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SUNDAY, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Dan Vere ex.224

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

Rev. José Montepeque ex.225

Rev. Paul Kim ex.223

Lay Ecclesial Minister

Leonia Downie ex.228

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AJ Barrows ex.229

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Deacon Lyle Lalonge

Deacon Christopher Stoesser

Deacon David Cummings ex.235

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Les messages vocaux iront au courrier électronique de la paroisse et seront vérifiés et les appels seront retournés.

Reflection ~ Fr. Dan Vere

There are two most important realities needed in the church today if we are to thrive in future days. The first is leadership in the form of service, compassion and being part of a vision of the local church. For centuries leaders of all sorts led from the top down and did so with care, power and sought the best for others -- not always with others. I learned some years ago that if I made decision on behalf of the community I had to be prepared to live alongside those decisions and alongside those people affected by my/our decision.

The gospel today speaks of salt as both a preservative and as a spice to enliven foods and to keep them fresh. Leadership is like that, especially in the Church where we need to preserve what we believe and make it alive and fresh for others to hear and embrace. Leadership is best shown in service and the mission of the church to reach out. There are times in our modern church where we don't fully see the spice of God's love, the church's caring touch, or the fruits of Justice. The first reading gives us clear direction in feeding the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless and clothing the naked. Discussions have begun six months ago with 15 other Sarnia churches about best serving the need of justice and the homeless. Please, in your kindness pray that we are both determined and successful.

Réflexion ~ Fr. Dan Vere

Il y a deux réalités les plus importantes nécessaires dans l'église aujourd'hui si nous voulons prospérer dans les jours à venir. Le premier est le leadership sous forme de service, de compassion et de faire partie d'une vision de l'église locale. Pendant des siècles, des dirigeants de toutes sortes ont dirigé du haut vers le bas et l'ont fait avec soin, pouvoir et recherché le meilleur pour les autres - pas toujours avec les autres. J'ai appris il y a quelques années que si je prenais une décision au nom de la communauté, je devais être préparé vivre aux côtés de ces décisions et aux côtés des personnes affectées par ma/notre décision.

L'Évangile d'aujourd'hui parle du sel à la fois comme agent de conservation et comme épice pour égayer les aliments et les garder frais. Le leadership est comme ça, en particulier dans l'Église où nous devons préserver ce que nous croyons et le rendre vivant et frais pour que les autres l'entendent et l'embrassent. Le leadership se manifeste mieux dans le service et la mission de l'église de tendre la main.

Il y a des moments dans notre église moderne où nous ne voyons pas pleinement le piment de l'amour de Dieu, la touche bienveillante de l'église ou les fruits de la justice. La première lecture nous donne une orientation claire pour nourrir les affamés, abriter les opprimés et les sans-abri et habiller les nus. Des discussions ont commencé il y a six mois avec 15 autres églises de Sarnia sur la meilleure façon de répondre au besoin de justice et aux sans-abri. S'il vous plaît, dans votre bonté, priez pour que nous soyons à la fois déterminés et prospères.

Reflexión ~ Fr. Dan Vere

Hay dos realidades muy importantes que se necesitan en la iglesia hoy si queremos prosperar en los días futuros. El primero es el liderazgo en forma de servicio, compasión y ser parte de una visión de la iglesia local. Durante siglos, líderes de todo tipo lideraron de arriba hacia abajo y lo hicieron con cuidado, poder y buscaron lo mejor para los demás, no siempre con otros. Aprendí hace algunos años que si tomaba decisiones en nombre de la comunidad tenía que estar preparado para vivir junto a esas decisiones y junto a las personas afectadas por mi / nuestra decisión.

El evangelio de hoy habla de la sal como conservante y como especia para animar los alimentos y mantenerlos frescos. El liderazgo es así, especialmente en la Iglesia, donde necesitamos preservar lo que creemos y hacerlo vivo y fresco para que otros lo escuchen y lo acepten. El liderazgo se muestra mejor en el servicio y la misión de la iglesia de alcanzar.

