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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

In the Gospel, Jesus says that we are to make choices based on God's standard. God doesn't just forgive us one time. God forgives us over and over again. God doesn't show love to us just one time; God shows love all the time. Therefore, Jesus teaches us, "I say to you that listen: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." And last week, Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are poor..., blessed are you who are hungry...; Blessed are you who weep...; Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you.." What? Seriously? But, this is not what the world nowadays encourages! Yes, exactly! These are teachings of "reversals" from what the world teaches and promotes. Yes, Jesus' teaching is controversial against the social and moral behavioral norms of today's world. They are countercultural! And this is what separates Christianity from any other religion: Grace, God's grace. The world might teach "revenge", "get even," "pay back" but Christians are called to treat others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated -with loving kindness and mercy. The power of Jesus Christ's redeeming love and mercy comes from his cross, which free us from the oppression and hatred of sin and death. Therefore, we can endure hate, curse, abuse, exclusion, persecution, grief, and hatred, by invoking Jesus' name! because "when I am weak, then I am strong" (Paul 2Cor.12:10) God's power is stronger in our weakness, and everything is "on account of the Son of Man" In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." It begins by saying, "love your enemies" and concludes by "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy. Jesus' words challenge us who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining, even our enemies!

It's not too late to register for Alpha! Registration is open until February 28.

If you have questions about life and faith, Alpha is the place to find the answers.

It's an exploration of these questions and it offers the accompaniment of others who struggle with the same questions.

Read what past guests have said about their experience of Alpha.

- ♦ "Loved meeting new people"
- ♦ "Feel more at peace, strengthened my faith"
- ♦ "Discovered a relationship with God through Jesus"



Meetings started Feb. 15 at 7 pm. and run to April 26 on zoom.

For more information or to register, go on the Family of Parishes website at www.sbrcfp.dol.ca or call the office at 519.336.2653.

UNITED IN PRAYER

How can we pray for you?

What do you need help with today?

Who do you need help with today?

Our Wednesday morning prayer group at St. Joseph parish can pray with you and for you.

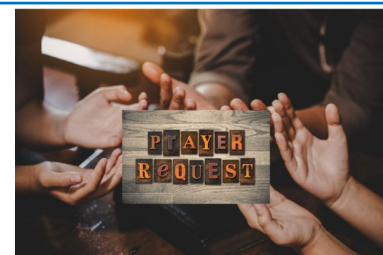
If you are unable to attend, but would like a prayer of intercession raised at this time, please click on this [link](#) to fill in the form and let us know how we can pray for you today.

Alternately, you can forward your prayer intentions to Bill and Christine bnelson1959@yahoo.ca & christine.bresette@gmail.com

We want you to know that we care and that you are not alone. We want to be with you in praying to God for your needs. You are part of a family, we are here for you.

Everyone is welcome to bring their prayer intentions and unite in a time of prayer for the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes. We meet weekly to pray for our priests, deacons, leadership team and all of our parishioners and their intentions.

Mass on Wednesday mornings at St. Joseph Church 293 Stuart Street is at 9:30 AM, followed by intercessory prayer and Eucharistic Adoration until 12 noon.



Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley

Holy Family Retreat House is open and ready to assist with planning and organizing your individual, small group or larger lead retreats. We offer reasonable rates, and custom packages are available based on specific requirements. We are pleased to offer the following upcoming retreats:

- Intro to Ignatian Retreat, February 24-27, 2022
- Deacons Wives Retreat, March 18-20, 2022
- Lenten Retreat - Having Patience With Yourself, March 20-22, 2022
- Self-Directed Retreats

For more info on these retreats or other inquiries, please contact us via email hfrh@dol.ca call 519-738-6136, website: www.hfrh.ca or Facebook [@holyfamilyretreathouseoxley](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyretreathouseoxley)



Thank you to the many volunteers who help deliver the remaining parishioner envelope boxes. Your help with this task was greatly appreciated.



