

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes



Famille des Paroisses Catholiques Romaines de Sarnia Bluewater

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent



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- How to get involved
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- 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.



**The Family of Parishes office will be closed for Family Day
Monday, February 19, 2024**

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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

Jesus does not want us to be miserable. He wants us to be close.

So often as Catholics, we look at Lent as, "What can I give up or do to make these next 40 days tough?" or "What is the bare minimum I have to do to satisfy my Catholic guilt?" Let me ask honestly, how does giving up chocolate, Netflix, social media, etc. improve our relationship with God? Once the 40-ish days are over we know that we are going to go right back to what we gave up. If I gave up Netflix for a month to improve my relationship with my wife but then spent that time on Disney+ or complaining, it would be senseless. Nothing in our relationship would have improved, grown, or changed.

Relationships take effort and our relationship with Jesus is no different. So for this Lent, my encouragement is to commit to something, not to be miserable but something to practically improve our relationship with Jesus. It can still look like giving up chocolate, Netflix, social media, etc. Just make sure that the struggle is something that will improve, grow or positively change your relationship with Jesus.

My favourite suggestion for Lent is to drive at the speed limit for all 40 days (which, from personal experience, can be REALLY difficult). During the extra time we spend driving, we can intentionally give that time to Jesus in prayer, listening to Christian radio, or even offering Him our frustration at driving the speed limit. No time spent with Christ is ever wasted. He simply wants you to be close, not your misery.

Réflexion - AJ Barrows

Jésus ne veut pas que nous soyons malheureux. Il veut que nous soyons proches.

En tant que catholiques, nous envisageons souvent le Carême en nous demandant : "Que puis-je abandonner ou faire pour rendre ces 40 prochains jours difficiles ?" ou "Quel est le strict minimum que je dois faire pour satisfaire ma culpabilité de catholique ?" Permettez-moi de vous demander honnêtement en quoi le fait de renoncer au chocolat, à Netflix, aux médias sociaux, etc. améliore notre relation avec Dieu ? Une fois les 40 jours écoulés, nous savons que nous allons revenir à ce que nous avons abandonné. Si je renonçais à Netflix pendant un mois pour améliorer ma relation avec ma femme, mais que je passais ensuite mon temps à regarder Disney+ ou à me plaindre, cela n'aurait aucun sens. Notre relation ne se serait pas améliorée, n'aurait pas grandi ou n'aurait pas changé.

Les relations demandent des efforts et notre relation avec Jésus n'est pas différente. Pour ce Carême, je vous encourage donc à vous engager à faire quelque chose, non pas pour être malheureux, mais pour améliorer concrètement notre relation avec Jésus. Cela peut prendre la forme d'un renoncement au chocolat, à Netflix, aux médias sociaux, etc. Assurez-vous simplement que la lutte est quelque chose qui améliorera, fera grandir ou changera positivement votre relation avec Jésus.

Ma suggestion préférée pour le Carême est de conduire à la limite de vitesse pendant les 40 jours (ce qui, d'après mon expérience personnelle, peut être VRAIMENT difficile). Pendant le temps supplémentaire que nous passons à conduire, nous pouvons intentionnellement donner ce temps à Jésus dans la prière, en écoutant la radio chrétienne, ou même en lui offrant notre frustration de conduire à la limite de vitesse. Le temps passé avec le Christ n'est jamais perdu. Il veut simplement que vous soyez proche, pas que vous soyez dans la misère.

Odbicie - Aj Barrows

Jezus nie chce, żebyśmy byli nieszczęśliwi. Chce, żebyśmy byli blisko.

