



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

Welcoming Communities, Encountering Christ, Sharing Faith and Caring for All

OUR LADY OF MERCY | QUEEN OF PEACE | SACRED HEART | ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOSEPH
ST. MICHAEL | ST. THOMAS D'AQUIN

OFFICE HOURS

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

MAILING ADDRESS

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PARISH LOCATIONS

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

Queen of Peace
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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

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Sarnia ON N7V 2E9

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SUNDAY, February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent



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- How to get involved
- Resources
- Becoming Catholic
- Parish Ministries

Click on the image or go to
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to contact us and to learn more about us
or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.

FAMILY OF PARISHES TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Monday, March 6; 7PM	St. Benedict
Wednesday, March 8; 7PM	Our Lady of Mercy
Thursday, March 9; 7PM	Sacred Heart
Friday, March 10; 7PM	St. Michael
Saturday, March 11; 10:30AM	St. Thomas d'Aquin
Saturday, March 11; 2PM	Queen of Peace

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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. Jose Montepeque

Do you ever feel compelled or driven to do something radical for God? Sometimes we are tempted to do things that we know are not right. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to spend forty days and nights in prayer and fasting in a lonely place. Why was he compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word tempt in English usually means to entice to sin. The scriptural word here also means test in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if they are ready for the task at hand. We test pilots to see that they are fit to fly. Likewise, God tests his servants to see if they are fit to be used by him. God tested Abraham to prove his faith. The Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt before God delivered them from their enemies. Jesus was no exception to this testing. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us. As we enter into the season of Lent, let us make one serious commitment to Christ and change some of the bad habits in our life. Why not add into your daily routine one more chore to do, one more visit to a sick person, one more dollar to give to the homeless person one more prayer of Rosary for those who are in need of our prayers, a family member, a friend, and why not, for ourselves.

Réflexion ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

Vous êtes-vous déjà senti obligé ou poussé à faire quelque chose de radical pour Dieu ? Parfois, nous sommes tentés de faire des choses dont nous savons qu'elles ne sont pas bonnes. Jésus a été conduit par le Saint-Esprit à passer quarante jours et nuits à prier et à jeûner dans un lieu isolé. Pourquoi a-t-il été contraint de rechercher la solitude pendant une si longue période ? Était-ce simplement une épreuve pour le préparer à son ministère ? Ou Satan voulait-il l'attirer dans un piège ? Le mot tent en anglais signifie généralement inciter à pécher. Le mot scripturaire ici signifie également tester dans le sens de prouver et de purifier quelqu'un pour voir s'il est prêt pour la tâche à accomplir. Nous testons les pilotes pour voir s'ils sont aptes à voler. De même, Dieu teste ses serviteurs pour voir s'ils sont aptes à être utilisés par lui. Dieu a testé Abraham pour prouver sa foi. Les Israélites ont été durement éprouvés en Égypte avant que Dieu ne les délivre de leurs ennemis. Jésus n'a pas fait exception à cette épreuve. Satan nous tentera sûrement et fera de son mieux pour nous faire choisir notre volonté plutôt que la volonté de Dieu. S'il n'arrive pas à nous faire renoncer à notre foi ou à pécher mortellement, il essaiera alors de nous faire faire des choix qui nous éloigneront petit à petit de ce que Dieu veut pour nous. Alors que nous entrons dans le temps du Carême, engageons-nous sérieusement envers Christ et changeons certaines des mauvaises habitudes de notre vie. Pourquoi ne pas ajouter à votre routine quotidienne une corvée de plus à faire, une visite de plus à une personne malade, un dollar de plus à donner au sans-abri une prière de Rosay de plus pour ceux qui ont besoin de nos prières, un membre de la famille, un ami, et pourquoi pas, pour nous-mêmes.

