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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Interviews with our
clergy, pastoral team
and lay leaders.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

MAILING ADDRESS

1011 Oak Avenue,
Sarnia, Ontario N7S 1J4

PARISH LOCATIONS

Our Lady of Mercy
390 Christina St. N.
Sarnia ON N7T 5V9

Queen of Peace
566 Rosedale Ave.
Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

Office:

Tue. 10am - 2pm; Wed. 1pm - 5pm;
Fri. 2:30pm - 6:30pm

Sacred Heart
1465 Lecaron Ave.
Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

St. Benedict
1011 Oak Ave.
Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

St. Joseph
293 Stuart St.
Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

St. Michael
1920 Wildwood Dr. Brights Grove
ON N0N 1C0

Office:

Wed. & Fri. 9:00am-12:00 pm

St. Thomas d'Aquin
895 Champlain Rd.
Sarnia ON N7V 2E9

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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Rev. Dan Vere ex.224

Rev. Jan Burczyk C.S.M.A. ex.226

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En cas d'urgence pastorale, veuillez appeler le bureau paroissial au 519-336-2653 EXT. 9 et laisser un message.
Les messages vocaux iront au courrier électronique de la paroisse et seront vérifiés et les appels seront retournés.

Reflection ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk

"Do good; seek justice" - this is the motto of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place every year between January 18 and 25. The first ideas of interdenominational prayers for Christian unity appeared in the 19th century. Initiated by Fr. Paul Wattson, this idea was propagated in the 1930s by Father Paul Couturier.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with over a hundred years of tradition, has become a cyclical celebration of ecumenism. Every year between the old feast day of St. Peter and the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul, Christians of various denominations meet around the world for ecumenical services, prayers, conferences, concerts and other meetings. In some places, there are so many initiatives that the Week of Prayer, contrary to its name, lasts for several weeks or even a month. It is customary that during the Week of Prayer to exchange preachers as guests - in a church of a given denomination, a priest of another denomination preaches a sermon. Let us pray that the Churches and Ecclesial Communities will continue to carry on the dialogue of truth, which is necessary to put an end to differences, and the dialogue of love, which is the condition of theological dialogue itself and helps us to live together in common witness. It is our heart's desire that the day of full unity approach when all the disciples of our one and only Lord will be able to celebrate the Eucharist together - God's sacrifice for the life and salvation of the world. Let us invoke Mary's maternal intercession to help all Christians to cultivate a more attentive listening to the Word of God and a more intense prayer for unity.

Réflexion ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk

"Faire du bien; rechercher la justice" - telle est la devise de la Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens 2023.

La Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens a lieu chaque année du 18 au 25 janvier. Les premières idées de prières interconfessionnelles pour l'unité des chrétiens sont apparues au XIXe siècle. Initié par le Père Paul Wattson, cette idée a été propagée dans les années 1930 par l'abbé Paul Couturier.

La Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens, avec plus de cent ans de tradition, est devenue une célébration cyclique de l'œcuménisme. Chaque année, entre l'ancienne fête de Saint-Pierre et la fête de la Conversion de Saint-Paul, des chrétiens de diverses confessions se réunissent dans le monde entier pour des services œcuméniques, des prières, des conférences, des concerts et d'autres réunions. Dans certains endroits, les initiatives sont si nombreuses que la Semaine de Prière, contrairement à son nom, dure plusieurs semaines et même un mois. Il est de coutume qu'au cours de la Semaine de Prière on échange des prédicateurs en tant qu'invités - dans une église d'une confession donnée, un prêtre d'une autre confession prêche un sermon. Prions pour que les Églises et les Communautés ecclésiales poursuivent le dialogue de vérité, nécessaire pour mettre fin aux différences, et le dialogue d'amour, qui est la condition même du dialogue théologique et nous aide à vivre ensemble dans témoignage commun. C'est le désir de notre cœur que le jour de la pleine unité approche où tous les disciples de notre seul et unique Seigneur pourront célébrer ensemble l'Eucharistie - le sacrifice de Dieu pour la vie et le salut du monde. Invoquons l'intercession maternelle de Marie pour aider tous les chrétiens à cultiver une écoute plus attentive de la Parole de Dieu et une prière plus intense pour l'unité.

Odbicie ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk

„Czyńcie dobro; szukajcie sprawiedliwości” - pod tym hasłem będzie przebiegał Tydzień Modlitw o Jedność Chrześcijan 2023.