Jako katolicy często w Wielki Poście stawiamy sobie pytanie: „Z czego mogę zrezygnować lub co zrobić, aby te następne 40 dni były wymagające?” lub „Jakie jest absolutne minimum, które muszę zrobić, aby zadośćuczynić mojemu katolickiemu poczuciu winy?” Zapytam szczerze, jak rezygnacja z czekolady, Netflixa, mediów społecznościowych itp. poprawia naszą relację z Bogiem? Kiedy te 40 dni dobiegnie końca, wiemy, że wrócimy do tego, z czego zrezygnowaliśmy. Gdybym na miesiąc zrezygnował z Netflix, żeby poprawić relację z żoną, a potem spędził ten czas na Disney+ lub narzekaniu, byłoby to bezsensowne. Nic w naszym związku nie uległoby poprawie, rozwinięciu się ani zmianie.

Relacje wymagają wysiłku i наша relacja z Jezusem nie jest inna. Dlatego też w okresie Wielkiego Postu zachęcam, aby się w coś zaangażować, a nie w być nieszczęśliwym, ale w coś, co praktycznie poprawi naszą relację z Jezusem. Nadal może to wyglądać jak rezygnacja z czekolady, Netflix, mediów społecznościowych itp. Upewnijmy się tylko, że walka będzie czymś, co poprawi, rozwinię lub pozytywnie zmieni Twoją relację z Jezusem.

Moją ulubioną sugestią na Wielki Post jest jazda z dozwoloną prędkością przez wszystkie 40 dni (co z własnego doświadczenia może być NAPRAWDĘ trudne). Dodatkowy czas, który spędzamy za kierownicą, możemy celowo poświęcić go Jezusowi na modlitwę, słuchanie chrześcijańskiego radia, a nawet ofiarowanie Mu naszej frustracji spowodowanej przekroczeniem prędkości. Żaden czas spędzony z Chrystusem nie jest nigdy stracony. On po prostu chce, żebyś był blisko, a nie twojego nieszczęścia.

Bishop Fabbro's Message for Lent: click [HERE](#)

A new issue of Missio is available at this [link](#) (PDF) and it contains:



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The 2022 Financial Report
The Bishop's Message for Lent (EN and FR)
Information on our Outreach Ministries
Information on Share Lent
Information on the Confirmation Rally in May

Reflexión: AJ Barrows

Jesús no quiere que seamos miserables. Él quiere que estemos cerca.

Muy a menudo, como católicos, vemos la Cuaresma como: "¿Qué puedo renunciar o hacer para que estos próximos 40 días sean difíciles?" o "¿Cuál es el mínimo que tengo que hacer para satisfacer mi culpa católica?" Permítanme preguntar honestamente, ¿cómo es que renunciar al chocolate, Netflix, las redes sociales, etc. mejora nuestra relación con Dios? Una vez que pasen los 40 días, sabemos que vamos a volver a lo que dejamos. Si renunciara a Netflix durante un mes para mejorar mi relación con mi esposa, pero luego pasara ese tiempo en Disney+ o quejándome, no tendría sentido. Nada en nuestra relación habría mejorado, crecido o cambiado.

Las relaciones requieren esfuerzo y nuestra relación con Jesús no es diferente. Así que para esta Cuaresma, mi alien-to es comprometerme con algo, no para ser miserables, sino con algo que mejore prácticamente nuestra relación con Jesús. Todavía puede parecer como renunciar al chocolate, Netflix, las redes sociales, etc. Solo asegúrate de que la lucha sea algo que mejore, crezca o cambie positivamente tu relación con Jesús.

Mi sugerencia favorita para la Cuaresma es conducir al límite de velocidad durante los 40 días (lo cual, por experiencia personal, puede ser REALMENTE difícil). Durante el tiempo extra que pasamos conduciendo, podemos darle intencionalmente ese tiempo a Jesús en oración, escuchando la radio cristiana o incluso ofreciéndole nuestra frustración por conducir el límite de velocidad. Ningún tiempo que se pasa con Cristo se pierde jamás. Él simplemente quiere que estés cerca, no tu miseria.

**ALPHA registrations are open until
Monday, February 19**

 Sarnia Bluewater
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WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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SEARCHING FOR MEANING?

