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SUNDAY, July 24, 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOTE: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JULY 28 -STAFF RETREAT

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YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS

To Register





JULY 25TH & JULY 27TH

Cereal Bar and Cartoons

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PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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Rev. Dan Vere ex.224

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Reflection ~ Fr. Brian Jane

We are very grateful to God for providing opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the greater Sarnia Bright's Grove area through the new Family of Parish model instituted by Bishop Fabbro. Although inaugurated July 2021, right in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, yet by God's grace and the help of our staff and many committed volunteers, we are well on the way.

As co-responsible ministry is at the heart of our Family of Parishes, our first year has involved much listening to your concerns, hopes and dreams through two Family wide surveys, seven focus group meetings and four strategic planning sessions.

From your valuable input, we will soon publish the Family of Parishes Pastoral Plan and Vision Statement that will inspire future ministry.

Once again thank you to everyone who made this possible as we continue to celebrate the First Anniversary of the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes.

Réflexion ~ Père Brian Jane

Nous sommes très reconnaissants à Dieu de nous avoir donné l'occasion d'apporter la Bonne Nouvelle de Jésus-Christ dans la grande région de Sarnia Bright's Grove grâce au nouveau modèle de famille de paroisses institué par notre évêque Fabbro.

Bien qu'inauguré en juillet 2021, en plein milieu de la pandémie de Covid-19, mais par la grâce de Dieu et l'aide de notre personnel et de nombreux bénévoles engagés, nous sommes sur la bonne voie. Comme le ministère coresponsable est au cœur de notre famille de paroisses, notre première année a impliqué une grande écoute de vos préoccupations, espoirs et rêves à travers deux sondages à l'échelle de la famille, sept réunions de groupes de discussion et quatre séances de planification stratégique. Grâce à votre précieuse contribution, nous publierons bientôt le plan pastoral et l'énoncé de vision de la famille des paroisses qui inspireront le futur ministère.

Encore une fois, merci à tous ceux qui ont rendu cela possible alors que nous venions célébrer le premier anniversaire de la famille des paroisses catholiques de Sarnia Bluewater.

Reflexión ~ Fr. Brian Jane

Estamos muy agradecidos con Dios por habernos permitido la oportunidad de traer la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo hast la gran area de Bright's Grove in Sarnia, por medio de la Nueva Familia de Parroquias y de acuerdo con el modelo instituido por el Obispo Fabro.

Aun cuando la Familia fue inaugurada en el medio de la Pandemia del COVID-19, sin embargo, y por la Gracia de Dios y la ayuda de nuestro personal de trabajo y la ayuda de mucho voluntarios cometidos a ayudarnos, ahora nosotros estamos en el camino.

Tomando en cuenta el ministerio de Co-responsibilidad como centro y en el corazon de nuestra Familia de Parroquias, nuestro primer ano se desarrollo con un proceso de escuchar las dudas, preocupaciones, esperanzas y suenos de nuestros parroquianos atravez de dos questionarios a lo largo y ancho de la Familia. Este proceso tambien requirio la formacion de siete reuniones de grupos de Enfoque; y cuatroseciones de planeamiento estrategico.

Tomando en cuenta la valiosa participacion y opinion de ustedes, nosotros ahora muy pronto vamos a someter a publicidad la declaracion del "Plan Pastoral y Vision de la Familia de las Parroquias de Sarnia", el cual va ha dar inspiracion al futuro ministerio.

Una vez mas, muchas gracias a todas aquellas personas que han hecho posible todo esto, y ahora continuamos con la celebracion del Primer Aniversario de la Familia de Parroguas Catolicas Romanas de Sarnia, Bluewater.

Odbicie ~ Fr. Brian Jane

Jesteśmy bardzo wdzięczni Bogu za umożliwienie głoszenie Dobrej Nowiny Jezusa Chrystusa na większym terenie Sarnia i Bright's Grove dzieki nowemu modelowi duszpasterstwa w Rodzinie Parafii ustanowionej przez biskupa Fabbro.

Chociaż inauguracja odbyła się w lipcu 2021 r., w samym środku pandemii Covid-19, ale dzięki Bożej łasce i pomocy naszego personelu oraz wielu zaangażowanych wolontariuszy, jesteśmy na dobrej drodze.

Ponieważ współodpowiedzialna posługa jest sercem naszej Rodziny Parafii, nasz pierwszy rok obejmował dużej mierze dzielenie się wzajemnie naszymi uwagami, nadziejami i marzeniami poprzez 2 ankiety przeprowadzonej w całej rodzinie parafii, 7 spotkań grup fokusowych i 4 sesje planowania strategicznego.