Tydzień Modlitw o Jedność Chrześcijan odbywa się co roku między 18 a 25 stycznia. Pierwsze pomysły międzywyznaniowych modlitw o jedność chrześcijan pojawiły się w XIX w. Tydzień Modlitw w obecnym terminie odbywa się od 1908 r. z inicjatywy ks. Paula Wattsona. Ideę tę w latach 30. XX w. rozpropagował o. Paul Couturier.

Mający już ponad stuletnią tradycję Tydzień Modlitw o Jedność Chrześcijan stał się cyklicznym świętem ekumenizmu. Co roku między dawnym świętem katedry św. Piotra a świętem nawrócenia św. Pawła, chrześcijanie różnych wyznań spotykają się na całym świecie na ekumenicznych nabożeństwach, modlitwach, konferencjach, koncertach i innych spotkaniach. W niektórych miejscach inicjatyw jest tak dużo, że Tydzień Modlitw - wbrew swej nazwie - trwa kilka tygodni, a nawet miesiąc. Zwyczajem przyjętym na nabożeństwach w ramach Tygodnia Modlitw jest gościnna wymiana kaznodziei - w kościele danego wyznania kazanie wygłasza duchowny innej denominacji. Módlmy się, aby Kościoły i Wspólnoty kościelne nadal prowadziły dialog prawdy, niezbędny do położenia kresu różnicom, oraz dialog miłości, który jest warunkiem samego dialogu teologicznego i pomaga żyć razem dla wspólnego świadectwa. Pragnieniem naszego serca jest to, aby przybliżył się dzień pełnej jedności, gdy wszyscy uczniowie naszego jedyngo Pana będą mogli nareszcie sprawować razem Eucharystię - Bożą ofiarę za życie i zbawienie świata. Przyzywajmy macierzyńskiego wstawiennictwa Maryi, aby pomogła wszystkim chrześcijanom pielęgnować bardziej uważne wsłuchiwanie się w Słowo Boże i intensywniejszą modlitwę o jedność.

Pray for Vocations: January 15 to January 21

Sunday: Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp.

Monday: Deacon Thomas MacLeod

Tuesday: Rev. Martin Nyland

Wednesday: Deacon Reginald Quesnel

Thursday: Deacon Mark Castanier

Friday: Rev. Jose Montepeque

Saturday: Rev. John Comiskey

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

**Readings for
Sunday, January 15, 2023**

1st Reading:

Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel

John 1.29-34

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

Alfredo Galizia



ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lady of Mercy
Parish Hall

7 days/week
from 6am -10pm

Please call the
parish office for
door code.

Please do not leave personal
items, religious items or
books in the chapel.
Thank you



Please Pray For

Michael Genovy ; Peter O'Neil

Peggy Smith

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Margaret Greenaway

Diane Smith

Marian Bart

Doreen Ducharme

Veronie Hutchings

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Samantha Jane Knowles

Michelle St.Onge-Mitchell

Robert Debie

Margaret & Jim Brough



Register Today

**Registration at www.sarniacatholic.ca
or call the Family of Parishes office
519-336-2653**

**THE NEXT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT
ST JOSEPH CHURCH, 293 STUART ST.**

FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 24

6:30PM - 8:30PM

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A THOUGHT-PROVOKING VIDEO
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519.336.2653

OFFERING MASS FOR LOVED ONES ~ FAQ

Parishioners may ask to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the sick, for the intentions of another person (such as on a special occasion) or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

How do I go about getting a mass offered?

- Come to parish office — 1011 Oak Avenue
- Call the parish office — 519 336-2653
- Register through the family of parishes website — sarniacatholic.ca
- Use envelopes found at parish welcome desks & drop the offering in the collection basket

Can I choose the church/date/mass time?

- The church can be chosen however the date and time must be confirmed through the parish office.

How much does it cost to offer an Mass intention?

- The stipend is \$10 for each Mass intention.
- Payment can be made by cash, cheque, e-transfer or through the PLENTY app.