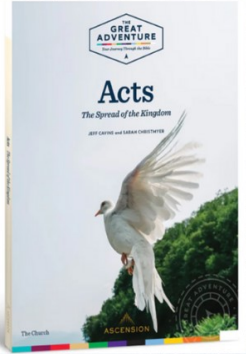


Interviews with our clergy,
pastoral team and
lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/
@sarniabluewaterccfamilyofp8554/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@sarniabluewaterccfamilyofp8554/videos)

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
BIBLE STUDY**



- St. Benedict Church parish hall

Beginning Thursday, February 15th

- 1:30PM to 3:00PM
- Pre-registration not required
- Bring your Bible and come join us!

Please contact Ed Seguin for more information:
erseguin49@gmail.com

NEW LIFE RETREAT for Women and Men

A free gift from the Family of Parishes, these weekend renewal retreats are open to all parishioners.

The "New Life Retreat" weekend is a break from our busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that we can refresh ourselves spiritually.

Consider joining us for this weekend and experience the power of the
New Life Retreat!

The women's retreat is the weekend of
April 20/21 and the men's
retreat is the weekend of
May 4/5.

To register, please call the
parish office - 519-336-2653.

Registration forms are also
available at your parish
welcome desks.



Pray for Vocations: February 18 to February 24

Sunday: Deacon Jose Viveiras

Monday: Rev. Ross Bartley

Tuesday: Rev. Mark Potvin

Wednesday: Rev. Cecil Nunez

Thursday: Deacon Anthony Rebkowec

Friday: Mrs. Margaret Olszewski, Pastoral Minister

Saturday: Rev. Ronaldo (Ronnie) Tagnines

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, February 18, 2024

1st Reading:

Genesis 9.8-15

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel

Mark 1.12-15

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

Anita Potter
Margaret Weisz



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Ginette Villemaire

Mary Debus

Cecile Haywood

Charlie Knight

Audrey Heath

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Madeleine Serratore

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Lee Williams

Mike Genovy

Aimé Guindon

Sandra Cabiddu

Doreen Ducharme

Lisa Fex

Brother Al Verstraaten

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

Carole Waddell

Paulette Dozois

Debbie O'Hagan

Priaya Marie Johnson

Justin Hummell

Jessie MacKay



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.

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 ages 4 to 7 are welcome.

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:

Feb. 25, Mar. 3, 24, Apr. 14, 28.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you cannot attend Mass or Communion Service, a Eucharistic Minister can bring **JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST** to your home or to a nursing home facility upon request.

Call the office
519-336-2653

Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Mercy: Feb. 15 to Mar. 21 every Thursday morning - 11:30 am

Queen of Peace: Feb. 21 to Mar. 27 every Wednesday evening - 7:00 pm (English)
Feb. 16 to Mar. 22 every Friday evening 6:30 pm (Polish)

Sacred Heart: Feb. 15 to Mar. 21 every Thursday evening - 6:30 pm

St. Benedict: Feb. 20 to Mar. 26 every Tuesday - 6:30 pm
Feb. 21 to Mar. 27 every Wednesday evening - 7:30 pm (Portuguese)

St. Joseph: Feb. 21 to Mar. 27 every Wednesday morning - 9 am

St. Michael: Feb. 19 to Mar. 25 every Monday evening - 6:30 pm

St. Thomas d'Aquin: Feb. 21 to Mar. 27 every Wednesday evening - 6:30 pm
Feb. 16 to Mar. 22 every Friday evening - 7:00 pm (Spanish)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in parish halls at the Altar of Repose at St. Benedict, St. Michael, Queen of Peace and St. Thomas d'Aquin following the Holy Thursday Mass.

Sacred Heart parish invites all parishioners in our Family of Parishes to an extended period of Adoration from 10pm to 8am Good Friday.

Please call Ana Maria at 519-336-2653 if you wish to participate.