Hay momentos en nuestra iglesia moderna donde no vemos completamente la especia del amor de Dios, el toque cariñoso de la iglesia o los frutos de la Justicia. La primera lectura nos da una dirección clara para alimentar a los hambrientos, albergar a los oprimidos y a las personas sin hogar y vestir a los desnudos. Las discusiones han comenzado hace seis meses con otras 15 iglesias de Sarnia sobre la mejor manera de servir a la necesidad de justicia y a las personas sin hogar. Por favor, en su bondad oren para que seamos decididos y exitosos.

Odbicie ~ Fr. Dan Vere

Kościół potrzebuje dziś dwóch najważniejszych rzeczy, jeśli mamy cieszyć się powodzeniem w przyszłości. Pierwszym jest przywództwo w formie służby, współczucia i bycia częścią wizji lokalnego kościoła. Przez wieki przywódcy wszelkiego rodzaju prowadzili zmiany od góry w dół i robili to z troską, mocą i starali się o to, co najlepsze dla innych - często bez nich. Nauczyłem się kilka lat temu, że jeśli podejmuję decyzję w imieniu społeczności, muszę być przygotowany żyć obok tych decyzji i obok ludzi, których dotyczy moja/nasza decyzja.

Dzisiejsza ewangelia mówi o soli zarówno jako środku konserwującym, jak i przyprawie ożywiającej żywność i utrzymującej ją świeżą. Takie jest przywództwo, zwłaszcza w Kościele, gdzie musimy zachować to, w co wierzymy, i uczynić to żywym i świeżym, aby inni mogli usłyszeć i przyjąć. Przywództwo najlepiej objawia się w służbie i misji kościoła polegającej na docieraniu do innych.

Są takie chwile w naszym nowoczesnym Kościele, kiedy nie dostrzegamy w pełni Bożej miłości, troskliwego dotyku Kościoła czy owoców Sprawiedliwości. Pierwsze czytanie daje nam jasny kierunek, jak nakarmić głodnych, dać schronienie uciśnionym i bezdomnym oraz przyodziać nagich. Sześć miesięcy temu rozpoczęły się rozmowy z 15 innymi kościołami w Sarni na temat jak najlepszego służenia potrzebie sprawiedliwości i bezdomnym. Proszę, w swojej dobroci módl się, abyśmy byli zdeterminowani i odnieśli sukces.

Pray for Vocations: February 5 to February 11

Sunday: Mrs. Rachele Leslie, Pastoral Minister

Monday: Deacon Henry Tomaszewski

Tuesday: Deacon Ronald Vermette

Wednesday: Mrs. Rita Butler, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Thursday: Mrs. Leonia Downie, Pastoral Ministry

Friday: Rev. Gerard Craig, O.F.M.Cap.

Saturday: Rev. Arthur Hathaway, C.S.B.

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, February 5, 2023

1st Reading:

Isaiah 58.6-10

2nd Reading:

1Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel

Matthew 5.13-16

Please Pray For

Michael Genovy

Peter O'Neil

Maurice Braet

Peggy Smith

Doreen Ducharme

Diane Smith

Veronie Hutchings

Bertha Priest

Margaret & Jim Brough

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Samantha Jane Knowles

Margaret Greenaway

Andy Courchesne



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

Owen Lynch



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



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ALPHA

Registration at www.sarniacatholic.ca
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519-336-2653

THE NEXT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT
ST JOSEPH CHURCH, 293 STUART ST.
FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 24
6:30PM - 8:30PM
INCLUDES A MEAL,
A THOUGHT-PROVOKING VIDEO
AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION.



FAMILY CATECHISM

Please join us at St. Patrick's High School from 3:00 to
5:00 PM on the following Sunday afternoons:
Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 5, 26, Apr. 2, 23.

Register at info@famfi.ca
or email Tara and Terry Costain at
sarniacatechism@gmail.com

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by doing what God has Uniquely Gifted
You to do!