For more information please call the parish office 519 336-2653

Weekday Mass Intentions - January 16 to January 22

Monday, January 16		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English All Souls in Purgatory ~ KW	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Elio De Carolis ~ Daughters & Families Intention of Helen Donnelly ~ Margarita Roberts Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Guy St. Pierre ~ Rosalie Matz Helene St. Pierre ~ Rosalie Matz	6:30 PM St. Michael Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga David Gudelis ~ St. Michael Caring & Sharing Monique Zink ~ The Family
Tuesday, January 17		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart John Nowak ~ Barb Paul Giovanni DeCarolis ~ Rick & Maria Ferrera Gerardo & Fiorina Recchia ~ Son, Mario & Family Al Crombeen ~ Archy Gillis Special Intention	9:45 AM St. Thomas d’Aquin - No Intentions 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Jean MacDonald ~ Carrie & Charlene Mary & Matthew Bednar ~ Bednar & Evangelista Families Intention of Claire Sherritt ~ Tanya Rudy Trnik ~ Allan Mearns	6:30 PM St. Benedict Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Pat Hayes ~ Lillian Hayes Mary Catherine Bustard ~ St. Benedict CWL Intentions of Michelle & Kristelle ~ Family 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Mieczysław Czarnik- Bulsza Jan Bulsza - Danilewicz
Wednesday January 18		
8:30 AM St. Michael Eddie Drain ~ Pat & Alice Cassidy 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquin - French Special Intentions ~ Diane Passingham	9:30 AM St. Joseph Intention of Marquita Knowles ~ Mary Turner Horacio Teixeira ~ Maria Margarida Teixeira Souls in Purgatory ~A&W Gray Intention of Monica ~ Aime & Liz Guindon	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter Ethel Theresa & Salvatore Lopetrone ~ Family Domenico Benacquista ~ Loreto & Domenica Gismondi
Thursday, January 19		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English For all those working in police, who guard public safety ~ W. 9:30 AM St. Benedict Leo Lauzon ~ Andy & Jacquie Courchesne Daniel Pacheco ~ Maria Pacheco	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Margarita Roberts ~ Anna & Lisa Intention of Begonia Rosario ~ Anna & Lisa Ken Bryson ~ Family Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel & Family Crescenzo Rocca ~ Wife, Giuseppa, Sons, Elio, Emilio & Family Tom Rocca ~ Wife, Loreta & Children Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Carlyle Lane ~ Your OBS Family Special Intention

Friday, January 20		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English No Intentions 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Włodzimierz Kasprzyk ~ Rodzina	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Frank Tote ~ Maria Tote Pasquale DeCarolis ~ Daughter, Maria & Luigi Cicchini & Family Maggy Barnfield ~ Terry DeMarco & Fraser Godfrey Maria Irizar & Jacqueline Wing-Mun Chow ~ Karen Gallagher	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Deceased Members of Giuseppina De Carolis Family ~ Giuseppina De Carolis Sergio Bucci ~ Bucci Family Achilles Amawhe ~ Sarnia Bluewater Family of Parishes Monique Zink ~ Family Intentions of Begonia Rosario
Saturday, January 21		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English All Souls in Purgatory ~ KW 8:30AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Intentions of the Paquette Family ~ Doreen Paquette	8:30 AM St. Michael Cason King St. ~ Michael Caring & Sharing	9:30 AM St. Joseph Deceased Members of Turner & Cahill Families ~ Turner Family Alex Rowan ~ Nan, John & Family Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia

WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Confessions</u> 8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace ~ Sacristy 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin ~ Hall 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Michael ~ 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 4:30pm - St. Benedict 5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English) 5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove 5:30pm - Sacred Heart	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy 9:00am - Queen of Peace (English) +Włodzimierz Kasprzyk ~ Family 9:00am - Sacred Heart 9:00am - St. Benedict 9:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English) 10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove 11:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish) +Stanisława & Krzysztof Wróbel ~ Rodzina 11:00am - Sacred Heart 11:00am - St. Joseph 11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French) 5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish) 6:30pm - St. Benedict
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FAMILY CATECHISM Please join us at St. Patrick's High School from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on the following Sunday afternoons: Jan 15, 29 Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 5, 26, Apr. 2, 23. Register at info@famfi.ca or email Tara and Terry Costain at sarniacatechism@gmail.com	BULLETIN & WEBSITE ADVERTISING The Family of Parishes is looking at the possibility of offering advertising in our weekly bulletin and on our Family of Parishes website. Several ad sizes will be offered and prices have not yet been set. We are looking to gauge the interest so please let us know if this is something that might be of interest for your business. If interested please contact Annie Ferrera aferrera@dol.ca for more information.
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Jan. 15	• Our Lady of Mercy Coffee Social ~ following 8:30am Mass • St. Benedict Coffee Sunday ~ following 9am mass • Brunch ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 9am & 11am Mass • St. Joseph Coffee & Conversation ~ following 11am Mass • Parent Confirmation Meeting ~ Sacred Heart church hall –12pm • The Franciscan Order of Seculars (Sarnia) Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 2pm • Parent Confirmation Meeting ~ St. Benedict church hall – 7:30pm • St. Thomas d'Aquin Coffee Social ~ following 5pm Mass
Monday, Jan. 16	• Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • ALPHA reunion celebration ~ Sacred Heart – 6pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin –18h30 • St. Vincent de Paul Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Tuesday, Jan. 17	• Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart –1pm • Confirmation Preparation Session 1 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 18	• St. Vincent de Paul ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 4:30pm • KofC meeting ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm • Chevaliers de Colomb ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Jan. 19	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30 • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, Jan. 20	• CWL Rock Painting ~ St. Joseph–12pm • Confirmation Preparation Session 1 ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 21	• CWL Rock Painting ~ St. Joseph–9am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass • Card Night ~ Sacred Heart – 6:30pm



St. Clair Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration



The St. Clair Catholic District School board is inviting families with students registering for kindergarten September 2023 to attend a **KinderSTARt** event at their local Catholic School. Drop in at the school for a one-hour visit to meet staff, parish and community partners, engage in fun activities, and learn more about kindergarten! Dates and times of **KinderSTARt** sessions for schools in your family of parishes are noted below. For more information visit: kinderstart.sccdsb.net

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

Gregory A Hogan: Tuesday, January 31 from 7:45-8:45am **AND** 4-6pm (French Immersion)

Holy Trinity: Wednesday, February 1 from 4-6pm

St. Anne: Wednesday, February 8 from 4-6pm

St. Matthew: Wednesday, February 15 from 4-6pm

Sacred Heart: Wednesday, February 15 from 4-6pm

St. Michael BG: Thursday, February 16 from 4-6pm

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, Jan. 22	• Our Lady of Mercy Coffee Social ~ following 8:30am Mass • 1st Communion Preparation Class ~ St. Benedict ~ following 9am mass • St. Joseph Coffee & Conversation ~ following 11am Mass • 1st Communion Preparation Class ~ Sacred Heart ~ following 11am mass • St. Thomas d'Aquin Coffee Social ~ following 5pm Mass
Monday, Jan. 23	• Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • CWL Potluck ~ St. Benedict – 6pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30 • CWL Regional Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Tuesday, Jan. 24	• Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Youth Group, grades 6-8 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 25	• Soup Social ~ our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10 Mass • Dames de Ste Anne general meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Jan. 19	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30
Friday, Jan. 26	• Youth Group, grades 9-12 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 27	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass

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

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

11th Annual Men Of Faith Conference

January 28th, 8am - 3pm, at St. Michael's Parish, London

Men and young men, join us for the 11th annual Men of Faith Conference on Saturday, January 28th.

This year's conference features Dr. John Bergsma Catholic convert, Biblical Scholar, and Theologian.

Dr. John will share his journey from protestant pastor to Catholic convert.

Come be inspired in your faith and strengthened in fraternity with other men. We hope to see you there.

For more information and to register go to famfi.ca/men or contact **Pete Aarssen 519-384-8031**

SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES NURSING HOME COMMUNION LITURGIES

1st Monday of the Month

Marshall Gowland Manor ~ 9:30AM; Trillium Villa ~ 10:30AM

1st Wednesday of the Month

Twin Lakes Terrace ~ 9:30AM; Afton Park Place ~ 10:30AM; Vision Nursing Home ~ 11:15AM

If you have questions or queries regarding these services feel free to contact me, Deacon Christopher, by leaving a message at the parish office or via email cstoesser@dol.ca

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 ensure you are included in the Communion Liturgies and we can update our files and keep in touch.

Come on out and join in the fun at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Saturday January 21st at 6:30pm for Card Night!

Bring your family favourite card game or play a classic game of choice! Traditional 52-Card Decks provided. All ages welcome! Light refreshments available and monetary donations toward our future events welcome!