- ♦ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ♦ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ♦ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ♦ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ♦ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ♦ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ♦ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ♦ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ♦ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ♦ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ♦ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

EASTER TRIDUUM

	HOLY THURSDAY March 28 *Incense used	GOOD FRIDAY March 29	EASTER VIGIL March 30 * Incense used	EASTER SUNDAY March 31
OUR LADY OF MERCY		3:00 pm	8:00 pm RCIA catechumenates being received	8:30 am
QUEEN OF PEACE	*7:00 pm (Polish/English) Altar of Repose until 10 pm	3:00 pm Polish 5:00 pm English 7 pm Polish Stations of the Cross	10:00 am & 11:00 am Blessing of Food baskets *8:00 pm (Polish/English)	9:00 am (Polish/English)
SACRED HEART	7:00 pm Altar of Repose until 8 am Friday	3:00 pm		9:00 am 11:00 am
ST. BENEDICT	*7:00 pm Altar of Repose until 10 pm	3:00 pm Livestreamed Mass		9:00 am Livestreamed Mass 6:30 pm
ST. JOSEPH		3:00 pm		11:00 am
ST. MICHAEL	7:00 pm Altar of Repose until 10 pm	3:00 pm	*8:00pm Livestreamed Mass	10:30 am
ST. THOMAS d'AQUIN	*7:00 pm (Trilingual) Altar of Repose until 10 pm Livestreamed Mass	3:00 pm (Trilingual)	8:30 am Morning Prayer *8:00 pm (Trilingual)	11:00 am French 5:00 pm Spanish

SATURDAY CONFESSION

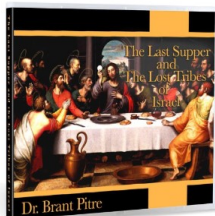
8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace
 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin
 9:15 - 10:00am ~ St. Michael
 11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy

LENT CONFESSION TIMES

Confession is available before Mass
St. Benedict: Tuesday – 6:30pm to 7pm
Sacred Heart: Thursday – 6:30pm to 7pm
St. Joseph: Saturday – 9:30am to 10am

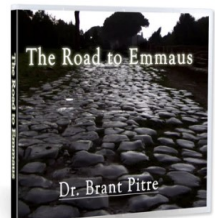
BRANT PITRE—BIBLE DISCOVERIES—OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH HALL

The Last Supper and The Lost Tribes of Israel – Wednesday March 13 – 7PM to 9PM



All Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament in himself. Yet one of the most frequent prophecies in the Bible is that God would one day bring the “lost ten tribes” of Israel back home to the promised land. So how was this accomplished? Are the ten tribes still lost, or did Jesus fulfill this prophecy too? In this Bible study Dr. Pitre takes something very familiar to Christians—the Last Supper—and ties it to something very mysterious—the return of the Lost Tribes of Israel.

The Road to Emmaus—Wednesday, March 20 – 7PM to 9PM



Have you ever wondered what the first Easter Sunday was like? In this inspiring Bible study, Dr. Brant Pitre takes you on a guided tour of the final chapter of the Gospel of Luke and the famous account of the disciples who met Christ on the Road to Emmaus. Many insights will be gained as you follow this inspiring and scholarly interpretation of the climax of the Gospel. If you want to deepen your joy in the Resurrection and your love for the Eucharist, then this talk is for you.

For information please contact Annie Ferrera at 519-336-2653 or aferrera@dol.ca

No registration necessary

LAMBTON RIGHT TO LIFE

From February 14th to March 24th, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Bluewater Health in Sarnia, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you would like to volunteer for this Life-saving Ministry, contact: Deacon John Lammers at 519-490-3832 or by email johnnylammers62@outlook.com <https://vimeo.com/901670831>

Candlelit Prayer Vigil Honouring Lives Lost Through Abortion

Join Lambton Right to Life for a solemn and compassionate gathering as we come together to honor and remember the lives lost through abortion. In solidarity with those who mourn, we invite you to a Candlelit Prayer Vigil on Family Day - Monday, February 19th, at 6:30 PM.