Dzięki Waszemu cennemu wkładowi, wkrótce opublikujemy Plan Duszpasterski Rodziny Parafii i Deklarację Wizji, które będą inspiracją dla przyszłej służby.

Jeszcze raz dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy umożliwili ten proces, dlatego też kontynuujemy go obchodząc 1. Rocznicę Sarnia Bluewater Rzymskokatolickiej Rodziny Parafii. Pray for Vocations: July 24 to July 30

Sunday: Rev. Graham Keep

Monday: Parish Musicians in the Diocese of London

Tuesday: Deacon Leo Gulikers Wednesday: Rev. Nicholas Deak Thursday: Rev. Joseph Hardy Friday: Rev. Jim Higgins

Saturday: Rev. Capt. Lance Magdziak, C.D.

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Liturgy of the Word with Children Prayer Service



Kids Bulletin

EXCITING NEWS!

Children's Liturgy is returning in September 2022!!!

"Bring the little children unto me" - Matthew 19:14

But first... we are in need of Adult Leaders and Youth Volunteers (grade 7 and up) who enjoy working with children in this fulfilling ministry with our little ones on a rotating schedule.

Ideally the commitment would be once/month. For Youth Volunteers, we also sign off on Community Service Hours for this ministry.

Please contact Leonia Downie, Pastoral Minister at the Parish Office if you are interested in this ministry.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

The final Report will be prepared by end of July and communicated to all parishioners. Parish Focus Groups will reconvene in the Fall to discuss progress.

MOVING TO A RETIREMENT HOME, LONG TERM CARE FACILITY, NURSING HOME...

Please inform the parish office if you or family members have moved to a retirement home, long term care facility or nursing home so we can update our files and keep in touch.

Thank you

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

Bernadette Gray
Thomas John Walton
Armanda Lupi
Dr. Stephen Williams



Readings for Sunday, July 24, 2022

1st Reading: Genesis 18.20-32 2nd Reading: Colossians 2.12-14 Gospel:

Luke 11.1-13

Please Pray For

Andy Courchesne Emmett Kameka Johanne Fillion Maurice Braet Brian Winterton Charlie O'Rae Rose VanWolge Peter O'Neil





Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is excited to introduce a new and convenient way to donate. Coming soon to all our parishes. More details to come.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FR. ANTHONY

Fr. Anthony has now moved to Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes.

His new address is:

St. Anne Parish

20 Morrison Dr, St Thomas, Ontario N5R 4S6

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes





We invite everyone to join us for this historic step of healing, hope and reconciliation on Friday, July 29th at 7pm, Sacred Heart church for a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion as we pray, watch, reflect and walk together with His Holiness, Pope Francis and our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Papal Visit to Canada - Pray, Watch, Reflect - Walking Together...

As we prepare to welcome Pope Francis to Canada, we invite all the faithful to participate in this historic journey in a number of different ways. In addition to television coverage of papal events, visit www.papalvisit.ca or www.visitepapale.ca to access more than 10 livestream links of coverage featuring interpretation in many languages (including Indigenous languages), as well as livestream links from Vatican TV including commentary.

Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation has a dedicated site for information and broadcast details for the papal visit - https://slmedia.org/popeincanada (English) or https://slmedia.org/fr/papeaucanada (French).

Novalis has also produced a digital resource that includes texts for all the liturgies presided by Pope Francis, prayers as well as reflections on the significance of the Papal Visit. To download the resource, visit: www.livingwithchrist.ca (English) or www.prionseneglise.ca (French).

We invite you to pray for the Holy Father and all those involved in this historic journey of healing, reconciliation and hope."

MIGRANT WORKER MINISTRY NEWS

On Sunday July 31st, the Migrant Worker Ministry will be hosting the monthly Spanish mass and dinner at St. Christopher's, Forest for migrant workers living and working in our community.

Once again, we welcome donations of baking and/or fruit for the meal. As it is the long weekend, we are also in need of drivers to pick up workers in Sarnia and from Sipkens and Zeckvelds.

If you are able to assist with driving workers to the mass in Forest or if you would like to donate for this meal, please contact Donna and Greg Stewart at 519-869-4262, donna.stewart33@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF JOHN chapters 1-6

6-week Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Brian Jane

WHEN: Monday morning beginning July 18

TIME:10am-11:30am

WHERE: St. Joseph Church Hall

Everyone is invited. If you are able to bring with you the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament, that would be helpful but not required. Coffee & refresh-

ments will be served.