Odbicie ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

Czy kiedykolwiek czułeś się zmuszony lub zapalony do zrobienia czegoś radykalnego dla Boga? Czasami jesteśmy kuszeni do robienia rzeczy, o których wiemy, że nie są właściwe. Jezus był prowadzony przez Ducha Świętego, aby spędzić czterdzieści dni i nocy na modlitwie i poście w odosobnionym miejscu. Dlaczego odczuwał potrzebę, aby tak długo przebywać w samotności? Czy była to po prostu próba przygotowująca go do swojej misji? A może szatan chciał go zwabić w pułapkę? Słowo kusić w języku angielskim zazwyczaj oznacza nakłanianie do grzechu. Słowo to w piśmie świętym oznacza tutaj również próbę w sensie sprawdzania i oczyszczania kogoś, aby zobaczyć, czy jest gotowy do wykonania powziętego zadania. Testujemy pilotów, aby sprawdzić, czy nadają się do latania. Podobnie Bóg wystawia swoje sługi na próbę, aby sprawdzić, czy nadają się do tego, by się nimi posłużyć. Bóg wypróbował Abrahama, aby udowodnić swoją wiarę. Izraelici przeszli ciężkie próby w Egipcie, zanim Bóg uwolnił ich od wrogów. Jezus nie był wyjątkiem w tej próbie. Szatan z pewnością będzie i nas kusił i będzie robił wszystko, co w jego mocy, aby skłonić nas do wybrania naszej woli zamiast woli Bożej. Jeśli nie może zmusić nas do wyrzeczenia się wiary lub do grzechu śmiertelnego, będzie próbował skłonić nas do dokonywania wyborów, które będą nas stopniowo odwozić od tego, czego chce dla nas Bóg. Wchodząc w okres Wielkiego Postu, podejmiemy jedno poważne zobowiązanie się wobec Chrystusa i zmienimy niektóre złe nawyki w naszym życiu. Dlatego nie dodaj do swojej codziennej rutyny jeszcze jednego obowiązku, jeszcze jednej wizyty u chorego, jednego dolara więcej na bezdomnego, jeszcze jednej modlitwy różańcowej za tych, którzy potrzebują naszych modlitw jak również członka rodziny, przyjaciela, a dlaczego nie i za nas samych.

Reflexión ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

¿Alguna vez se ha sentido obligado o impulsado a hacer algo radical para Dios? A veces nos sentimos tentados a hacer cosas que sabemos que no están bien. Jesús fue guiado por el Espíritu Santo para pasar cuarenta días y noches en oración y ayuno en un lugar solitario. ¿Por qué se vio obligado a buscar la soledad durante un período tan largo? ¿Fue simplemente una prueba para prepararlo para su ministerio? ¿O Satanás quería atraerlo a una trampa? La palabra "tentar" en inglés generalmente significa incitar al pecado. La palabra bíblica aquí también significa prueba en el sentido de probar y purificar a alguien para ver si está listo para la tarea en cuestión. Probamos a los pilotos para ver que están en condiciones de volar. Del mismo modo, Dios prueba a sus siervos para ver si son aptos para ser usados por él. Dios probó a Abraham para probar su fe. Los israelitas fueron duramente probados en Egipto o antes de que Dios los librara de sus enemigos. Jesús no fue la excepción a esta prueba. Satanás seguramente nos tentará y hará todo lo posible para que elijamos nuestra voluntad sobre la voluntad de Dios. Si no puede hacernos renunciar a nuestra fe o pecar mortalmente, entonces tratará de que tomemos decisiones que nos llevarán, poco a poco, lejos de lo que Dios quiere para nosotros. Al entrar en la temporada de Cuaresma, hagamos un compromiso serio con Cristo y cambiemos algunos de los malos hábitos en nuestra vida. ¿Por qué no agregar a su rutina diaria una tarea más que hacer, una visita más a una persona enferma, un dólar más para dar a la persona sin hogar, una oración más o un Rosario mas para aquellos que necesitan nuestras oraciones, un miembro de la familia, un amigo y, por qué no, para nosotros mismos?