Weekday Mass Intentions - February 21 to February 27

Monday, February 21		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Peace in the Ukraine ~ M&M Andrews	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Juana Tulang ~ Grace & Simplicio Tulang Elizabeth (Betty) Stewart ~ Matt Stewart Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family ~ John & Tiberia Cordeiro	6:30 PM St. Michael Tony Waters ~ The Waters & Welch Families Maria Vani ~ Husband, Pietro, Gino, Emilia & Family Judy Brock ~ Helen Ross & Family
Tuesday, February 22		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Desmond Pigott ~ The Family Hap Gottfried ~Margaret & Carl Potter Maggy Barnfield ~ Steve & Jeri Soltis Tullio DiRezze Zia, ~ Dora Roncone & Family Dr. John & Kathleen Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Harold Jane ~ Laura Vitella Shelley Lynn Joseph ~ John & Margie Blake & Susan Yaromy Intention of Catherine & Greg Lathem & Family ~ Elaine Lathem 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin-French Deceased members of Marchen Family ~ Linda & Peter Marchen	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Halina Kleiner ~ B +Cecylia Tylek ~ Genowefa Kaczorowsk +Helena Chodkiewicz 6:30 PM St. Benedict Steve Popen ~ Pat & Helen Heisler Norman Levesque ~ Eva Levesque & Family Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family ~ John & Tiberia Cordeiro
Wednesday February 23		
8:30 AM St. Michael Maria & Michele Salera ~ The Family Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab Terence & Iris Coates For the Continued Renewal of the CWL in Canada St. Michael CWL	9:30 AM St. Joseph Jean Duguay ~ Claude Duguay Mary Brunton ~ Frances Morin Intention of Chris & Theresa Doyle ~ Paul & Jackie Vandenbroek	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Elio De Carolis ~ Daughters & Families Renato Laureano ~ Family Vicente Tulang ~ Grace & Simplicio Tulang 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin Les Dames de Ste-Anne
Thursday, February 24		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Peace in the Ukraine ~ M&M Andrews Souls in Purgatory 6:30 PM St. Benedict Miguel Cabral ~ Maria Cabral Intention of Savannah Michaud ~ Jenny Michaud Florence Dickens ~ Lorraine & Arsene Despres	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Jack Fleming ~ Brendan Fleming Butch (John) Obradovic ~ Brendan Fleming Intention of Catherine & Greg Lathem & Family ~ Leslie & Rocky McKinnon & Family	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Rosina Cicchini ~ Luigi & Maria Cicchini Maggy Barnfield ~ The Monteiro Family Clara Martins ~ The Monteiro Family Hap Gottfried ~ Bob & Mary Ellen L'Heureux For the intentions of Joe Maheu ~ Family & Friends

Friday, February 25		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Cleo Torti ~ Luigi Torti & Family Hap Gottfried ~ Mark & Jackie Chartrand Maggy Barnfield ~ Alex & Jessie Mackay Dr. John & Kathleen Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab For the intentions of Alexander & Juanita Lew & Family	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Parents défunts de la famille Charron ~ Denise Charron 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Mike Iaccino ~ Wife Elda Jose Maria Torres ~ Maria Amaral & Sons Terence & Iris Coates	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Aleksandra & Bolesław Burczyk O zdrowie i błogosławieństwo Boże dla Broni ~ Przyjaciele
Saturday, February 26		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Peace in the Ukraine ~ M&M Andrews 8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Justin Bourassa ~ Scott & Lysa Fowler	8:30 AM St. Michael Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab Prayers of Healing for Trish Berg ~ George Stanko	9:30 AM St. Joseph Mary Brunton ~ Marquita Knowles Intentions of Johanne & Laurie Fillion ~ Jean Maidment Terence & Iris Coates

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
+Stanley Zitta
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
+Deceased members of Krasinkiewicz Family ~ J.K.
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

Jackpot City, formally known as Bingo Country, has been serving up gaming in the city of Sarnia for more than 30 years, and has raised over \$15 million dollars for regional charities. Jackpot City is in the business of continuing that proud tradition, while providing a full-service entertainment experience that's relevant to our community today.

St. Benedict and St. Joseph Parishes are partners with Jack Pot City Bingo in Sarnia which has allowed us to raise money to assist with repairs, maintenance, and utility expenses in our parish.

If you are interested in what Jackpot City has to offer please go to their Facebook page at: Jackpot City Sarnia or visit their website at: <http://jackpotcitygamimg.ca>

Pray for Vocations: February 20 to February 26

Sunday: Rev. Mark Poulin

Monday: Rev. Cecil Nunez

Tuesday: Deacon Larry Lamphier

Wednesday: Mrs. Margaret Olszewski, Pastoral Minister

Thursday: Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines

Friday: Mrs. Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Saturday: Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

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

Bertha Loosemore

Eduino Leal

Giuseppe (Joe) Ferrera



Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



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

[February 20, 2022 - \(Year C\)](#)

[Kids Bulletin](#)

Readings for Sunday, February 20, 2022

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 26:7-9, 12-13, 22-25

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

~ 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 3 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



Johanne Fillion

Maurice Braet



St. Benedict Knights of Columbus is offering a

Take Out Pancake Supper on
Shrove Tuesday, March 1st.

