



Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

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

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Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

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Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

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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. 9am-12 pm

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

SUNDAY, May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter



New to our Family of Parishes?

If you are looking for:

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- Becoming Catholic
- Parish Ministries

Click on the image or go to
www.sarniacatholic.ca

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

On behalf of the Liturgy Team of the FOP, volunteer Readers, Commentators, Welcomers, Extra Ordinary Ministers and Ushers are invited to attend a Liturgy Workshop on Saturday, June 3rd 10am to 2pm at St. Benedict Church Hall. Lunch will be provided.

This is a great opportunity to gather with each other, to review all our practices, and to share ideas and experiences of these ministries.

We look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP by May 30th along with any dietary needs to ldownie@dol.ca
Leonie Downie, Lay Ecclesial Minister

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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

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Voice messages will go to the parish email and will be checked and calls returned.

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

Have you had a friend or family member move away? What was that experience like? When people move away or go away for a short time, they sometimes give farewell gifts to friends or family members who stay behind. Jesus is telling his disciples that they will receive a gift after he has left them. Jesus reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Jesus has also given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom we received in Baptism. If we call upon the Holy Spirit, he will help us understand God's love for us and will help us follow Jesus. In memory of my mother, to all mothers: Happy Mother's Day! Bonne Fête des mères! Feliz Dia de la Madre!

Réflexion ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

Un ami ou un membre de votre famille a-t-il déménagé ? Comment était cette expérience ? Lorsque les gens déménagent ou partent pour une courte période, ils offrent parfois des cadeaux d'adieu à des amis ou à des membres de la famille qui restent. Jésus dit à ses disciples qu'ils recevront un cadeau après qu'il les aura quittés. Jésus les rassure que même s'il les quitte, il ne les abandonnera pas. Au lieu de cela, il leur enverra l'Avocat, le Saint-Esprit, par lequel les disciples continueront à vivre en union avec Jésus. Par le don du Saint-Esprit, les disciples connaîtront et apprécieront l'unité du Fils et du Père. « En ce jour-là, vous connaîtrez que je suis en mon Père, que vous êtes en moi et que je suis en vous » (Jean 14 :20). Jésus nous a également donné le don du Saint-Esprit, que nous avons reçu au baptême. Si nous invoquons le Saint-Esprit, il nous aidera à comprendre l'amour de Dieu pour nous et nous aidera à suivre Jésus. En mémoire de ma mère, à toutes les mamans : Bonne fête des mères ! Happy Mother's Day! Félicia Dia de la Madre !

Reflexión ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

¿Ha tenido un amigo o familiar que se ha mudado? ¿Cómo fue esa experiencia? Cuando las personas se mudan o se van por un corto tiempo, a veces dan regalos de despedida a amigos o familiares que se quedan atrás. Jesús les está diciendo a sus discípulos que recibirán un regalo después de que él los haya dejado. Jesús les asegura que aunque los dejará, no los abandonará. En cambio, les enviará al Abogado, el Espíritu Santo, a través del cual los discípulos continuarán viviendo en unión con Jesús. A través del don del Espíritu Santo, los discípulos llegarán a conocer y apreciar la unidad del Hijo y del Padre. "En aquel día os daréis cuenta de que yo estoy en mi Padre, y vosotros estáis en mí y yo en vosotros" (Juan 14:20). Jesús también nos ha dado el don del Espíritu Santo, a quien recibimos en el Bautismo. Si invocamos al Espíritu Santo, él nos ayudará a entender el amor de Dios por nosotros y nos ayudará a seguir a Jesús. En memoria de mi madre, A todas las madres: ¡Feliz Día de la Madre! Bonne Fête des mères! ¡Feliz Día de la Madre!