Pray for Vocations: February 26 to March 4

Sunday: Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Monday: Rev. Pio Doria

Tuesday: Deacon Steve Cartier

Wednesday: Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister

Thursday: Deacon Larry Lampier

Friday: Rev. John Pirt

Saturday: Deacon Paul James

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, February 19, 2023

1st Reading:

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 3.1-7

2nd Reading:

Romans 5.12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4.1-11

FAMILY CATECHISM

Please join us at
St. Patrick's High School
from 3:00 to 5:00 PM

on the following

Sunday afternoons:

Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 26, Apr. 2

Register at info@famfi.ca
or email

Tara and Terry Costain at
sarniacatechism@gmail.com

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

Nunziata Longo

Andre (Andy) Courchesne

Maria De Fatima DeMelo



Please Pray For

Michael Genovy
Maurice Braet
Peggy Smith Diane Smith
Doreen Ducharme
Veronie Hutchings
Bertha Priest
Margaret & Jim Brough
Maria Margarida Pacheco
Samantha Jane Knowles
Margaret Greenaway
Andy Courchesne
Lee Williams



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children from JK to Grade 2 are invited
to join our Children's Liturgy program
every Sunday.

Our Lady of Mercy: 8:30am

St. Benedict: 9:00 am

Sacred Heart: 9:00am & 11:00am

St. Michael: 10:30am

St. Joseph: 11:00am



Interviews with our
clergy, pastoral team
and lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/
@sarniabluewaterrcfamilyofp8554/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@sarniabluewaterrcfamilyofp8554/videos)

LENTEN ADORATION CHAPEL CHALLENGE

The Sarnia Deanery Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Committee invites you to take part in our first
Lenten Adoration Chapel Challenge.

This Challenge involves committing to one hour per week of silent Eucharistic Adoration for the season of Lent. We invite you to see first hand how transformative this experience can be in your life.

For more information please contact the office 519-336-2653.

A "Come See" open house is scheduled for Wednesday March 1, from 1 to 4pm in the Adoration Chapel located at Our Lady of Mercy parish hall. Volunteers will be present to answer any questions.

"His greatest present is His True Presence"



The rosary is prayed before weekday Mass, at Our Lady of Mercy, Sacred Heart and St. Michael.

The rosary is prayed before all weekend Masses at Queen of Peace parish.

Le chapelet est récité tous les dimanches à 10h30 avant la messe de 11h.

The rosary is prayed before the 9am mass on Sunday at St. Thomas d'Aquin.





Sarnia Bluewater
Roman Catholic
Family of Parishes

TOWN HALL MEETINGS ~ MASS TIME CHANGES

Town Hall meetings are planned in all parishes to consider the weekend mass schedule in terms of time and number of celebrations.

Throughout the Family of Parishes there are currently 17 masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, as well as 4 Saturday morning weekday masses.

These changes are being proposed because the present times involve much juggling of priests' schedules, less time for priests to spend with parishioners after mass and low attendance numbers. Fewer masses will create a greater sense of community with increased attendance and more vibrant liturgies.

All input from all parishes will be taken into consideration when the final decision is made.

Your prayers and feedback are welcome to decide what is best for our Family of Parishes. Please consider attending this important meeting.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Brian Jane

Pastor

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Monday, March 6	7:00PM	St. Benedict
Wednesday, March 8	7:00PM	Our Lady of Mercy
Thursday, March 9	7:00PM	Sacred Heart
Friday, March 10	7:00PM	St. Michael
Saturday, March 11	10:30AM	St. Thomas d'Aquin
Saturday, March 11	2:00PM	Queen of Peace

COME & SEE

A DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR SINGLE MEN 17+

Friday March 17th
to
Sunday March 19th

Communal Prayer
Learn about Discernment
Hear from the wisdom of our Seminarians

Please contact Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca or register at dolpriest.ca/registration



SCAN ME

Praying through Lent: Tips for Family Prayer

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and concludes with the Wednesday before Holy Thursday which begins the Triduum (the three calendar days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil – before Easter Sunday). During this time, Catholics and some other Christian denominations prepare for Easter through increased prayer; fasting as a sign of the trust we place in God's providence; and almsgiving, or freely giving without expecting anything in return.