Pancakes, sausage, dessert, syrup and butter for \$8.

To order online go to rjayd@cogeco.ca or 519 330-4215



Orders can be picked up at St. Benedict church parking lot off Lansdowne Ave.

A KofC member will meet you. Please have your order number and cash payment ready.

Stay

In the Loop

Connect with our
Family of
Parishes

Ways to Make Donations to your Parish...

Interac e-Transfer now available at all parishes.

Just a reminder that *Interac* e-Transfer is a quick and easy way to donate to your parish, or to pay for a mass intention. Please use the message field to ensure that your transfer goes to the appropriate parish fund (i.e. donation, SSVP, Mass intention, etc)

Please use the following emails on your online banking platform when making your transfer to your respective parish. No need for a security question, as we are set up with *Autodeposit*.

Consider enrolling in Pre-Authorized Donations directly from your bank account. Please contact Lisa at ldesena@dol.ca or Cathy at ccimetta@dol.ca, or by calling 519-336-2653.

Our Lady of Mercy	olm@dol.ca
St Benedict	saintbenedict@dol.ca
St Joseph	olm@dol.ca
St Michael	stmichaelbg@dol.ca
Sacred Heart	shsarnia@dol.ca
Queen of Peace	qofpeace@dol.ca
St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca

They will be happy to assist you in the set- up.

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

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-J7SLof9enNCR6dwEM--uw>

2021 TAX RECEIPTS

Donation receipts for the 2021 tax year will be available for pick up the next two weekends at the church entrances. They will be out until February 13th, after which they will be mailed out.

Please make every effort to pick up your receipt at the church, to help save the cost of postage.

If you would rather pick your receipt up at the office, please contact either:

Lisa 519-336-2653 ext.242; ldesena@dol.ca or

Cathy 519-336-2653 ext.241; ccimetta@dol.ca

If you are requiring immediate information as to your total giving amounts, please contact Cathy or Lisa at the office.

Thank you for your continued generous financial support of our Parishes.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is now open from 6AM to 9PM, Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to visit the Adoration Chapel must register daily by calling the parish office at 519-336-2653.

The access code will be given upon registration.



DAILY REFLECTIONS & HOMILIES

Are you looking for daily inspiration? Listen to Father Brian's homilies & reflections by tuning in to his channel [Fr. Brian YouTube](#) or through the Family of Parishes [website](#)



WHAT ARE MY... Spiritual Gifts?

Called & Gifted Discernment of Gifts Process

"I feel alive again, energized and ready to continue on." (Family of Parishes C&G participant)

"I feel lots of energy and empowered to be an active participant with the Holy Spirit's work on earth." (Family of Parishes C&G participant)

"I have a new-found sense of hope in the family of parishes and how we can each play a role that will help us build a church that we can be proud of." (Family of Parishes C&G participant)

If this sounds like what you're looking for, the Called & Gifted Discernment of Charisms Process may be just the right fit for you! Charisms are not to be confused with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to all in the Sacrament of Confirmation to guide and strengthen the living out of personal faith. Charisms are given individually through the Sacrament of Baptism and are specific ways that God is at work through individuals helping each person live out God's plan for their life to serve the Church and the world. Charisms are always for the good of others. The details for the sessions are below. For more information, please contact Christine christine.bresette@gmail.com or 519-869-4522. You may register online at this link: <https://23743.sites.ecatholic.com/charisms> or by contacting the Family of Parishes office at 519-336-2653.

SCHEDULE: Parts I & III will take place on the following Monday evenings from 7-9pm in-person at Sacred Heart Church in keeping with the Covid 19 parameters in place at the time:

Part I - Introduction Workshop: 5 weeks (March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18)

Part II - Individual Gifts Interviews: 2 weeks (April 19 - May 1)

Part III - Discernment in Depth: 4-6 weeks (May 2-9-16-30)

This course is offered through the work of the Catherine of Siena Institute. There is a materials fee of \$60 per participant. Please note, no one will be turned away for financial reasons. If the materials fee poses a financial burden for you, please let us know and the fee will be confidentially waived. If you wish to make a donation to cover the materials fee for a participant, please include this with the offertory collection with a note directing your donation accordingly.