New workshops beginning
March 6, 2023

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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...?

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First High Mass of Father Paul Kim!

Sarnia Latin Mass

Friday February 10th, 2023 at 7:00pm
St Joseph's Church, 293 Stuart St Sarnia

Please join us after Mass for a social in the church hall which is beneath the Church. Light refreshment to be served.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

	Grade 6th - 8th Youth Ministry Hosted at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish From 6:30pm - 8:00pm These events are opportunities for young people to have a time of oasis in their week. A time and place to relax have fun meet other young people from across Sarnia and encounter Jesus.	FEB 7
	Grade 9th - 12th Youth Ministry Hosted at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish From 6:30pm - 8:00pm These events are for our high school students to end their week where they can relax, have fun, and have honest conversations. The goal is not to push a religion but to act like Jesus.	FEB 10
	Family Catechism (Family) Hosted at St. Patricks High School From 3:00pm - 5:00pm There is a place for everyone from the cradle through career in this warm and joyful community of families. A time to build community with people in the same stage of life as you.	FEB 12
	Encounter Night (Everyone) Hosted at St. Michaels Parish From 7:00pm - 8:00pm This event is for everyone! For people in and outside our community. The goal is to encounter Jesus in new and powerful ways through live modern worship music and adoration of Jesus.	MAR 24

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KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

- ♦ Zebranie Katolickiej Ligi Kobiet (CWL), dzisiaj, po mszy św. o 11 am.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all members for the meeting, after Sunday 11 am mass.

- ♦ W niedzielę, 19 lutego, w godzinach od 9:30 am do 11:00am, Ladies Auxiliary i Rycerze Kolumba z Królowej Pokoju, serdecznie zapraszają na tradycyjne śniadanie, tzw., Pancake Breakfast. Bilety w cenie \$8.00, są do nabycia po każdej mszy św. w czasie weekendu, albo w biurze parafialnym.

The Ladies Auxiliary & Q of P Knights of Columbus invites for the Pancake Breakfast. The event will be held on February 19, from 9:30am to 11:00am, in the Parish Hall. Tickets for \$8.00 (after all weekend's masses or call the Church Office)

Quotes from Blessed Fr. Bronisław Markiewicz, the founder of the Congregation of Michaelite Fathers

"Love is the greatest human power that can conquer everything.

"Our faith is not conjecture, but the most certain and indisputable truth."

Cytaty z błogosławionego ks. Bronisławą Markiewicza, założyciela Zgromadzenia księży Michaelitów

„ Miłość jest największą potęgą człowieka, która może wszystko zwyciężyć. ”

„Wiara nasza nie jest przypuszczeniem, ale najpewniejszą i niezbitą prawdą.”