Make Time

Just like you would prepare to go to Church, decide on a time as a family to pray together intentionally and meaningfully.



Prepare a Space

Create a space in your home to gather for prayer. Include signs and symbols of the Church and of the liturgical season to capture the importance of Lent: a purple tablecloth, symbolizing repentance and Jesus' royalty as Christ the King; a candle; a cross; and a Bible opened to the Gospel reading of the day.



Pray

Begin by asking everyone in your family to share what they would like to offer in prayer. What is something you are thankful for? Is something challenging you? Is there someone who has asked you to pray for their needs?



Celebrate Together

Contact your parish to learn about in-person and online opportunities for attending Mass and liturgies on Sundays, Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week. Invite extended family and friends to reflect on the Gospel of the day with you, using digital media platforms. Consider praying daily, using our "Family Faith Fun Kit." <https://dol.ca/ministry-with-families>



Reflect

Dedicate time each day for personal reflection and prayer. The Examen is a simple prayer exercise that can be practiced each day through answering these questions:

- What am I most grateful for today?
- What am I least grateful about today?
- How did I show love today?
- What is one way that my behaviour withheld kindness?

Conclude by thanking God for this time, and the opportunity to become more like Him.

Family and Youth Ministry
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YOUTH
YOUNG ADULT
& FAMILY
MINISTRY

REVISED LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Mercy	Thursday mornings at 11:30am (before the 12:10pm Mass) February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
Queen of Peace	Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (English) Friday evenings at 6:30pm (Polish) (before the 7:00pm Mass)
Sacred Heart	Thursday evenings at 7:00pm (after the 6:30pm Mass) February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
St. Benedict	Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm (before the 6:30pm Mass) February 28 March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
St. Joseph	Wednesday mornings at 9am (before the 9:30am Mass) March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5.
St. Michael	Monday evenings at 7:00pm (following 6:30pm Mass) February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3.
St. Thomas d'Aquin	Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in French (before the 7:00pm Mass) March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5. Friday evenings at 7pm ~ March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES 2023

	Holy Thursday Masses	Good Friday SERVICES	Vigil Masses	Easter Sunday Masses
Our Lady of Mercy		3:00pm	8:00pm catechumenates being received. With incense	8:30am
Queen of Peace	7:00pm ~ Bilingual With incense	11:00am 3:00pm ~ Polish	8:00pm ~ Bilingual With incense	9:00am - English 11:00am - Polish
Sacred Heart	7:00pm	11:00am 3:00pm	8:00pm	9:00am 11:00am
St. Benedict	7:00pm With incense	3:00pm		9:00am 6:30 pm
St. Joseph		1:00pm		11:00am
St. Michael	7:00pm	10:30am 3:00pm		10:30am
St. Thomas d'Aquin	7:00pm ~ Trilingual With incense	3:00pm ~ Trilingual	8:00pm ~ Trilingual With incense	9:00am - English 11:00am - Français 5:00pm - Español

Les élèves de l'école secondaire Saint François Xavier avaient organisé un encan silencieux qui leur a permis d'amasser un montant de 2,90.70\$ remis à l'hospice St-Joseph.

Bravo aux organisateurs et aux donateurs.

ENCAN SILENCIEUX





World Day of Prayer 2023

Friday, March 3

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Worldwide growth of the World Day of Prayer movement calls for international involvement in planning promoting, educating, celebrating, and searching ways to support women and communities in need. This year we are focusing on Taiwan.