My name is Fr Joseph Onome Oghenejabor. (Fr Joseph would do)

I am the first of 6 children (but I lost a sister to cancer 5 years ago, so we are 5 now). I was born on the 16th of July 1974 so I'm officially 48 years old now.

I was ordained for the Catholic Archdiocese of Ibadan, Nigeria, on the 9th of August 2003 so I will be 19 years a priest this August. I hold a licentiate in Liturgical studies (with a flair for Liturgical Music).

I love to make music (compose, arrange, play instruments and sing), swim, cook and bake, read, travel, make friends, take long walks and learn new skills.

I love the church and I love the Catholic priesthood. I believe all that happens to us has God's mark on it so I trust the future into his hands.

And as a postscript, it has been amazing out here. I feel so blessed to be here and I look forward to an amazing time. Thanks for having me.



Pot-Luck Welcome Supper

Very soon, a new cohort of international students will arrive in Sarnia to attend Lambton College. Many of these students, as well as other newcomers to our city, will seek out our seven churches as a place for worship and also to meet new local friends. This is our chance to warmly welcome the new international students, and all newcomers to our parish community with a pot-luck supper.

Long-time local parishioners from all of our churches are invited to sign-up and bring your favourite dish to share. Keep it simple if you want. The main idea is to welcome a stranger who is just learning about our churches, our city, our country, and our culture(s), and to make them feel at home. Many arrive nervous and lonely, but we can break the ice with warm, local hospitality.

For more information or to register for the potluck please contact Jim Poore (519 542-0741) or by email: jimmypoore@cogeco.ca





Register Today

FOR THE NEXT SESSIONS TAKING PLACE AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH, 293 STUART ST. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20TH

Register online at www.sarniacatholic.ca or email sarniacatholicalpha@gmail.com

CHARISMS ~ CALLED AND GIFTED

Experience your Greatest Happiness
by doing what
God has Uniquely Gifted
You to do!

New workshops beginning September 22nd

register online at www.sarniacatholic.ca or call the parish office 519 336-2653

Everyone is Welcome!



Come and Enjoy Fellowship, Coffee, Sweets, and our famous egg/English muffin sandwiches immediately following the 11:00 Mass every week at St. Joseph Church! Come, share, enjoy!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE		
Sunday, July 24	 Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass Coffee Social ~ Our lady of Mercy — following 8:30am Mass 	
	• Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph — following 11am Mass	
Monday, July 25	 Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 6-8; 10am — 12pm Gospel of John Bible Study ~ St. Joseph — 10am Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 6-8; 6pm—8pm 	
Tuesday, July 26	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 7pm	
Wednesday, July 27	 Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph — 10am Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 9-12; 10am — 12pm Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 9-12; 6pm — 8pm 	
Thursday, July 28	• OFFICE CLOSED — STAFF RETREAT	
Friday, July 29	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm — 3pm; Drawing Room	
Saturday, July 30	Coffee Social ~ Our lady of Mercy — following 4:30pm Mass	

UPCOMING EVENTS			
Sunday, July 31	 Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass Coffee Social ~ Our lady of Mercy — following 8:30am Mass Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph — following 11am Mass 		
Monday, August 1	 Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 6-8; 10am-12pm Gospel of John Bible Study ~ St. Joseph — 10am Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 6-8; 6pm-8pm 		
Tuesday, August 2	CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict 7pm		
Wednesday, Aug 3	 Eucharistic Adoration ~ St. Joseph — 10am Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 9-12; 10am-12pm Soup Social ~ Our lady of mercy—12:30pm Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — grades 9-12; 6pm-8pm 		
Thursday, August 4	 Catholic Girls League ~ St. Benedict — 7pm Meat Bingo ~ Our lady of Mercy — 7pm 		
Friday, August 5	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy 1pm — 3pm; Drawing Room		
Saturday, August 6	Coffee Social ~ Our lady of Mercy — following 4:30pm Mass		

