

**Sarnia Bluewater
Roman Catholic
Family of Parishes**



**Famille des Paroisses
Catholiques Romaines
de Sarnia Bluewater**

*Welcoming Communities, Encountering Christ, Sharing Faith and Caring for All.
Accueillir les communautés, rencontrer le Christ, partager la foi et être bienveillants envers tous.*

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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If you are looking for:

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Click on the image or go to
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to contact us and to learn more about us
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Sarnia Christmas Parade
Saturday December 2, 2023
Everyone is invited to participate in our first
Family of Parishes Christmas float.
Register today at sarniacatholic.ca



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Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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Rev. José Montepeque ex.225
Rev. Rob Renaud ex.223
Rev. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224

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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 ~ AJ Barrows

"Enter into the joy of your master"- Gospel

With the parable of the talents, it is easy to get the impression that it is all about "turning a profit" making more with what you have. It is only through God's love and grace that growth happens. The original talents and the new ones are all gifts from our heavenly Father who loves us.

I want to let you know that you are doing well, and that God our Father is so pleased that you came to Mass this week. From one sinner in progress to another, thank you for being here; it wouldn't be the same without you. Life is not about reaching perfection or turning your talents into more. It's about receiving what our God desires to give us and there's no greater gift than the Mass. So, thank you again for making Jesus a priority in our life by simply coming to Mass.

Réflexion ~ AJ Barrows

"Entrez dans la joie de votre maître"- Évangile

Avec la parabole des talents, il est facile d'avoir l'impression qu'il s'agit de "faire du profit", de faire plus avec ce que l'on a. Ce n'est que par l'amour et la grâce de Dieu que la croissance se produit. Les talents originaux et les nouveaux talents sont tous des dons de notre Père céleste qui nous aime.

Je tiens à vous dire que vous allez bien et que Dieu notre Père est si heureux que vous soyez venus à la messe cette semaine. D'un pécheur en progrès à un autre, merci d'être ici ; ce ne serait pas pareil sans vous. La vie ne consiste pas à atteindre la perfection ou à faire fructifier ses talents. Il s'agit de recevoir ce que notre Dieu désire nous donner et il n'y a pas de plus grand cadeau que la messe. Alors, merci encore de faire de Jésus une priorité dans notre vie en venant simplement à la messe.

Odbicie ~ AJ Barrows

Wejdź do radości swego pana" - Ewangelia

Biorąc pod uwagę przypowieść o talentach, łatwo odnieść wrażenie, że chodzi o to, aby „osiągnąć zysk” i zyskać więcej dzięki temu, co się ma. Rozwój następuje tylko dzięki Bożej miłości i łasce. Wszystkie pierwotne talenty i nowe talenty są darem od naszego niebiańskiego Ojca, który nas kocha.

Chcę Wam powiedzieć, że macie się dobrze i że Bogu, naszemu Ojcu, bardzo się podoba, że przysłuchacie w tym tygodniu na Mszę św. Od jednego grzesznika nawracającego się do drugiego w drodze, dziękujemy, że tu jesteście. Bez Was nie byłoby już tak samo. W życiu nie chodzi o osiągnięcie doskonałości czy przekształcenie swoich talentów w coś więcej. Chodzi o otrzymanie tego, co nasz Bóg pragnie nam dać, a nie ma większego daru niż Msza św. Zatem jeszcze raz dziękuję, że uczyniłeś Jezusa priorytetem w twoim życiu, po prostu przychodząc na Mszę św.

Reflexión ~ AJ Barrows

"Entra en la alegría de tu maestro"- Evangelio

Con la parábola de los talentos, es fácil tener la impresión de que se trata de "obtener ganancias" haciendo más con lo que tienes. Es solo a través del amor y la gracia de Dios que ocurre el crecimiento. Los talentos originales y los nuevos son todos un regalo de nuestro Padre celestial que nos ama.

Quiero que sepas que estás bien, y que Dios nuestro Padre está muy contento de que hayas venido a misa esta semana. De un pecador en progreso a otro, gracias por estar aquí, no sería lo mismo sin ustedes. La vida no se trata de alcanzar la perfección o convertir tus talentos en más. Se trata de recibir lo que nuestro Dios desea darnos y no hay mayor regalo que la misa. Así que, gracias de nuevo por hacer de Jesús una prioridad en nuestra vida simplemente viniendo a Misa.