Weekday Mass Intentions - February 6 to February 12

Monday, February 6		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Matgorzata Lang ~ H & G Szobe	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Joe & Fernanda Aguiar ~ Margarita Roberts Bertha Loosemore ~ Family Francisco & Rosa Veiga ~ Leonor Chaves Intention of Mary Lou Rosario ~ Family	6:30 PM St. Michael Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga Ryan D'Silva ~ The Family Lily Anne D'Silva ~ The Family
Tuesday, February 7		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Isidoro Gagliardi ~ Wife & Family 6:30 PM St. Benedict Jose & Virginia Cordeiro ~ Maria Cabral Deceased Members of St. Benedict Knights of Columbus Lucy TinHla ~ Maria & Jim Leliveld Zita Lobsinger ~ John & Karen Rawlings Intention of Adelina & Rey Quijalvo ~ Mary Thrower	9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Les familles Notté et Lamontagne ~ Armando & Hélène Notté 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Bronia De Araujo ~ Janina Ptak W pewnej intencji	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Bill Smyth ~ Carrie & Charlene Jean MacDonald ~ Carrie & Charlene Deceased Members of Dottori Family ~ Mary
Wednesday February 8		
8:30 AM St. Michael Ennio DeSena ~ Gisele & Family	9:30 AM St. Joseph <i>No Intentions</i> 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Fidelis & Claire Coulombe ~ Maurice & Diane Coulombe	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Ramiro & Maria Ferreira ~ Daughter Connie Special Intention
Thursday, February 9		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Henry Krasinkiewicz (1st anniversary) ~ Zofia 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Anita De Carolis ~ Sister-in-law Giuseppina De Carolis Juanito Rosario & Deceased Family Members	9:30 AM St. Benedict Intention of Jean Sauve ~ Rosemarie & Gerry Laliberte Intention of Marg Belak ~ Rosemarie & Gerry Laliberte Real Lauzon ~ Andy & Jacquie Courchesne Roland Lauzon ~ Andy & Jacquie Courchesne Maria & Silvio Antonio Ferrera ~ Iole Ferrera & Family In Thanksgiving ~ Jim & Mary Leliveld	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Hildy Wyrzykowski ~ Terry DeMarco & Fraser Godfrey Antonio, Cecilia & Rosina Cicchini ~ Luigi & Maria Cicchini & Family Clair Ring ~ Pat & Kathryn Matthews Michelle ~ Family & Friends Carlyle Lane ~ The Monteiro Family Rose Pinheiro ~ The Monteiro Family

Friday, February 10		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English For the living & deceased members of the Kennedy & Lajoie Families ~ Joe & Jackie Kennedy & Family	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Austin ~ The Austin Family Marese Prendiville ~ Aurie & Family Intentions of the Ethridge Children & Grandchildren ~ Glenn & Michelle Ethridge	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Souls in Purgatory ~ Alexandrina Marta 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Maria Pradyszczuk Siostra- Janina Ptak

Saturday, February 11		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English <i>-For the healing soul & mind of my Mom</i> +Lorenzo Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti +Vincent Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti	8:30 AM St. Michael Elphege Laverdiere ~ Bert & Laverne Phills 8:30AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel	9:30 AM St. Joseph <i>No Intentions</i>

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) +Peter E. ~ Hedy <i>God's blessings for Roman & Mary Norejko ~ J.J.</i> 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) +Maria & Błażej Studziński ~ córka- Janina Ptak +Jerzy Staboń (rocznica śmierci) ~ 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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SOCIAL JUSTICE & MISSIONS TEAM – Truth and Reconciliation—The First Step is Education

The Diocese of London has prepared a Speakers Series addressing some of the issues around truth and reconciliation. The latest in the series – *Indigenous Justice Methods and the Circle Sentencing Method* – features Hon. Justice Deborah Austin, Sarah Donahue, Criminal Lawyer and Bethany Williams, Native Liaison Officer at the Sarnia Jail. Watch the video here: <https://dol.ca/indigenous-peoples>

On February 9, Bill Hill will address Indigenous Mental Health and Well-Being. You may register to participate here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OgNr9wTIRqGn0Nu94BJwlg

Or watch the video at a later time. Watch previous videos here: <https://dol.ca/trc-videos>

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Feb. 5	• Coffee Social ~Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • 1st Communion Preparation ~ St. Benedict – following 9am mass • 1st Communion Preparation ~ Sacred Heart – following 11am Mass • St. Joseph Coffee & Conversation ~ following 11am Mass • Spanish 1st Reconciliation/Communion Preparation ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 4pm • St. Thomas d'Aquin Coffee Social ~ following 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 6	• Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30 • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Tuesday, Feb. 7	• First Tuesday Muffins & Coffee ~ Sacred Heart – after 8:30 mass • Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Evening Prayer ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Youth Ministry grade 6-8 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ ST. Michael – 7pm • Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • Spanish Rosary ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Wednesday, Feb. 8	•
Thursday, Feb. 9	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Knights of Columbus meeting ~ St. Michael – 6pm • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h
Friday, Feb. 10	• Art group ~ Our lady of Mercy – 1pm • Youth Ministry grade 9-12~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph – 7pm
Saturday, Feb. 11	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass



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

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, Feb. 12	• Coffee Social ~Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am mass • Coffee Social ~ Sacred Heart – following 9 am Mass • Soup-Er Bowl Soup Cook-off ~ following 11am Mass • Movie Matinee – Sarnia Public Library – 2pm • St. Thomas d'Aquin Coffee Social ~ following 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 13	• CWL Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30
Tuesday, Feb. 14	• CWL General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 9am • CWL General Meeting ~ St. Michael – 11am • Faith Sharing Group ~ Sacred Heart –1pm • Confirmation Session 3 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin—6:30pm • Evening Prayer ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Rosary in Spanish St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Wednesday, Feb. 15	• Soup Social Our Lady of Mercy following 12:20 Mass • Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm • Chevaliers de Colomb meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Feb. 16	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, Feb. 17	• Art group ~ Our lady of Mercy – 1pm • Confirmation Session 3~ St. St. Joseph – 6:30pm
Saturday, Feb. 18	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:00pm Mass • Cultural Latin American Show ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 5pm

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.

Reconciliation

**Le sacrement de Réconciliation pour les enfants aura lieu le
jeudi soir le 16 février à 18h. à l'église St-Thomas-d'Aquin.**



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul
Sarnia-Lambton

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas d'Aquin

This year, as we have done in the fast few years, we gave out gift cards in place of food hampers to needy families. Last year we helped 25 families and this year we were asked if we could do more, and we agreed to do 40. However, the need was much greater this year and we were asked to do more. In fact we helped 81 families this year only because of the generosity of the people of St Thomas Aquinas. I met some of the families and they were over joyed with what we gave them. That little bit, for them, made a big difference in their Christmas. Thank you for your generosity. I would like to thank our team for taking the time to deliver the gift cards.

On another note I would like to thank Monica for leading our 'card team' for addressing the beautiful cards created by Patrice's students. Each card had a holiday greeting from us, and the cards were mailed out to parishioners who have become home bound or in a nursing home. We will likely continue with the card project closer to Easter so if you become aware of someone who is a parishioner and a shut in please let us know so that their name can be added to our list.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Cette année, comme nous l'avons fait au cours des dernières années, nous avons distribué des cartes cadeaux à la place de paniers de nourriture à des familles dans le besoin. L'année dernière, nous avons aidé 25 familles et cette année, on nous a demandé si nous pouvions faire plus, et nous avons accepté d'en faire 40. Cependant, les besoins étaient beaucoup plus importants cette année et on nous a demandé de faire plus. En fait, nous avons aidé 81 familles cette année, uniquement grâce à la générosité des habitants de St Thomas d'Aquin. J'ai rencontré certaines de ces familles et elles étaient très heureuses de ce que nous leur avons donné. Ce petit quelque chose, pour eux, a fait une grande différence dans leur Noël. Merci pour votre générosité. Je tiens à remercier notre équipe d'avoir pris le temps de livrer les cartes-cadeaux.

Dans un autre ordre d'idées, je voudrais remercier Monica d'avoir dirigé notre "équipe de cartes" pour adresser les magnifiques cartes créées par les élèves de Patrice. Chaque carte comportait un message de vœux de notre part pour les fêtes de fin d'année, et les cartes ont été envoyées à des paroissiens confinés chez eux ou dans une maison de retraite. Nous allons probablement poursuivre le projet de cartes à l'approche de Pâques. Si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui est un paroissien et qui est confiné chez lui, veuillez nous le faire savoir afin que son nom puisse être ajouté à notre liste.

Nous souhaitons à tous un Noël béni et une nouvelle année pleine de santé.



St. Joseph's Parish Hall Sunday, February 12th, at NOON

You are invited to come have lunch, dessert, and vote for the top soup.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, (free for children under 12) and will be sold and at the event.

Proceeds from this event help support St Joseph's parish.