Odbicie ~ Rev. Jose Montepeque

Czy twój przyjaciel lub członek rodziny się wyprowadził? Jakie było to doświadczenie? Kiedy ludzie wyprowadzają się lub wyjeżdżają na krótki czas, czasami wręczają pożegnalne prezenty przyjaciołom lub członkom rodziny, którzy zostają. Jezus zapewnia swoich uczniów, że otrzymają dar, po jego ich odejściu. Jezus również zapewnia ich, że nawet jeśli ich odejdzie to ich nie opuści. Ale ześle im Oświadcznika, Ducha Świętego, dzięki któremu będą nadal żyć w jedności z Nim. Dzięki darowi Ducha Świętego uczniowie poznają i doceniają jednośc Syna i Ojca. „W owym dniu poznacie, że ja jestem w moim Ojcu, a wy we mnie, a ja w was” (J 14,20). Jezus dał nam także dar Ducha Świętego, którego otrzymaliśmy na chrzcie świętym. Jeśli wezwiemy Ducha Świętego, pomoże nam zrozumieć miłość Boga do nas i pomoże nam w podążaniu za Jezusem. Pamięając o swojej Mamie, złożmy Wszystkim Mamom najserdeczniejsze życzenia z okazji Dnia Matki!

An evening of recollection for women on Fri. May 26th.

This is a peaceful time of prayer and reflections to lead women of all ages to a closer friendship with Jesus and his Blessed Mother. Please note the change of location! Our Lady of Mercy Church. Hospitality starting at 6 pm with the formal program beginning at 7 pm “

Pray for Vocations: May 14 to May 20

Sunday: Deacon Jerome (Jerry) Lozon

Monday: Mrs Laura Soulliere, Coordinator of Outreach

Tuesday: Rev. Raymond Lawhead

Wednesday: Mrs. Sue Hoftgarner, Pastoral Minister

Thursday: Rev. Thomas Kuracko, C.S.T.

Friday: Rev. William Thompson, O.M.I.

Saturday: Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis



If you know someone who has fallen on hard times please call the parish office at 519-336-2653 or SSVP Foodbank and Help Center at 519-337-1058.

God Bless

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

Kathleen Bagley

Anthony Joseph Spano

Madeline Dodds

Jacqueline Comeau

Peter Myers



Readings for Sunday, May 14, 2023

1st Reading:

Acts 8.5-8

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel

John 14.15-21

Please Pray For

Michael Genovy
Maurice Braet
Doreen Ducharme
Bertha Priest
Margaret & Jim Brough
Maria Margarida Pacheco
Lee Williams
Jennifer Ennett
Jay Peckham
Ginette Villemaire
Paulette Dozois
Charlie Knight



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

The rosary is prayed before all weekday & 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.



Interviews with our clergy, pastoral team and lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@sarniabluewaterrcfamilyofp8554/videos>

Our Family of Parishes realizes that many people have developed a sensitivity to scented products such as perfumes, hairspray and deodorant. These can trigger reactions that include respiratory distress and headaches. We ask that you please refrain from wearing scented products when attending these studies.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Today we keep in our prayers, all mothers and mother figures, who are called to Motherhood.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to pour your blessings upon these women, who like your Mother's example, have provided selfless love and care not just for their own children but for all of God's children wherever they are on life's journey.

We ask your healing love to be poured upon mothers whose children have come to rest in your arms, and mothers who struggle in mind, body, and spirit. We ask your mercy and love upon all our mothers who are with you eternally.

May your Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their call to motherhood and may the example of Mary our Blessed Mother's call to discipleship, through her great faith and love continue to lead and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.





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

After much prayer and consultation with the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council, Pastoral Staff, and parishioners through town hall meetings, a new Mass schedule has been developed for our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Change is difficult and we know that this will be challenging for some, but we are hopeful that the reduction of Masses will reduce the stress on our clergy, allow for more vibrant liturgies, and facilitate stronger parish communities. Thank you for your prayers and patience during this transition.

The new schedule will begin the weekend of June 3/4.

Please refer to the bulletin for complete details.