Please join us for

Card NIGHT

When: Saturday, January 21,
2023 @ 6:30pm

Where: Sacred Heart
Church Meeting Room

Child care will be available.



The St. Michael
Knights of Columbus
is sponsoring

BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS**



Menu

*Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,
and homemade baked beans, coffee, tea,
juice plus some goodies.*

**\$10 Adults Children 5 & under FREE
\$25 Family = 2 adults, 2 children+**

All proceeds to KofC activities

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Looking for information about the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes, about the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the Finance Committee, the Synod, the Focus Group reports, sacraments, Mass times, Ministries, Alpha, bible studies, Charisms, events...?

www.sarniacatholic.ca

FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

Thanks to all who participated and/or helped to organize the events in November.

The Focus Groups identified the need to strengthen parishes. Lots of ideas were presented and some parishes are keen to meet early in 2023 to address the issues/opportunities raised.

There were 4 issues that stood out as being the primary issues across all 7 Parishes:

1. Engaging Family & Youth
2. Liturgical Celebrations (Homilies, Liturgical Environment (Sound systems, Music, Décor, etc.), Welcoming)
3. Finances, including Property Management
4. Evangelization

The clergy, pastoral team, and co-responsible ministry teams have started addressing these important issues.

Complete details on the results of the focus groups are available on the Family of Parishes website:
sarniacatholic.ca

Your support and your input are greatly appreciated as we continue work on strengthening our Family of Parishes

Attention: All Parishioners

Distribution of 2022 Donation Tax Receipts by Email

In an effort to reduce the cost associated with postage, we are working with the Diocese to enable our systems to distribute donation tax receipts by email, instead of issuing them all paper based.

For those of you receiving the weekly bulletin by email, you will receive your tax receipt in your inbox. If you prefer to have it printed and picked-up/mailed, please contact Lisa ldesena@dol.ca or Cathy ccimetta@dol.ca so that they can flag your receipt to be picked-up or mailed out to you.

Rest assured, if you do not have email, your receipt will continue to be printed and available for pick-up later in January at your parish entrances.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope that this will go smoothly as we move towards being more efficient.

Cathy & Lisa

Financial Admins

Attention: All Offertory Envelope Box Users

Introducing the new “Monthly Offerings” Envelope

We would like to introduce you to the purpose and use of the new green “Monthly Offerings” envelope you will find in your 2023 box sets.

In the past, different parishes had different monthly envelopes for offerings to specific needs such as Building Fund, Missions, Assessment, Flowers, etc.

In order to make all seven parishes’ box sets similar, we adopted a “Monthly Offerings” envelope for everyone to use. Below is a brief summary of what each category means and how the funds will be used.

Missions - Funds collected will be distributed on a semi-annual basis to specific missions/outreach determined by our Family of Parishes Social Justice & Mission Committee. In the past this committee has been able to send much needed financial help to groups in Canada and abroad who are supported by the generosity of others.

Parish Appeal/Assessment - Funds collected will be allocated to each parish’s “Thanksgiving Appeal” account where all funds remain in the parish and are not used in the calculation of the assessment paid to the Diocese each year. Consider donating monthly as opposed to just in October during our Thanksgiving Appeal weekend.

Building Fund - Funds are allocated to any capital work that needs to be undertaken in our parishes throughout the year. The cost of major repairs and replacements are ever increasing. Having funds set aside for these projects would be in the best interest of the individual parishes.

Family & Youth - Donations to “Family & Youth” would provide funding for our Family and Youth Ministry to provide the means for programming for the young families and youth of our parishes.

Other - The “Other” category can be used for any and all special collections that may come up throughout the year. Most recently, the “Truth & Reconciliation” appeal was launched without a specific envelope. Anyone wanting to donate to the “T&R Fund” can use this envelope to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, or want more information regarding the above, please feel free to contact us at ldesena@dol.ca or ccimetta@dol.ca. Thank you for your continued generous support of your Parish.

Cathy & Lisa

Financial Admins



***A new and easy way to donate to your parish.
Simply scan the QR code and follow the
easy directions.***



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

Full details on this new initiative for our Family of Parishes can be found on our website with copies also available at welcome desks in each parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

Other ways to donate to your Parish...

Interac e-Transfer & Pre-Authorized Donations

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.)

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.

Our Lady of Mercy	olm@dol.ca
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