadership in planning this week's prayer service in honour of Our Lady on the 104th Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima. A very, very special thank you to the children from across our family of parishes who led the beautiful service honouring our Mother Mary and to all who led the evening of prayer in any way.

The service is available for viewing on our Family of Parishes [YouTube](#) channel

Thank You

Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



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

Oct. 17, 2021-Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

[Kids Bulletin](#)

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

**Readings for
Sunday, October 17th**

1st Reading:

Isaiah 53: 10-11

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel:

Mark 10: 35-45

Pray for Vocations: October 17th to October 23rd

Sunday: Sister Matija Filipovic, S.P.B.Z. Pastoral Worker

Monday: Rev. John Juhl, O.F.M. Cap.

Tuesday: Rev. David Boutette

Wednesday: Rev. Keith Morrison

Thursday: Mrs. Debby Brown, Pastoral Worker

Friday: Rev. David Johnston

Saturday: Deacon Cyril Cogghe

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

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

Brendan Moore

Dianna Wolsey

Jennifer Dillon

Terry Lachance

Nanette Smyth

Theresa & Norm Towler



~ 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.

Please Pray For

Savana Michaud

Colin Michaud

Stacey Dufault

Kevin Kensley

Noah

Henryk Krasinkiewicz

Aleksandra



World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday has been celebrated since 1926 as a universal parish encounter to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. Some parishes this year have already forwarded the mission donations they regularly receive - Thank you!

Help us ensure Catholic Missions get the support they need through a special missionary collection on October 24.

Pope Francis calls us on World Mission Sunday to be "missionaries of hope" and to celebrate "prayer" and "sharing" for the poor and marginalized in more than 1200 dioceses. As we pray in the spirit of the Eucharist on World Mission Sunday we can rejoice in our unity as missionaries forming disciples of Jesus.

For more information about the missionary nature of our universal church, contact Deacon Dave Robertson Mission Director, Diocese of London - (519) 488-0846 - missionoffice@dol.ca

SURVEY SUNDAY HAS ARRIVED!

The day you have been waiting for! SURVEY SUNDAY is THIS WEEKEND! Bring your reading glasses and phone with you to Mass and get ready to weigh in on matters concerning your individual parish and our Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes. Opportunity will be given during Mass this weekend to fill out the survey on paper or online using your data and the provided QR code, or login to our family of parishes website to access the survey link. Translated copies of the survey will be available at the non-English Masses. The survey is also available through our family of parishes website. You will have until the end of October to complete the survey. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions when completing the parish survey.

After the results of our Family of Parishes survey are tabulated, we will be forming individual parish focus groups to zero in on the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges in each parish in our Family of Parishes. We are excited to open the floor to your ideas and creative thoughts to help your parish pastoral council and pastoral leadership team plan ministry to best serve the needs of our parishes, community and world. Stay tuned for updates in November. A sincere thank you for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParishFamily>



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.

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—channel184
(contact Cogeco to have it set up)
VisionTV—channel24
(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



Welcome AJ ~ Coordinator of Family & Youth Ministry

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!

FROM THE OFFICE OF
BISHOP DABROWSKI

Launching Synod 2023 in The Diocese of London

Pope Francis has announced that the XVI Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023, entitled "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

He inaugurated the multiphase process of the Synod at Mass in Rome on 9 and 10 October 2021.

Dioceses around the world will be launching our local efforts on Sunday, 17 October. Bishop Fabbro will celebrate an opening Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 17 October at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.

I invite you to extend the invitation to your faithful to join him virtually and in union with the Holy Father, to pray in your parishes that the upcoming Synod may help us discern God's will and boldly carry it out.

The Synod is very important in the life of the universal Church. During this initial preparatory phase, there will be a broad consultation of the laity, religious communities, and clergy on their experience of the Church and its mission. More information on the synodal process in the Diocese of London will be forthcoming.

As the Synod begins, we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the Church embarks on an intentional process of mutual listening and engaging the People of God in a journey of communion, participation, and mission.

Below, please find some resources to assist you in preparing for your Masses this weekend.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 17, 2021

Universal Prayer | For the Opening of the Synod

For members of the Church walking together on the synodal way, we pray to the Lord.

For political leaders seeking to engage the rich and poor alike, we pray to the Lord.

For those living with mental and physical illness and for their healing, we pray to the Lord.

For those gathered here seeking empowerment through our sharing of this feast, we pray to the Lord.

For the dead longing for a place of rest and for those who mourn their absence, we pray to the Lord.

Collect

God, you are ever ancient and ever new.

Refresh and renew your Church
by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

May the fire of Pentecost sweep through us once again,
so that all might come to know and love you.

In this time of discernment,
may your people come to know your will
and may they be given the courage to carry it out.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

The CCCB has provided a number of resources for our consideration. One prayer, attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636) has been suggested to be widely used throughout the diocesan phase of the synodal process.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

ST. BENEDICT'S CWL / GIANNA HOME

Gianna Home is a residence whose purpose is to provide a safe home for girls and women who choose to carry their babies to term and need support to do so. The building and land were purchased through Right to Life and private donations. It will be sustained through fundraising, grants, pledges and donations. Clients are referred from community agencies. They hope to be open in November.

As we have in the past, at our potlucks, we will be collecting donations. Lou Billett and Carol Hall will be in the foyer before all masses on the weekend of October 23rd/24th.

For more information you can contact:

Lou Billett at mlbillett@sympatico.ca or Carol Hall at 519 542 2040 chall2@cogeco.ca

Please consider donating the following items.

Personal items - shampoo, feminine napkins, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes

Kitchen supplies - plastic wrap, foil, sandwich bags, freezer containers, containers for left overs,

Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, paper napkins

Baby supplies - baby shampoo, baby blankets, receiving blankets, wet wipes, diapers, nursing pillow, crib sheets, onesies, sleepers

Cash donations gratefully accepted.

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!!

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 this 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

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.