In the Sarnia area there are two services taking place. Women are invited to attend either service;
Camlachie United Church, 6784 Camlachie Rd., Camlachie

12:30 Potluck Lunch - bring a dish to share, your dishes, cutlery and mug. Dinner rolls and beverages will be supplied.

1:30 Service

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 120 Russell St. Sarnia (formerly Patterson Memorial)

1:30 Service Social to follow.

If you are unable to attend, a service in the form of a slide show is available on the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada website: wicc.org.

If you have questions contact Regional CWL chair, Nelly Kelders at: nelly.kelders@gmail.com



Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity—February 26



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

A limited number of **Mini Magazines** are available at the Welcome Desk.

To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.

Divine Mercy Devotion



St. Michael Church
Fridays during Lent
Come anytime during
the
Hour of Mercy
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Emergency Aid Campaign for Turkey and Syria

The CCCB Executive Committee announced an emergency aid campaign for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. This emergency campaign will be run by CCODP-Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), and Canadian Jesuits International. Many of them are already on the frontlines in Turkey and Syria helping provide aid to those in need after the destructive earthquakes last week. The CCCB news release is at this [link](https://www.devp.org/en/blog/faq-development-and-peace-%e2%80%95-caritas-canadas-response-to-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/). Development and Peace donation page <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/faq-development-and-peace-%e2%80%95-caritas-canadas-response-to-the-turkey-syria-earthquake/>

Weekday Mass Intentions - February 27 to March 5

Monday, February 27		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Maria Mazur ~ Niece	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Terry Jones ~ Delores Murray Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Bob Durand ~Suzanne Sutherland Dora Balderas ~ Ann & Linda	6:30 PM St. Michael Leopold Lindinger ~ His Family
Tuesday, February 28		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel Dyck Michael Berry ~ The Medaille Associate Group 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish W intencjach rodziny Podlacha-Jadzia	9:45 AM St. Thomas d’Aquin - <i>No Intentions</i> 6:30 PM St. Benedict Miguel Cabral ~ Maria Cabral Adrien Leblanc ~ Norma Barron Peter O’Neil ~ St. Benedict CWL Angela Drysdale ~ St. Benedict CWL Christian Joseph ~ Lumapas Family Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Peter Dawson ~ Delores Murray Special Intention Barbara Nadeau ~ Vince & Annie Ferrera Bob Durand ~ Joan & Morrie Gallagher Intention of Alex Magtanong
Wednesday March 1		
8:30 AM St. Michael Intentions of Dolores Murray ~ St. Michael Caring & Sharing 7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquin - French Yvon Coulombe ~ Maurice & Diane Coulombe	9:30 AM St. Joseph Theresa Morrison ~ Mark & Mary Anne Wighton	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Deceased Family & Friends of Dottori’s ~ Mary Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Intention of Nancy Knowles & Family ~ Sarnia Bluewater Family of Parishes Souls in Purgatory ~ Alexandrina Marta-Felix
Thursday, March 2		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Pasquale Muscedere ~Jim Persichetti 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Remembering Our Sister Giovanna Petitta ~ Petitta Family Marcelino D’Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Nenita Vergara ~ Jusi & Manlongat Families	9:30 AM St. Benedict Denis Thibodeau ~ Jacquie Courchesne Lloyd Robinson ~ Betty & Elizabeth	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Nancy A. DeSena ~ Fernando & Maria De Sena Linda Iacobelli ~ Lily Ferrera Bill, Gerry & Tony Hall ~ The Chenard Family Federico Benacquista ~ The Pensioners Club of Sarnia Greg Beauchamp Intentions of the McGregor & Cicchelli Families ~ M. & C. Ager

Friday, March 3

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 Intentions of Orla Curran ~ Karen Gallagher & Family Intentions of Teresa Flanagan ~ Karen Gallagher & Family Intentions of Jocelyne 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish W intencji rodziny ~ Mama	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Stella Tersigni ~ Giuseppina De Carolis Special Intention for Michelle & Her Family ~ Family Catherine Barcroft ~ Valerie Barcroft Marcelino D'Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family Deceased Members of the Mallon Family ~ Family Tony Waters
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Saturday, March 4