Do you think you have what it takes to beat
St. Joseph's top chefs?

If you have a soup you would like to enter, please email gk@kofc1429.com or call 226-7764993 and drop it off on the day of the event at 10:30 am.

CLASH — Cultural Latin American Show



WHEN? Saturday February 18 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

WHERE? Saint Thomas d'Aquin Parish Hall; 895 Champlain Road

WHAT? The Cultural Latin American Show

WHY? To celebrate the diversity of cultures in Latin America with the Canadian Society

WHO? You and All the Latin American countries represented living in Sarnia.

Come celebrate, taste some Latin American food, its music, enjoy community gathering, and learn more about the cultural traditions of these countries. ALL ARE WELCOME

"Valentine" Movie Matinee

A special invitation to our Family of Parishes
"golden agers" to come enjoy a movie,
refreshments and friendship.

**Sunday, February 12th,
2:30PM**

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

free admission



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; \$5 Children 12 & under
Children 5 & under FREE**

\$25 Family (2 adults, 2 children)

All proceeds to KofC activities

Shrove Tuesday

The St. Benedict Knights of Columbus
is offering a Takeout or eat-in
pancake supper on

**Shrove Tuesday, February 21st
between 4:30 & 7:30 PM.**

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

Pre-orders are appreciated by
e-mailing lmayer@cogeco.ca
or call or text 519 331-7700.



Orders can be picked up or eat-in
meals at St. Benedict Church Hall
at Lansdowne and Lorne Ave.

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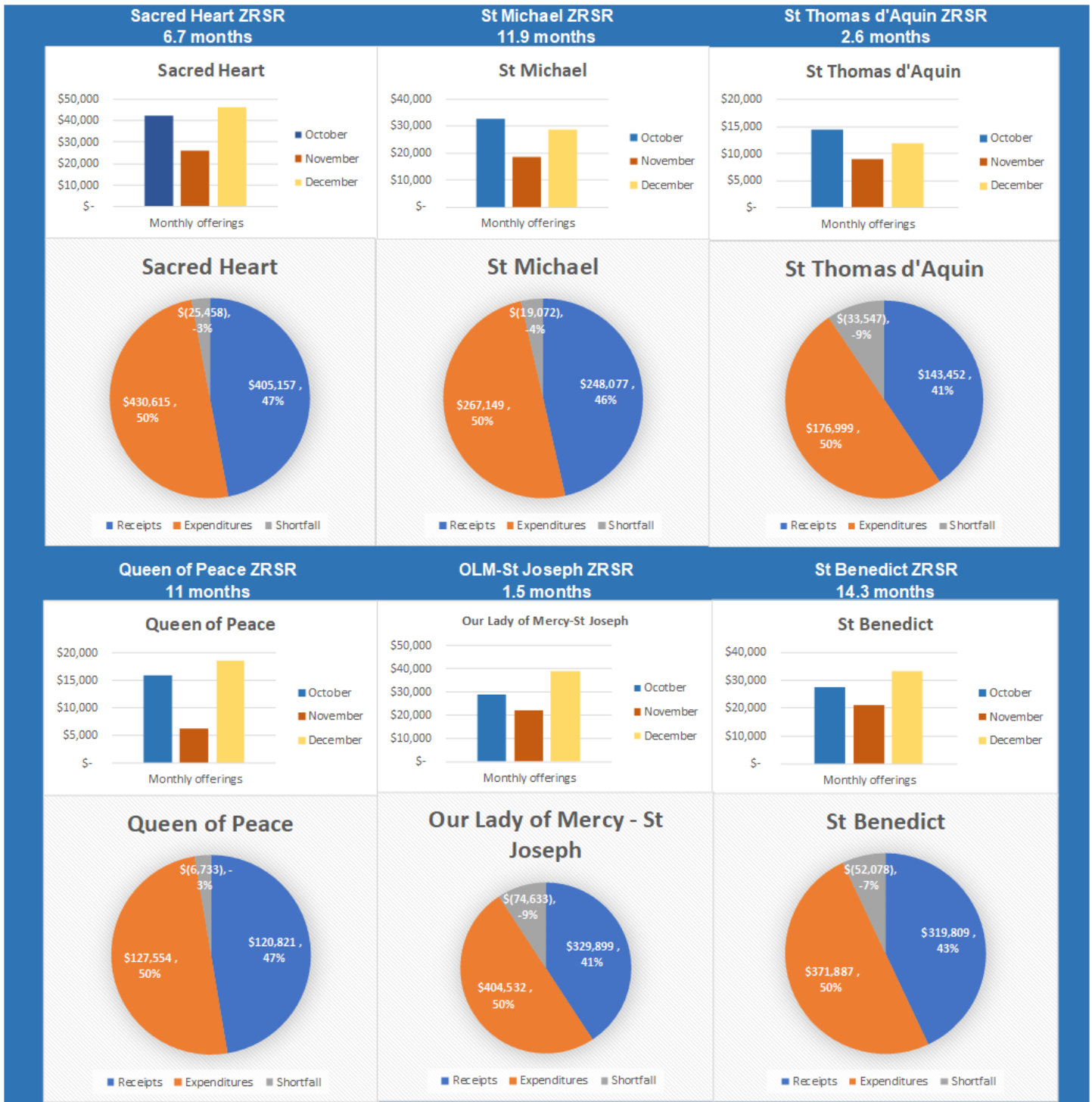
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FINANCIAL DASHBOARD DECEMBER 2022