Weekday Mass Intentions - July 25 to July 30

	Monday, July 25	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English +All Souls in Purgatory ~ Irena +All (present & former) Residents of St. Joseph's Hospice ~ Mary Jo & Dennis Mather	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Ralph Fanelli ~ Family Jose Cabral ~ Maria Cabral Jacinto & Maria Melo ~ Maria Cabral	
	Tuesday, July 26	
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Garvin Lee ~ Maria Salting Dillon Phillips ~ Fr. Dan Vere For the intentions of Helen Tavares ~	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Lyle Williams ~ Wife Cathy & Family Giovanni & Anna Mazzella ~ Daughter-in-law Maria 7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Anny ~ Rodzice +Maria & Jan Warnke ~ Joanna Kazanecki z Rodziną	6:30 PM St. Benedict Alejo & Melecia Quijalvo ~ Rey & Adel Quijalvo Veko Vukobratic ~Barbara Vukobratic Clara Vennettilli ~ Mr. & Mrs. Honoro D'Angela Crescenzo Rocca ~ Wife Giuseppa, Sons Elio & Emilio & Families Souls in Purgatory
	Wednesday July 27	
9:30 AM St. Joseph Horacio Teixeira ~ Maria M. Teixeira Terence & Iris Coates Joseph Fernandes ~ Louis & Meena Machado	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter Ethel Tony Manzon ~ Debbie Manzon	7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin Mireille Beauchamp ~ Les Dames de Ste Anne
	Thursday, July 28	I
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English All Souls in Purgatory ~ Irena +Luke Binendyk ~ JoAnne Burrell	9:30 AM St. Benedict MASS CANCELLED ~ STAFF RETREAT	6:30 PM Sacred Heart John Macedo ~ Alice Blais & Family Peter Willems ~ Bonifa Dias
12:10 AM Our Lady of Mercy MASS CANCELLED ~ STAFF RETREAT		

	Friday, July 29	
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Emilio Vozza ~	7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish O błogosławieństwo Boże dla Broni &
Huguette Lajoie ~ Denis & Susan Lajoie	Mario & Rosa Recchia & Family Bernadette Gray ~ Sacred Heart CWL	Louisa ~ J&J
12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy	bernadette dray - Sacred Heart CWL	
Maria Cocozzoli ~ Saverio, Lily & Pat Cocozzoli & Family		
Jose Ortins ~Maria Ortins & Daughters		
Edmond Chamberlain ~ Wayne & Susan Chamberlain		
	Saturday, July 30	
8:00 AM Queen of Peace — English All Souls in Purgatory ~ Irena -Intentions of Rick Bourque	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Special Intention for the Paquette Family ~ Doreen Paqette	9:30 AM St. Joseph Jan Dekoning & Mario Roa ~ Mellie Dekoning & Family

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

8:45 - 9:30am: Queen of Peace ~ Sacristy

9:15 - 10:00am: St. Thomas d'Aguin ~ 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

4:30pm - St. Benedict

5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)

5:30pm - Sacred Heart

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy

9:00am - Queen of Peace (English)

+Nancy Thomas ~ Geroge & Helen Szober

+Domenica Machado ~ Louis & Meena Machado

9:00am - Sacred Heart

9:00am - St. Benedict

9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)

11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish)

-+Janina & Jan Latawiec ~ Frania & Jan Hapek

-+Stanislaw & Anna Ryłko ~ Córka z Rodziną

11:00am - Sacred Heart

11:00am - St. Joseph

11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aguin (French)

5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aguin (Spanish)

6:30pm - St. Benedict

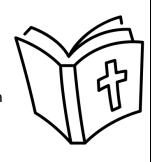
EVENING VESPERS

Please join us in praying the Evening Liturgy-of-the-Hours following the Tuesday 6:30PM Mass at St. Benedict's.

Breviaries (Book of Christian Prayer) will be available to read from.

Liturgy of the Hours is the "Prayer of the Church" typically prayed several times each day by clergy and religious, but all the faithful are encouraged to participate in praying for our Church.

Dcn Dave Kraemer



Ways to Make Donations to your Parish... Interac e-Transfer now available at all parishes.

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

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St Michael	stmichaelbg@dol.ca
Sacred Heart	shsarnia@dol.ca
Queen of Peace	qofpeace@dol.ca
St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca



Gianna Home needs house mother volunteers!

House mothers are there to assist the new moms with their day to day, prep and eat meals together, discuss, and support. It's a mentor type role.

We will provide all necessary training.

Must be able to carry 25lbs.

A variety of days/times are needed. Can be weekly, bi-weekly, occasional.

Let us know what you can do, or any questions you have: e-mail danielle@giannahome.ca or phone 226-313-2342.

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:

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KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

• Spotkanie Autorskie z Siostrą Dawidą Ryll, autorką książki "Dom w cieniu skrzydeł". To historia S. Anny Kaworek, współzałożycielki Sióstr Michalitek. Spotkanie odbędzie się we wtorek, 26 lipca, 2022, po wieczornej mszy świętej, w Sali Parafialnej. Zapraszamy zainteresowanych.

The meeting with Sister Dawida Ryll, author of the book "House in the shadow of wings", the story of Sr. Anna Kaworek, co-founder of the Michaelite Sisters. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Queen of Peace Parish Hall, after the evening Mass. We invite all interested parties.