8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Reparation for all offenses and blasphemies committed against Immaculate Heart of Mary	8:30 AM St. Michael Theo Kelders ~ The Kelders Family For the living & deceased members of the Varsava & Lucan Families ~ Christine & Arnie Bresette	9:30 AM St. Joseph Intention of Jocelyne Marcelino D'Castro & Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Family
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WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

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
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)
5:00pm - St. Michael, Bright's Grove
5:30pm - Sacred Heart

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy
9:00am - Queen of Peace (English)
+ Pasquale Muscedere ~ Walter & Lana
+ Hazel Cataford ~ Knights of Columbus Council 11128
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)
+ Andrzej & Stefania Widz ~ Córki
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

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

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.

Save
the
date

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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Feb. 26	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin following 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 27	• Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30 • SVP Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm • CWL Convention Meeting ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Tuesday, Feb. 28	• Faith Sharing Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Confirmation Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Wednesday, Mar. 1	• Soup Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass • SVP ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 4:30pm
Thursday, Mar. 2	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Social Justice & Missions Meeting ~ St. Michael – 4:30pm • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h • Catholic Girls League ~ St. Benedict – 6:00pm • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, Mar. 3	• Art group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Confirmation Preparation ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm
Saturday, Mar. 4	• CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph–10am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:00pm Mass

The practical realities of being financial stewards **Thoughts to aid in prudent, financial literacy** **Pete Aarssen EPC**



While Christians look forward to the reality of a wonderful life in Heaven that is possible beyond our current realities, what do we do with life's abundant blessings once we are called home? In this brief commentary, we will touch upon how to plan for the eventual distribution of our worldly goods; by making a will.

All of us will leave something, to someone, whenever it is that we die. Available statistics further state that even among those aged 65 and older, 80% of the wills that they do have are outdated; they do not reflect the circumstances of their current lives. Wisdom would suggest that a will is something necessary and helpful. Why? A will assures the distribution of one's remaining 'life's treasures' to the intended persons, charities, faith community or other organization after one's death.

Making a will is not about the person doing so, its about taking care of our loved ones and the goods that we have blessed to enjoy in life. No one means to inflict trauma on their own family but not writing a will could be setting a family up for a potential heartbreak and emotional turmoil. The absence of a will often leads to fallouts among family members who seemed to get along until they had to administer a loved one's estate that did provide a path forward, a will to direct their efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, Mar. 5	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • 1st Communion Preparation ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Social ~ Sacred Heart – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ Sacred Heart – following 11am Mass • Spanish Sacramental Preparation ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 4pm • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin following 5pm Mass
Monday, Mar. 6	• Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30 • Town Hall Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • CWL Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Tuesday, Mar. 7	• Faith Sharing Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Confirmation Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Youth Ministry, grades 6-8 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • Knights of Columbus General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Wednesday, Mar. 8	• Town Hall Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Thursday, Mar. 9	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Knights of Columbus meeting ~ St. Michael – 6pm • Sacramental Preparation (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h • Town Hall Meeting ~ Sacred Heart – 7pm
Friday, Mar. 10	• Art group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Youth Ministry, grades 9-12 ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph – 7pm • Town Hall Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Saturday, Mar. 11	• Town Hall Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 10:30am • Town Hall Meeting ~ Queen of Peace – 2pm • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:00pm Mass

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.

FAIRWINDS RESIDENTS: Please call the parish office, 519-336-2653, to let us know where you have moved to so we can update our files and keep in touch.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS



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Grade 6 - 8 Youth Ministry

Hosted at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish
From 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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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.



Grade 9 - 12 Youth Ministry

Hosted at St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish
From 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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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.



Family Catechism (Family)

Hosted at St. Patricks High School
From 3:00pm - 5:00pm

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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.