Location: Around Bluewater Health **Date:** Monday, February 19th **Time:** 6:30 PM

Let us unite in prayer, reflection, and support for all affected by this profound loss. Together, we will light candles to symbolize our commitment to cherish every life and offer hope and healing to those who grieve.

All are welcome to attend this respectful event. Please spread the word and join us as we honour the sanctity of life and extend compassion to those in need.

For more information, contact John Lammers 519-490-3832. Let's stand together in solidarity and prayer.

FFI Annual Women's Seminar - "Blessed & Beautiful"

Family Foundations Institute (FFI) is hosting the Annual Women's Seminar on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. André Bessette High School in London.

"Blessed & Beautiful" celebrates the essence of womanhood, encouraging every woman to recognize her unique beauty and blessings as a cherished daughter of God. The seminar is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together, share ideas, build friendships, and develop practical tools for embracing their mission in the world.

The guest speaker is Danielle Bean, creator and host of "Girlfriends," a podcast for Catholic Women.

Register online at famfi.ca/aws and take advantage of early bird registration at \$45/individual (\$30/student).

Weekday Mass Intentions - February 19 to February 24

Monday, February 19

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English In thanksgiving for the received graces +Lorenzo Persichetti - Jim Persichetti	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Special Intention & In Thanksgiving for a Speedy Recovery for Estela - Family Souls in Purgatory	7:00 PM St. Michael Sue Carey ~ SM SSVF Conference Leo Arts ~ The Cocarell Family Maria & Michele Salera ~ Marisa & Family
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Tuesday, February 20

8:30 AM Sacred Heart Sheila Klauke ~ Josie Savage Teresa Davies ~ Larry Renaud Intentions of Margaret Potter ~ Knitting & Crochet Group Special Intention	9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Léona Potvin ~ Rose-Marie Shoniker 7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish +Antoni Wiącek (3 rocznica śmierci) ~ Córka z Rodziną +Bronia De Araujo ~ Janina Ptak +Andrzej Jachimowicz ~ Rodzina Janus & Mantha	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Frank Chapman ~ Wanda Stephenson Betty Stewart ~ Husband Matt & Kids Teresa Davies ~ Brendan Fleming Special Intention ~ Brendan Fleming Souls in Purgatory 7:00 PM St. Benedict Nancy De Sena ~ Franco Petrilli Gene O'Connell ~ St. Vincent de Paul St. Benedict Conference Bill Dunlop ~ Jackie & Family
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Wednesday, February 21

8:30 AM St. Michael Cindy & Rachel Schwab ~ Steve & Margaret Schwab 7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French Paul Shoniker ~ Rose-Marie Shoniker & fils	9:30 AM St. Joseph Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Antonia & Rosa DiDonato ~ Ben & Rachel Frank Bandura ~ Judy & Family Souls in Purgatory Bertha Loosemore ~ Son Jean & Rita Intention of Ted Moynihan ~ Sue & Family Teresa Davies ~ Trish Fleming
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Thursday, February 22

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English +Vincenzo Jannotta ~ Nieces: Angela & Domenica 12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Tulio Tius Faustino Chaves ~ Wife Rebecca Barcroft ~ Valerie Barcroft Souls in Purgatory Patricia (Aldridge) Mitro ~ Sheila Kozmin	9:30 AM St. Benedict Tiberio Cordeiro ~ Maria Cabral Souls in Purgatory ~ Maria Mazzella Intention of the Sarnia Bluewater R.C. Family of Parishes Staff (God Bless them in this New Year 2024 ~ Gerry & Rosemarie	7:00 PM Sacred Heart Bertha Loosemore ~ Daughter, Ethel Dyck Larry Scully ~ Mary Ann Barcroft Sheila Klauke ~The Medaille Associates Healing of Angie Bosworth ~ Louise Intentions of Matthew Fairfax ~ Mom Intentions of Philip George ~ Mom
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Friday, February 23		
8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Paul Shoniker Intention of John & Karen Rawlings ~ Trish Fleming 9:30 AM Sacred Heart Sheila Klauke ~ Charlie & Joan Oxley Intentions of Margaret Potter ~ Maria Salting	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Renato Laureano Sr. ~ Laureano Family Brian McNeil - Lois & Family Souls in Purgatory Leona Potvin - Carole Waddell	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Pawel Derech & Andrzej Jachimowicz ~ Rodzina Janik +Stefan Ptak ~ Żona Z dziećmi