The deadline to register for the Called & Gifted Discernment of Gifts Process is Friday, March 11.

This 3-part course will guide you in exploring & will help you discover how best to serve God's purpose for your life.

Sing LOUD and PROUD...With Your Mask On

Singing at Mass and other devotions by all members of the congregation is now permitted again so "Sing to the Lord, praise his name!" (Psalm 96)



The Sacred Heart Knitting & Crocheting group at Sacred Heart will resume on Monday, Feb. 28th from 1-3pm in the Meeting Room.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph, St. Benedict



Envelopes are available at church entrances for anyone who would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the information on the envelope and return it in the collection basket or to the parish office.

PAROISSE ST. THOMAS d'AQUIN

Inscription à la Maternelle et Jardin à l'école St-Thomas d'Aquin:

Inscriptions à la maternelle/jardin - Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence offre un enseignement toute la journée à tous les jours. Téléphonez votre école locale pour fixer un rendez-vous au **519-542-5423** ou visiter notre site web cscprovidence.ca pour d'autres informations.

Registration for JK/SK - CSCProvidence (french language catholic schools), offer full day every day program. For registration information call your local school or visit our website for more information cscprovidence.ca

REFLEXION DE PÈRE JOSE:

Dans l'Évangile, Jésus dit que nous devons faire des choix basés sur la norme de Dieu. Dieu ne nous pardonne pas une seule fois. Dieu nous pardonne encore et encore. Dieu ne nous montre pas d'amour une seule fois ; Dieu montre de l'amour tout le temps. C'est pourquoi Jésus nous enseigne : «Je vous dis à vous qui écoutez: aimez vos ennemis, faites du bien à ceux qui vous haïssent, bénissez ceux qui vous maudissent, priez pour ceux qui abusent de vous.» Et la semaine dernière, Jésus a dit: « Heureux ceux qui sont pauvres... bénis ceux qui ont faim...; heureux vous qui pleurez...; heureux êtes-vous quand les gens vous haïssent, et quand ils vous excluent et vous insultent». Quoi? Sérieusement? Mais, ce n'est pas ce que le monde d'aujourd'hui encourage! Exactement! Ce sont des enseignements de «renversements» par rapport à ce que le monde enseigne et promeut. Oui, l'enseignement de Jésus est controversé contre les normes comportementales sociales et morales du monde d'aujourd'hui. Ils sont contre-culturels! Et c'est ce qui sépare le christianisme de toute autre religion: la grâce, la grâce de Dieu. Le monde peut enseigner la «vengeance», «se venger», «rembourser», mais les chrétiens sont appelés à traiter les autres, non pas comme ils le méritent, mais comme Dieu souhaite qu'ils soient traités avec bonté et miséricorde. La puissance de l'amour rédempteur et de la miséricorde de Jésus Christ vient de sa croix, qui nous libère de l'oppression et de la haine du péché et de la mort. Par conséquent, nous pouvons endurer la haine, la malédiction, l'abus, l'exclusion, la persécution, le chagrin et la haine, en invoquant le nom de Jésus! parce que «quand je suis faible, alors je suis fort» (Paul 2Cor.12:10) La puissance de Dieu est plus forte dans notre faiblesse, et tout est «à cause du Fils de l'homme» Dans Luc, Jésus oppose le comportement de ses disciples au comportement des «pêcheurs». Il commence par dire : «Aimez vos ennemis» et se termine par «Soyez miséricordieux, tout comme votre Père est miséricordieux», Conclut Luc en soulignant la miséricorde de Dieu. Les paroles de Jésus nous mettent au défi, nous qui le suivrions, d'être plus semblables à Dieu. Dieu nous aime au-delà de nos attentes, au-delà de tout ce que nous pouvons imaginer. En réponse à l'amour de Dieu, nous devons aimer comme Dieu aime, au-delà des attentes et avec une profondeur au-delà de l'imagination, même de nos ennemis !