Encounter Night (Everyone)

Hosted at St. Michael Parish
From 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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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.



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For All 6-12 Grade Students!
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Matthew 7:24




**ENCOUNTER
NIGHT**

ALL ARE WELCOME ALL ARE WANTED

DAY	TIME	WHERE
MARCH 24	7PM - 8PM	St Michael Parish

A Night To:

- Encounter Jesus Christ in possibly new and powerful ways!
- Listen to live and modern worship music.
- Engage meaningfully in the gifts of Adoration and Confession
- Hear how Jesus Christ has worked in the lives of our Sisters and Brothers

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1st Tuesday Coffee/Muffins

Cancelled for Lent/March

We will return Tuesday, April 11th
after the 8:30 Mass at
Sacred Heart



KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK miesiąca -3 marca. Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu, od 6: 00 pm. Zapraszamy wszystkich parafian na wspólną modlitwę i adorację.

FIRST FRIDAY, on March 3. Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 6:00pm.

**** W tym tygodniu, Droga Krzyżowa -wyjątkowo- odbędzie się po Mszy św. wieczorem.*

W czasie Wielkiego Postu, zapraszamy wszystkich parafian do uczestnictwa w nabożeństwach Drogi Krzyżowej. Droga Krzyżowa będzie sprawowana w środy o 7 pm, po angielsku, a w piątki o 6: 30 pm, po polsku.

We invite all Parishioners, to participate in the Stations of the Cross services during Lent. The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, in English and on Fridays at 6:30 pm, in Polish.

*“The Joy of Salvation” a Lenten Devotions booklet with Inspiration from
Henri J.M. Nouwen is available for a Free Will donation.
You can find the booklet at the entrance of the Church.*



St. Joseph Church Divine Mercy Free Store Update

The Divine Mercy Free Store has been open now for 8 weeks, every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Today we would like to update you on what has been happening.

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations of new and gently used clothing, donations of refreshments and treats for our visitors, volunteers for their time and compassion, and the special gift of the Divine Mercy framed picture which is displayed for all to see as they visit our store.

We have been giving away clothing to adults and children, all free of charge, and we have also been providing coffee, treats, and conversation, in our mini warming centre in the hall, where we always have beautiful gospel music playing.

We have served several visitors so far, all with their own stories, a few of which we would like to share with you today. A mother of two recently visited. They had been locked out of their home by the father, and were sleeping in their car. They only had the clothes on their backs and were in desperate need of clothing. We were able to provide her with clothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, boots, coats, hats and mitts for her and her children. Another young girl, recently experiencing a difficult time, also needed clothing and we were able to provide her with a coat, boots, socks, and warm sweaters. Another young lady, wearing an oversized men's jacket and boots with holes, came in and we helped her pick out a new coat, boots, jeans, sweater, hat, mitts and socks. She was such a gentle soul and so appreciative. And then there is our friend Richard, who visits us regularly, not for any clothing, but just to come and see us to have a cup of coffee and chat. We've had wonderful conversations with him and many others about Jesus Christ and the messages in the Bible.

Even though many of our visitors are going through difficult times, they are so very thankful and we often hear them say things like, "What a blessing this is" or "God bless you". But what we have found is that we gain so much more from them than they do from us. We have the opportunity to live our faith, to reach out and help our brothers and sisters in need, with compassion and dignity, just as Jesus asks us to do.

Jesus asks us to see him in every person we meet, especially in those suffering. Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of mercy and reaching out: "Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help."

In the spring we will be seeking donations of spring and summer new and clean gently used clothing. A request will be published in the bulletin in the spring, so when you are cleaning out your closets in the spring, please keep us in mind. If you are out and about on a Tuesday, you are more than welcome to stop in and have a cup of coffee with us.

WHERE CAN I FIND

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...?

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

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(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

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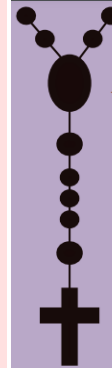
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