- "Everlasting peace" for Thomas John Walton. Our prayers and condolences to Bernice Rade and Family
- O Różańcu sw. (Obietnice dane sw. Dominikowi i bł. Alanowi de Rupe)

"Różaniec będzie potężną bronią przeciwko piekłu; zniszczy występek i pokona herezję."

♦ About the Rosary of St. (Promises to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de Rupe)

"The rosary will be a powerful weapon against hell; he will destroy vice and defeat heresy."

ST. THOMAS D'AQUIN

Chevaliers de Colomb: Le prochain bingo des Chevaliers aura lieu le 21 juillet prochain à la salle paroissiale de l'église Our Lady of Mercy à partir de 19h.

Knight of Columbus: Their next Bingo will take place on Thursday, July 21 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall starting at 7 p.m

Article Recherché: Aux personnes qui portent la communion aux malades; Si vous avez vu ou trouvé une custode de couleur dorée avec fermeture dessus en forme d'une petite boucle, s.v.p. avertir le bureau de la paroisse au 519-542-8292, Merci de votre coopération.

Wanted Item: To those who bring Communion to the sick; If you have seen or found a golden-coloured pyx with a small loop closure on it, please notify the parish office at 519-542-8292, Thank you for your cooperation.

Vente d'articles Religieux: Pour acheter des articles religieux ou pour plus d'informations, svp contactez Mme Claudette Sonier au 519-542-6633. Merci

Sale of Religious Items: To buy religious items or for more info, please contact Mrs. Claudette Sonier at 519-542-6633. Thank you

Si vous avez changé d'adresse ou de numéro de téléphone, s.v.p. pourriez-vous avertir le bureau de la paroisse au 519-542-8292. Merci de votre coopération.

If you have changed your address or phone number, please notify the parish office at 519-542-8292.

Thank you for your cooperation.

REPOPENING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ST. MICHAEL



We are pleased to inform all parishioners that the St Michael church roof and heating, ventilation, and air conditioner (HVAC) replacement project is near completion. We are preparing to return to normal mass schedule by July 30th. We are grateful to the project team for their diligence and for your patience during the renovations. This marked the first large influx of capital funds to this most beloved site, and we know this investment in resources will allow St. Michael Parish community to be a bright beacon to the mission of the church.



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Serving the Parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. Benedict, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Thomas d'Aquin

Our Lady of Mercy/St. Joseph Parish Financial Results 2021

We would like to express our gratitude to Our Lady of Mercy/ St. Joseph Parishioners for their generosity, both in time and donations, during these challenging pandemic times. The effects of the mandated reduction in physical capacity of our churches and the dispensation from the Sunday Obligation has had a substantial impact on collections. This was partially mitigated by online giving and the generous contribution of the Government of Canada in the form of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS). To add to our financial challenges, the Diocesan assessment returned to its original 15% of offertory collections.

For 2021, we are reporting an operating fund deficit of \$8,389 that was mitigated by a generous COVID government subsidy of \$43,587, compared to a surplus of \$15,803 for 2020. A graph showing receipts vs expenditures since 2019 is attached illustrating that OLM/ St Joseph Parish is spending \$650 more than is collected every month. This can be attributed to a drop in mass attendance of 30% over the past 3 years. As a member of the Family of Parishes, OLM/ St. Joseph retains all receipts collected but do share some of its expenditures with the other parish members of the Family. This has had a positive impact on expenses compared to the pre-pandemic expenses of 2019.

The Parish capital fund experienced a surplus of \$54,977 in 2021 compared to a surplus of \$118,224 in 2020. We are grateful to your generosity and for honoring your pledges to the capital campaign. Your capital donations allowed us to replace St Joseph's boilers and perform hall upgrades.

Year over year OLM/St Joseph's debt was reduced by \$46,588 and ended the year at \$77,649 owing. We can also report that we were able to retire that debt in early 2022 through the premise of the greatest need capital campaign.

To help us meet our financial challenges, we have initiated a QR (Quick Read) code so that anyone with a smart phone can give at anytime, anywhere, anyhow. In addition, under the leadership of Fr. Brian, we are developing a Servant Leadership model and a comprehensive strategic plan which will bring all parishioners closer to the mission of the church.

The Finance Council has planned in-person presentations at all Parishes from July 16 to September 4, to be followed by a financial townhall meeting in the Fall. Our third set of presentations will be at St Thomas d'Aquin Parish on August 7, after the weekend liturgies. Stay tune for further updates and presentation announcements.

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