PRAYING WITH BODY, MIND AND VOICE

During Mass we assume different postures— standing, kneeling, sitting, and we are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS We begin and end Mass by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. Because it was by his death on the Cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel, praying that the Word of God may be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. The cross reminds us in a physical way of the Paschal Mystery we celebrate: the death and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Pray for Vocations: November 19 to November 25

Sunday: Rev. Dikran Islemeci

Monday: Rev. Mr. T.J. Vandermeer

Tuesday: Rev. Etienne Nadonye, O.F.M.

Wednesday: Deacon Don Hamelin

Thursday: Deacon Andrew Labrosse

Friday: Rev. Hai Hang Hoang, C.S.J.B.

Saturday: Deacon Michael Horoky

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023

1st Reading:

Proverbs 31.10, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-6

Gospel

Matthew 25. 14-30

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

Loreta Sauve
Doug Harris



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Ginette Villemaire

Mary Debus

Cecile Haywood

Carole Waddell

Charlie Knight

Priaya Marie Johnson

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Phil Burns

Charlie O'Rae

Jean Maidment

Scot Blythe

Sheila Klauke

Lee Williams

Mike Genovy

Paulette Dozois

Sandra Cabiddu

Frank Power

Lisa Fex

Audrey Heath



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.



Interviews with our clergy, pastoral team and lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@sarniabluewaterccfamilyofp8554/videos>

IRISH MIRACLE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IRISH MIRACLE

 **Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul
Sarnia-Lambton**

Again this year, St Patrick High School students will be going door to door to collect food in **Sarnia / Brights Grove / Point Edward**. This collection will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. The numbers have increased, and will continue to increase with the rising cost of food, housing and basic needs.

Students will be canvassing door to door on December 2nd from 9AM to 12PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On December 2nd volunteers are needed to help sort and pack the canned goods at Saint Patrick's High School between 10AM and 1PM

Volunteers are also needed at the food bank on Saturday, December 2 from 11AM to 2 PM to accept boxes and store them at the food bank.

If you are available to help, please contact the parish office, **519-336-2653** to leave your name and contact information. Thank you for your support.

Weekday Mass Intentions - November 20 to November 27

Monday, November 20		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Elvidio & Josephine Vennettilli ~ Jim Persichetti & family +Mom & Dad ~ family In Thanksgiving	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Audrey Heath (Croskery) ~ Nicole Michaud Joe Matz ~ Rosalie Matz Jacinto & Maria Melo ~ Maria Cabral Antonio Jose Raposo ~ Wife Maria Eugenia & Daughter Deceased Members of Gillis Family ~ Archie Gillis	6:30 PM St. Michael Nancy A. DeSena ~ Gianina & John Rzezniak & Family Gary Kensley ~ Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Trish Berg ~ George Stanko Residents of Sumac ~ Carol Lilianne Mousseau ~ Carol & Brian

Tuesday, November 21

8:30 AM Sacred Heart Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel Dyck Filomena Iannucci ~ Brother in law Mario Doug Harris ~ Peter & Stella & family Intentions of Bonnie & Family ~ Peter & Stella & Family Souls in Purgatory	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Intention of Lianne Murray Ross ~ Delores Murray Intention of Audrey Heath (Croskery) ~ Aime & Liz Guindon Intention of Elsie Seward Intention of Joe Mallon For Healing for Angie Bosworth ~ Louise Cheryl & Edwin Brown ~ Monique & Paul Brown	6:30 PM St. Benedict Rosa & Pietro Savo ~ Family Intention of Liliane & Innocent ~ Liliane N. Giuseppa & Domenico Iafrate ~ Augusto & Fiorina Lancia Joseph Serratore ~ Pieter & Willi Kole Michael & Clara Vennettilli ~ Family Maria Virginia Macedo ~ Margarita Pacheco
9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French <i>No Intentions</i>	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Krystynę & Edward Bielecy ~ Rodzina	