Fr. Brian Jane
Pastor

CHURCH	# MASSES	SATURDAY VIGIL	SUNDAY
St. Joseph	1		11AM
Our Lady of Mercy	2	4PM	8:30AM
St. Benedict	2		9AM; 6:30PM
Queen of Peace	2	5PM (Eng)	9AM(Pol.)
St. Thomas d'Aquin	3	4:30PM (Eng)	11AM(Fr.); 5PM(Sp.)
Sacred Heart	2		9AM; 11AM
St. Michael	1		10:30AM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 21-25

Grades 1-6

Details coming soon

The Vocations Office will be hosting three separate Holy Hours for Vocations to the Priesthood on the night before the ordination of our new transitional deacons.

- Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Stratford
- Sunday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Wallaceburg
- Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in LaSalle

MARIAN DAY OF PRAYER

Prophecy For Today and the End of Ages

Speakers: Fr. Terrence McKenna,
Moirá Noonan, Christine Watkins

Saturday, May 27, 2023 9am – 6pm

Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral,
North York

Free Admission, Register at Marianday.ca

416-251-4245

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our Lady of Mercy/Resurrection Cemetery is looking for a summer student - grass cutting position.

Interested persons should contact Rosario Muscedere by email at: rmuscedere@dol.ca

Weekday Mass Intentions - May 15 to May 201

Monday, May 15		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +James Shaw (1st anniversary) ~ Friends +Irma Persichetti ~ Helen & George Szober	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Samantha Jane Knowles ~ Maria Pacheco Marta Dusek - Family	6:30 PM St. Michael Tom Rocca ~ Wife, Loreta & Children
Tuesday, May 16		
8:30 AM Sacred Heart Christian Pook ~ Al & Margaret Pook Margaret & Hugh Heenan ~ Al & Margaret Pook John Mahoney ~ Christine Doyle Emilia de Zuluaga ~ Daughter, Marlene Sloan Thomas Simpson ~ The Gallagher Family Intentions of Margaret Potter ~ The Faith Sharing Group	9:45 AM St. Thomas d’Aquin - French MASS CANCELLED 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Salvatore Mammaliti ~ OLM Rosary Confraternity Helen Marcy ~ Gary & Tina Pitre Antonietta Caschera ~ Sister, Maria Scaccia 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Zenon Marciniak ~ Przyjaciele	6:30 PM St. Benedict Pierrette Saucier ~ Dan & Sue Lamontagne Albertino Da Silva ~ Wife, Maria Wayne Hummel ~ Pat Hummel & Family Faustino, Ambrosina & Nicole Furtado ~ Alfredo Furtado & Family Intention of Richard Thibodeau ~ Jacqueline Courchesne Kay Williams ~ Angelo & Anna lafrate
Wednesday May 17		
8:30 AM St. Michael Joan & Johnny Withers ~ Yvonne Wright Cecile O’Rae ~ St. Michael Caring & Sharing	9:30 AM St. Joseph Armando Dias ~ Family Helder Dias ~ Family Dr. Michael O’Mahony ~ Marquita Knowles 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Domenico Benacquista ~ Loreto & Domenica Gismondi Beverly Mathieson ~ Bernice Mathieson	7:00 PM St. Thomas d’Aquin – French Jean-Marc Bourassa ~ École St. François Xavier
Thursday, May 18		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English Irma Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Joe Seward ~ Elsie Antonietta Caschera ~ Domenico & Giuseppina lafrate	9:30 AM St. Benedict Conversions of Family Members ~ Jackie Courchesne Alberta Kempers ~ Jim & Annetta Houston Kay Williams ~ Darlene & Larry Serratore Richard Dahn ~ Warner & Rosemary French	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Noreen Salak ~ Mary Ellen & Bob L’Heureux Leonello Iacobelli ~ Nancy Longo Nancy Longo ~ The Iacobelli Family Gina Rotondi ~ The Moniz Family John Petko ~ Sacred Heart Funeral Choir