REFLECCION DEL PADRE JOSE:

En el Evangelio, Jesús dice que debemos tomar decisiones basadas en el estándar de Dios. Dios no solo nos perdona una vez. Dios nos perdona una y otra vez. Dios no nos muestra amor una sola vez; Dios muestra amor todo el tiempo. Por lo tanto, Jesús nos enseña: "Os digo que escuchéis: amad a vuestros enemigos, haced el bien a los que os odian, bendecid a los que os maldicen, orad por los que abusan de vosotros". Y la semana pasada, Jesús dijo: "Bienaventurados los que sois pobres..., bienaventurados los que tenéis hambre...; Bienaventurados los que lloráis...; Bendito eres cuando la gente te odia, y cuando te excluyen, te injurian". ¿Qué? ¿Seriamente? Pero, ¿esto no es lo que el mundo hoy en día fomenta! ¡Sí, exactamente! Estas son enseñanzas de "reversiones" de lo que el mundo enseña y promueve. Sí, la enseñanza de Jesús es controvertida contra las normas de comportamiento social y moral del mundo de hoy. ¡Son contraculturales! Y esto es lo que separa al cristianismo de cualquier otra religión: la gracia, la gracia de Dios. El mundo puede enseñar "venganza", "desquitarse", "pagar", pero los cristianos están llamados a tratar a los demás, no como se merecen, sino como Dios desea que sean tratados, con bondad amorosa y misericordia. El poder del amor y la misericordia redentores de Jesucristo proviene de su cruz, que nos libera de la opresión y el odio del pecado y la muerte. Por lo tanto, podemos soportar el odio, la maldición, el abuso, la exclusión, la persecución, el dolor y el odio, invocando el nombre de Jesús! porque "cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte" (Pablo 2 Corintios 12:10) El poder de Dios es más fuerte en nuestra debilidad, y todo es "a causa del Hijo del Hombre" En Lucas, Jesús contrasta el comportamiento de sus seguidores con el comportamiento de los "pecadores". Comienza diciendo: "ama a tus enemigos" y concluye por "Sé misericordioso, así como tu Padre es misericordioso". Lucas concluye enfatizando la misericordia de Dios. Las palabras de Jesús nos desafían a quienes lo seguirían a ser más como Dios. Dios nos ama más allá de nuestras expectativas, más allá de cualquier cosa que podamos imaginar. En respuesta al amor de Dios, debemos amar como Dios ama, más allá de las expectativas y con una profundidad más allá de la imaginación, ¡incluso a nuestros enemigos!



SURVEY/SYNOD UPDATE - GREAT NEWS!

Many people have expressed interest in participating in follow up focus groups from our very successful Family of Parishes survey back in the fall - nearly 1000 responses! Covid-19 restrictions forced a delay to our planned individual parish discussion groups but we are happy to report we are now back on track. Watch for more details in the next week or so about how you can play a vital role in helping to shape the pastoral plan for our Family of Parishes. Your input is welcome and needed! Stay tuned!

Lent Begins March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Our Lady of Mercy	12:10pm
Queen of Peace	8:00am English; 7:00pm Polish
Sacred Heart	12:45pm; 7:00pm
St. Benedict	7:00pm
St. Joseph	9:30am
St. Michael	8:30am; 7:00pm
St. Thomas d'Aquin	7:00pm Trilingual

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS in our FAMILY of PARISHES Beginning Thursday, March 3

Our Lady of Mercy	Tuesday mornings at 11:30am (before the 12:10pm Mass)
Queen of Peace	Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (English) Friday evenings at 6:30pm (Polish) (before the 7:00pm Mass)
Sacred Heart	Saturday mornings at 7:00am followed by the Rosary. (The early time was chosen as a deliberate Lenten sacrifice).
St. Benedict	Thursday evenings at 6:00pm (before the 6:30pm Mass)
St. Joseph	Wednesday mornings at 9am (before the 9:30am Mass) A period of intercessory prayer and Eucharistic Adoration follow the 9:30am Mass.
St. Michael	Monday evenings (following 6:30pm Mass) with the exception of March 7. Stations will be led by the St. Michael School grade 8 class on Wednesday, March 9 following 8:30am Mass in place of the March 7 Stations.
St. Thomas d'Aquin	Friday evenings at 7:00pm (trilingual)

Lenten Devotional Booklets Available Next Weekend (Feb. 26/27)

A variety of Lenten devotional booklets will be available for pick-up next weekend. There are different booklets for children, families and adults. A toonie donation per copy is welcome and may be added to the collection basket.

Extension of the Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation

Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to the end of the Easter Season; that is, up to and including Pentecost Sunday (June 5)