Wednesday, November 22

8:30 AM St. Michael <i>No Intentions</i>	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Michelle Johnson ~ Family Intention of Noel Mani ~ Family Duncan MacKenzie ~ Sheila & Family Linda Di Bona Sousa ~ Paul & Monique Brown	9:30 AM St. Joseph Giuseppe Dim'ambro ~ Savo, Doucette & Vettese Families Maria Medeiros & Maria Teixeira & Evangelina & Horacio Alberto ~ Maria Teixeira Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia
7:00 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Claire Leroux Prévost ~ Normand & Ginette Prévost Intentions of Liliane & Innocent & family ~ Liliane N		

Children's Pyjama Drive

Sacred Heart Church is having a children's pyjama drive for St. Vincent de Paul.
 Please consider contributing a pair of new children's pyjamas for ages 4 to 14.
 Pyjamas can be dropped off at Anne Clark's home from Sunday, December 3 to Sunday, December 10.
 Anne's address is 1490 Evan, just off Cathcart. She will have a clearly marked box on her walkway.
 Thank you for your generosity.

SACRED HEART REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

*Sacred Heart Parishioners are invited to a meeting on Monday, November 20 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 at St Benedict church to finalize plans for Sacred Heart Socials After Masses for the first 6 months of
 2024. Please join us if you are interested.*

Thursday, November 23		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Lorenzo Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti & family 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Safe Travels ~ Trini Laureano Noe Aguiar ~ Maria E. Aguiar Marta Dusek ~ Family Lyle Williams ~ Cathy & Family Intention of Tegan Mattioli ~ Family Lillian & Allan Ulner ~ Monique & Paul Brown	9:30 AM St. Benedict Pat P. Sinaguglia ~ Maria Cabral Domingos, Maria & Leontina ~ Manuel & Maria Aguiar Joe Serratore ~ Darlene & Larry & Family Moe Capes ~ St. Benedict CWL Linda Di Bona Sousa ~ Gisele De Sena Mary Van Welzen ~ St. Benedict CWL	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh Pasquale Cicchelli ~ The Family Intention of Alex Lew & Myron Lew Families ~ Alex Lew For healing of Angie Bosworth ~ Louise Micheline Howson McEwan ~ Beverley Horodyski Souls of Albert & Regina ~ Austin Family

Friday, November 24		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Janine & Trevor Kennedy ~ Joe & Jackie & Family 7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Blessings for Christopher Rade ~ Bernice Rade Błogosławieństwo Boże dla ks. Mariusza D.	9:30 AM Sacred Heart Ernie Scully ~ Phyllis Dan & Joan Flegel ~ Karl & Shannon & Families Patrick Kelly ~ Ginette Kelly Rosa Recchia ~ Arcangela Vozza Rick Scully ~ Charlie & Joan Oxley Stephen Kuhn ~ The Family	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Jose Cabral ~ Fernanda & Jose Aguiar Corrie & Chris DeGroot ~ DeGroot Family Souls in Purgatory ~ Salvatore Mammoliti Clifford McConnery & Stephen Martin ~ Monique & Paul Brown

Saturday, November 25		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Irma Persichetti ~ Jim Persichetti & family +Christopher DaSilva ~ Mom & family	8:30 AM St. Michael Donna Salvati ~ Larry & Vera David Gudelis ~ Regina Gudelis 9:30 AM St. Joseph Mamie Evers ~ Larry & Linda	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin Intentions of the Kensley Family ~ Doreen Paquette

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RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

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YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

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WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

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

Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the parish office.

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy

4:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)

5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy

9:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish/English)

9:00am - Sacred Heart

9:00am - St. Benedict

10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove

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

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.

EXCITING NEWS!!! SARNIA CHRISTMAS PARADE 2023

The Family of Parishes is entering a float in this year's Christmas parade. The theme this year is *Christmas All Together* and our float is titled *A Family Christmas* with a special focus on the Holy Family. The parade is on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

We have many ways for you and your family to get involved and to participate. Help is needed with building props, decorating, costumes, active participation for children and adults on the float. We are such a multicultural parish community that we are also proposing having parishioners walk behind the float carrying their home country's flag.

The Holy Family will play a major role on our float and will be surrounded by "angels and shepherds" singing traditional Christmas carols.



Would you like to participate?