Friday, May 19

8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Clare Ford ~ Karen Gallagher Intentions of Ruth Hardie ~ Doreen Paquette 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish W pewnej intencji	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Kevin Kuindersma ~ The Family Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel Dyck John Petko Mary Pigott Linda Marie Tyrie ~ Husband, Ralph Clare Ford ~ The Costain Family Intentions of Helen Tavares ~ Jeri Soltis & Jean Poole	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Deceased Members of Cimetta & Giuliani Families ~ Pierina Cimetta Intention of Trinie Laureano
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Saturday, May 20

8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Irma Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti 9:30 AM St. Joseph Laura Hardy (Greenwood) ~ Mike, Kaitlyn, Meghann, Steve & Jack Geoff Miller ~ Jason Yaromy Shelly Joseph ~ Susan MacEachern Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Family of Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia	8:30 AM St. Michael Trish Berg ~ George Stanko	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Intentions of JoAnne Burrell
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WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Confessions</u> 8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Michael 11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy <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) +Hazel & Roger Cataford ~ Ladies Auxiliary All living & deceased members of Family ~ Maria DaSilva +Daniel Medeiros ~ Maria DaSilva 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) +Mary Smith ~ Helen & George Szober <i>God's blessings for John & Tom Mantha, who have received First Communion lately and blessings for their parents ~ Małgorzata & Roman Janus</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) 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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BOOK-CLUB. Would you be interested in participating in a "Book-Club"?

It will consist of reading one book once a month, gathering, as a group once a week every Monday at 7:00 pm in different parishes to discuss the content of chapters, sharing ideas, concepts and reflections; and also sharing social time.

A list of title-books will be suggested - although the participants may also suggest a book mainly books of religious and faith-formation content, but it requires consistency for the participants on the reading and participation.

The first sessions will take place at Our Lady of Mercy parish hall (drawing room) beginning Monday, June 5th.

Anyone interested in taking part in this Book Club, please contact Father Jose Montepeque at the Family of Parishes office (Saint Benedict) 519-336-2653 ext. 225. Thank you.



ROSES FOR LIFE



On Mother's Day weekend, May 13th and 14th, members of the St. Benedict, St. Michael and St. Peter Knights of Columbus will be at the church entrances after Mass offering red and white lapel roses.

A minimum donation of \$2 would be appreciated.

All proceeds go towards Lambton Right to Life.

Thank you for your support

Cleaning Bee at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday, May 16 at 9am.

Bring a bucket.

Cleaning supplies provided.



Day of Prayer-Reflection-Mediation

Who: All the Ministers of the Latin American Community

Date: Friday May 26, 2023

Time: From 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Place: Saint Thomas d'Aquin parish (Church nave and Hall for children of the families)

This event is only for Ministers of the Latin American Community (in Spanish language)

Annual Rayjon-DeGroot's Plant Sale DeGroot's Nurseries

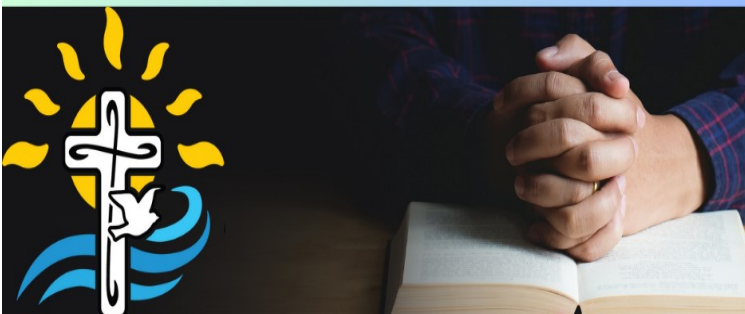


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DIOCESE OF LONDON PRAYER CAMPAIGN: Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations.