- Zero Revenue Solvency Rate (ZRSR) indicates how long cash reserves will support normal operation with zero receipts.
- The Monthly offering bar graphs indicate the level of monthly offerings (weekly, Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving offertories). It compares the collections for the past three months.
- The pie graphs indicate year to date operating receipts, expenditures and any shortfalls or surpluses.





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Bulletin Advertising

The Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is pleased to invite businesses in our community to purchase advertising space in our weekly bulletin.

Why advertise with us?

650 bulletins are printed and distributed each week to the seven parishes in Sarnia and Bright's Grove.

Bulletins are printed in colour.

Each week, the bulletin is sent directly to the homes of 2500+ parishioners via email.

The bulletin is posted on our website each week and is available for viewing by the general public.

Your ad will create name recognition as parishioners become familiar with your information.

The bulletin is a direct source for people to find information quickly.

Cost of advertising

All contracts are for one year, beginning April 1 and ending March 31 of each year.

Small – ½ business card size - \$300

Large – business card - \$600

Print ready ads are appreciated but staff can assist in creating ads.

Contact Information

To place your ad or to learn more about this advertising opportunity contact Annie Ferrera at aferrera@dol.ca or contact her at the parish office at 519-336-2653.

Office: 1011 Oak Avenue

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2023 Musical Variety, Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes, April 21, 2023

**Save
The
date**

Reserve the date—Friday, April 21, 2023 for another fun evening of entertainment featuring your favourite singers and musicians from across our Family of Parishes.

Those interested in contributing their talents as a soloist, duet, a small group of singers or musicians are asked to contact **Douglas Robinson at 519-869-8818.**

We are a diverse family with rich cultures and languages all of whom are most welcome to contribute.



Attention: All Parishioners TAX RECEIPT UPDATE...

Firstly, the 2022 donation tax receipts have not yet been issued.

We are looking at closer to early February to have this completed.

Please stay tuned for the announcement when printed-paper receipts will be available for pick-up at your parish entrances.

Receipts not picked up, will be mailed out after the middle of February.

Thank you for your continued patience as we are always striving to improve our best practices.

Cathy & Lisa, Financial Admins



**A new and easy way to donate
to your parish.**

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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.

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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

LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

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

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

Daily Televised Masses...

If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV—channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)
EWTN—channel 184
(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

VisionTV—channel 24
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)
Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633
Vision TV—channel 261
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292
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