Please visit the Family of Parishes website www.sarniacatholic.ca for complete details on how you and your family can be a part of our Family of Parishes float and to register for the different roles and

Join the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Choir

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the choir for our Family of Parishes' Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass taking place on Friday, December 8 at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Singers and instrumentalists will gather in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room at 6pm prior to the Mass for a practice together. Interested singers and instrumentalists are asked to please contact Leanne by November 24 so music and seating can be arranged as needed (leannecmoran@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Nov. 19	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following the 8:30am Mass • KofC Breakfast ~ St. Benedict – following the 9am Mass • CWL & Book Club “Czytelnik” coffee, sweets, & more ~ Queen of Peace – 10am • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Nov. 20	• CWL Church Cleaning ~ St. Joseph – 9am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Chorale Pratique ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin parish hall – 7pm • SVP Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm • Sacred Heart “Socials After Masses” meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Tuesday, Nov. 21	• Sharing Faith Prayer Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Evening Prayer ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin – 6pm • Conversational English ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin – 6pm-7pm
Wednesday, Nov. 22	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • Dames de Ste Anne Executive meeting ~ St. Thomas D’Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Nov. 23	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Conversational English ~ St. Thomas d’Aquin – 6pm-7pm
Friday, Nov. 24	•
Saturday, Nov. 25	• Crafternoon Tea ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 11am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children



Children are invited to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.
All children age 4 to 7 are welcome.



CWL Membership are due in November. Please use the envelope in your regular box collection or a plain envelope with your name, address, email and phone contact and put it in the weekly collection basket. Membership cost is \$40.00

OLM - CWL is collecting used postage stamps Please put them in the offering or leave at the office. Thanks, Phyllis V., President

Family Catechism !!

Families gathering to share their Faith through ongoing community, prayer, and formation.

Classes are available for all ages and run from October 15 to April 28, twice a month, at St. Patrick's High School on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

For more information contact Tara and Terry Costain at sarniacatechism@gmail.com

To register use the link: <https://famfi.ca/forms/family-catechism/>

If you are not sure if you would like to register and would like to come and meet the group and see if the program would work for you please stop by on any Sunday that we are teaching! All are welcome!

Family Catechism Dates are:

Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3, 24, Apr. 14, 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, Nov. 26	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following the 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following the 9am Mass • KofC Brunch/Breakfast ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Chili Cook-Off ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • KofC 4th Degree Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 1pm • Franciscans Christmas Social ~ St. Benedict – 2pm • Coffee Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Nov. 27	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Knitting & Crocheting ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Chorale Pratique ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin parish hall – 7pm
Tuesday, Nov. 28	• Sharing Faith Prayer Group ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Evening Prayer ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Conversational English ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm-7pm • CWL Regional Meeting ~ St Benedict– 7pm • KofC 4th Degree Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Wednesday, Nov. 29	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm
Thursday, Nov. 30	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Conversational English ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm-7pm
Friday, Dec. 1	• Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph – 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 2	• CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass • Confirmation Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin • Christmas Parade ~ 6pm followed by hot chocolate social at Our Lady of Mercy

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On the weekend of November 18 & 19, hand crafted Christmas cards will be for sale at the 9am and 6:30pm Masses at St. Benedict Church and the 9am and 11am Masses at Sacred Heart. They will also be available at the Family of Parishes office on Oak Avenue.

Cards are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. All materials and time have been donated by a group of five ladies.

All proceeds will be given to St. Vincent de Paul for their Christmas hampers.

Please, generously support this endeavor.

Thank you,

Stella Burns and Card Making Team

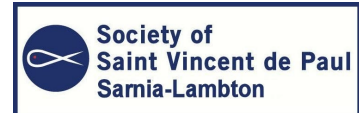
Advent Memorial Service

All are invited to join in an Advent Memorial Service on Sunday, December 10 at 2pm
at Sacred Heart Church.

This is a special service of remembrance for loved ones who have gone home to God this year or in year's past. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow in the meeting room.

Everyone is very warmly welcomed.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR—NOVEMBER 19, 2023



Our Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus council intends to buy some coats locally and provide these to St. Vincent de Paul. Coats on average are about \$45 each.

Should any parishioner wish to assist us in this venture they can provide a donation to our council to be directed to our "Coats for Kids" program and given to a knight (i.e. George Szober, Dan Thomas, Joe Sawczuk, or Mark Roehler). Any donation above \$20 will be entitled to a tax receipt. To issue you a tax receipt we will require your name, address and phone number.

We would like to thank you in advance should you decide to support this great program.