On Pentecost Sunday (May 28, 2023) our Diocese will begin a new prayer campaign: the Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations. The theme for the year is "The Priesthood: Not an Ordinary Life." To prepare our hearts for this campaign, we have included the prayer below that we will pray throughout the year. More details will be announced soon.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of the priesthood and the priests who serve us tirelessly. We ask you to bless our Church and Diocese with more vocations to the priesthood, men who are willing to dedicate their lives to your service.

We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation to the priesthood, that they may hear your voice calling them, and have the courage to respond with generosity and enthusiasm. Give them the wisdom to discern your will and the strength to follow it.

We ask you to bless our seminarians, that they may grow in holiness and knowledge of your truth, and be formed into holy priests who will lead your people to you. Grant them the grace to persevere in their studies and their discernment to become shepherds according to your own heart, and to remain faithful to your call throughout their lives.

We pray for our priests, that they may be strengthened in their ministry and continue to serve your people with love and devotion. Grant them the grace to be faithful to their vocation, to be holy examples for all to follow, and to be humble ministers of your mercy.

May your Holy Spirit guide and inspire us all to work together for the building up of your Kingdom, and may our prayers and sacrifices help to bring forth many more vocations to the priesthood.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Children's Version of Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of our priests. We pray for more priests for our Diocese.

We pray for those thinking about being priests. We pray for our seminarians.

We pray for our priests, that they may continue to love Jesus and serve us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

- ♦ Maj to miesiąc szczególnie poświęcony Matce Bożej. Zapraszamy na NABOŻEŃSTWA MAJOWE (Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu, z odśpiewaniem Litanii Loretańskiej), w każdy wtorek i piątek, o godzinie 6: 30 pm

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. We invite you to the May Devotion (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing the Litany of Loreto), every Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 pm

- ♦ W ten weekend obchodzimy Dzień Matki, który przypomina nam nasze Matki, zarówno te żyjące jak i te, które już odeszły. Ofiarujmy naszym Mamom, ten największy dar, dar modlitwy w Ich intencjach.

This is Mother's Day weekend. It reminds us to honour our mothers, living or deceased, and our faith reminds us to do this always. We invite you to honour the special women in your life with the gift of prayer.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Employment opportunity as Food Bank and Help Centre Manager

The SVdP Food bank and Help Centre assists hundreds of individuals and families each year and has an administrative position opening soon.

The successful applicant must have a background in social services or equivalent experience assisting those in need; and have with good computer skills and personnel management experience in order to be able to do the many tasks this position requires.

Please see the SVdP website for complete details regarding the job description and application process. <https://www.ssvpsarnialambton.ca/>

Peter Westfall



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, May 14	• Coffee Social ~ OLM — following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph — following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ Sacred Heart — following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Michael's—following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — following 5pm Mass
Monday, May 15	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 18h30 • St. Vincent de Paul meeting ~ St. Michael—7pm
Tuesday, May 16	• Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm
Wednesday, May 17	• The Chosen—Season 2 ~ St. Benedict — 10am • Soup Wednesdays ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm-4pm • Knights of Columbus ~ Queen of Peace — 7pm • Chevaliers de Colomb ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 7pm
Thursday, May 18	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael — 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • Sacramental Prep ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6pm • Bible Discoveries ~ St. Joseph — 7pm • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 7pm • Franciscans Order of Seculars (Sarnia) — St. Benedict—7pm
Friday, May 19	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm
Saturday, May 20	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 4:00pm Mass



St. Thomas d'Aquin

English: May 19 to May 27 ~ 7pm

Spanish: May 18 to May 26~ 7pm

Anyone wishing to pray this novena a home
can pick up a print copy of the Novena
at all church entrances.

Rayjon Used Book

**Saturday,
June 10th from
9am-2pm**

A list of drop-off sites in
Sarnia, Corunna and
Petrolia/Wyoming is
available on our website at
www.rayjon.org/book-sale/.