For more information you can call Mark at 519 330-7552.

St. Peter Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus



ST. THOMAS d'AQUIN – RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN

This year, instead of distributing Christmas hampers, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish, have chosen to distribute food cards for local grocery stores. We hope to support at least 80 families and the amount of each card will be determined by the size of the family receiving it. By giving these cards, it allows the recipient to make their own choices about what they wish to have for Christmas dinner. This also gives them some independence,, dignity and respect. In addition, we are giving each child aged 16 years and under a \$50 gift card to a local store.

As in the past we will use the red envelopes for your donation of cash or cheques to support this program. The red envelopes will be found at the back of the church.

We thank you in advance for your kindness and generous Christmas spirit.

St. Thomas d'Aquin St. Vincent de Paul

ST. BENEDICT, ST. JOSEPH, OUR LADY OF MERCY CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

We will be giving out grocery store vouchers based on the size of the family along with Lambton Mall gift cards for each child.

This year, we are asking people who wish to support the Christmas program to do so by making a financial contribution rather than a gift card. This will help us purchase the correct number and value of gift cards needed. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in an envelope marked "Christmas Hampers-St. Vincent de Paul".

Many thanks for your continued support,
St Benedict, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy St. Vincent de Paul



COATS FOR KIDS

"Do you know what happens to a student who doesn't have a winter coat and it's cold outside? ...they don't go to school"

- Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Public School Board



There are children in Sarnia who simply do not have a winter coat. We aim to fix this problem. Last year the Knights of Columbus donated 7,932 coats across Ontario. Your online donation goes towards purchasing coats for girls and boys in Sarnia.

The St. Vincent de Paul Sarnia distributes these coats out to those who are in most need of them. Our goal is to ensure no child is cold this winter.

Do contribute, if you have not done so yet, by clicking on the link below or by scanning the QR Code to the left. Tax receipts will be available.

[Knights of Columbus 1429 -W.E. PRENTICE | Coats For Kids Sarnia 2023-24 Campaign | Canadahelps](#)



St. Joseph Church Divine Mercy Free Store, located at 293 Stuart Street, Sarnia, is open every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We provide needy 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. Not only do we offer free clothing but we also offer refreshments and conversation to visitors to our store.

We are seeking new or clean gently used warm winter clothing, coats, shoes, boots, socks, hats, mittens, blankets, backpacks, hand and foot warmers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toiletries for adults, children and infants. Donations are gratefully accepted at the Divine Mercy Free Store, 293 Stuart Street, Sarnia, on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For further information please contact

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This fall, we're continuing the **Create Hope: Stand for the Land** campaign.

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— Juana Zúniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

- ♦ Biuro parafialne przy naszym kościele- Królowa Pokoju, będzie nieczynne do 20 listopada. We wszystkich sprawach bieżących, prosimy o kontakt z ks. Janem albo głównym biurem Rodziny Parafii, przy kościele Św. Benedykta.

The parish office at Queen of Peace, will be closed until November 20. For all current affairs, please contact Fr. Jan or the main office of the Family of Parishes office on Oak Avenue

- ♦ Pamiętajmy o „Wypominkach” za naszych zmarłych. Od 1 listopada, br., będziemy odmawiamy różaniec za zmarłych, codziennie, przede mszą św. Koperty na wypominki są wystawione przy wejściu do kościoła.

Starting November 1, we will be saying the Rosary daily (30 minutes before the Mass), for our beloved deceased. All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes are at the church entrance.

- ♦ Katolicka Liga Kobiet wraz z Klubem Miłośników Książki “Czytelnik” zaprasza na kawę, ciasto, kanapki po Mszy Świętej w niedzielę 19-stego listopada do salki pod plebania. W czasie spotkania można będzie obejrzeć wystawę malarstwa Jana Matejki - największego polskiego malarza - i zapoznać się z jego biografią.

The CWL and the Book Club “Czytelnik” invite everybody for coffee, sweets, and mini-sandwiches at the rectory hall on Sunday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. During this social gathering a display of Jan Matejko's most important Polish paintings will be available for viewing and guests can learn about Matejko's life.

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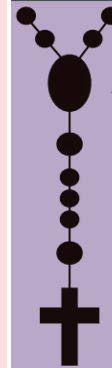
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