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A Celebration Tour to Charlottetown for Bishop Dabrowski's Installation - June 27-30

A four-day tour is being organized to attend the installation Mass of Bishop Joseph in Charlottetown. The package will include a bus to Toronto, roundtrip flights to Charlottetown, accommodation, breakfast, a sightseeing tour, attendance at the installation Mass followed by a lobster dinner, and free time to explore Charlottetown. As it is just over a month away, the organizers need to see if there is enough interest before confirming flights and hotels. Please email Mary Catherine Bishop mcbishop@dol.ca or call 519-619-1279 for more information. The hope is to keep the price under \$1800.00 (plus tax) based on double accommodation.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, May 21	• Chevaliers de Colomb Brunch ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 9am&11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ OLM – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, May 22	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • CWL Regional Meeting ~ St. Michael – 6:30pm • Chorale (pratique) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 18h30
Tuesday, May 23	• Sharing Faith Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Youth Ministry ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin Grades 6-8 – 6:30pm • General Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Wednesday, May 24	• The Chosen—Season 2 ~ St. Benedict – 10am • Soup Wednesdays ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • CWL/KofC Biodiversity Presentation ~ St. Michael – 7pm • Dames de Ste Anne General Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, May 25	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Sacramental Prep ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Bible Discoveries ~ St. Joseph – 7pm
Friday, May 26	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Confirmation Rehearsal ~ Sacred Heart – 6pm • Women's Recollection ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 6pm • Day of Prayer and Recollection ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Saturday, May 27	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:00pm Mass

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LA CITÉ

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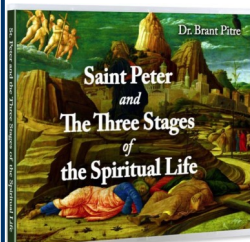
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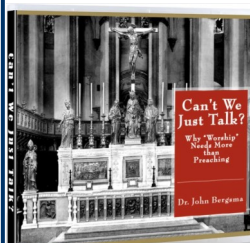
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St. Benedict's Catholic Women's League Education Bursary

This bursary is open to graduating students from St. Patrick's High School who attend St. Benedict Church and will be attending college or university this coming September.

Application forms can be found in the pamphlet racks at the parking lot entrance. Completed forms must be submitted by May 21st and dropped off at the church office. Please mark the envelope as follows: **Attention: St. Benedict's CWL Bursary (Josephine)**
Awards will be presented on June 5th.



St. Joseph Church Divine Mercy Free Store Spring & Summer Clothing Drive

The Divine Mercy Store provides families in our community with clothing, free of charge, allowing them to use their resources on food, rent, utilities and other basic needs. Our mission is to serve our brothers and sisters in need with dignity and compassion.

We are seeking new or clean gently used spring and summer clothing, footwear, and toiletries for adults and children. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Divine Mercy Free Store on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays after Mass.

For additional information please contact Bill Nelson at 519-918-1131

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Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm
in the Meeting Room at
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Hosted by St. Michael Catholic Women's League & Knights of Columbus, Council 10102
For more information contact Mary van Delft mary.vandelft55@gmail.com or
Marc Hammond at marc.hammond@gmail.com

Job Opportunities

There are job opportunities posted at www.dol.ca/employment for:

- Part-time Financial Secretary at the Windsor Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes, Belle River
- Outreach Worker - Migrant Worker Ministry for the Diocese of London Waterford and Tillsonburg
- Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry Coordinator (Summer - 2 positions, flexible locations) for the Diocese of London
- Casual Hall Coordinator for the Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes, West Lorne

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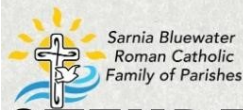
2023 Post-secondary Education Award

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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. Joseph Parish
From 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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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.



Encounter Night

From 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

JUNE
9

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.

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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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:

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Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633
Vision TV—channel 261
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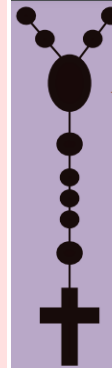
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