Saturday, February 24		
8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English God's blessings and gifts of the Holy Spirit and protection of the Blessed Mother	8:30 AM St. Michael Trevor Craig Kennedy ~ The Kennedy Family Stephanie Robar ~ Parents	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Catherine Robertson ~ The Family 10:00 AM St. Joseph In Thanksgiving & Special Intention

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. Thomas d'Aquin (English) 5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 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
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World Day of Prayer 2024	
Theme: <i>"I Beg You Bear One Another in Love"</i> The World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church event that began around 100 years ago bridging social, geographical, and political barriers in 146 countries. It is celebrated yearly on the 1st Friday in March. This year there are 2 service locations for our Bluewater Family of Parishes. Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church 429 Indian Road North at Hickory Friday, March 1, 2024 at 2 p.m. London Road West, United Church at 2092 London Line Both services will be followed by fellowship and refreshments and both churches are fully accessible with ample parking. Carol Hall, CWL Regional Chair	

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, February 18	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart — following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph — following 11am Mass • St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity-Secular Franciscans Mtg.~ St. Benedict — 2pm • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — following 5pm Mass • Reconciliation & Communion Prep (Spanish) St. Thomas d'Aquin — 3pm
Monday, Feb. 19	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael — 9:30am • SSVP ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 12pm • Knitting and Crochet ~ Sacred Heart — 1pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • Social Justice Meeting ~ St. Michael — 4pm • First Reconciliation Prep ~ St. Michael — 6pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph — 6:30pm • Pratique de la chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace — 7pm
Tuesday, Feb. 20	• First Reconciliation Prep ~ St. Benedict — 6pm • St. Peter/Queen of Peace KofC meeting ~ Queen of Peace — 7pm • Confirmation Session ~ St. Thomas D'Aquin — 6:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 21	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm-4pm • Confirmation Session ~ St. Joseph — 6:30pm • Reconciliation Prep (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6pm • Social Team Meeting ~ St. Benedict — 7pm
Thursday, Feb. 22	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • ACTS Bible Study ~ St. Benedict — 1:30pm • Frist Reconciliation Prep ~ Sacred Heart — 6pm • Homelessness & Affordable Housing Meeting ~ St. Benedict — 7pm
Friday, February 23	• Euchre & Games ~ St. Michael — 3pm
Saturday, Feb. 24	• Frist Reconciliation Prep ~ St. Joseph — 9am • Young Adult Event ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 4pm Mass • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 4pm Mass • Spanish Lent Retreat ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 7pm

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES

A temporary change to some weekday Mass times is being made to accommodate 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion Sacramental preparation.

Changes in weekday Mass times for St. Joseph, St. Benedict, Sacred Heart and St. Michael will be in effect from Monday, February 5 to May 25.

- ♦ **St. Michael:** Monday Mass moves from 6:30pm to 7pm
- ♦ **St. Benedict:** Tuesday Mass moves from 6:30pm to 7pm
- ♦ **Sacred Heart:** Thursday Mass moves from 6:30pm to 7pm
- ♦ **St. Joseph:** Saturday Mass moves from 9:30am to 10am



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, February 25	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart – following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Feb. 26	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Knitting and Crochet ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Pratique de la chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • SSVP ~ St. Michael – 7pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Tuesday, Feb. 27	• KofC 4th Degree Meeting ~ our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Wednesday, Feb. 28	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • Reconciliation Prep (French) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Dames de Ste Anne General Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Feb. 29	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ACTS Bible Study ~ St. Benedict – 1:30pm
Friday, March 1	•
Saturday, March 2	• CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 11am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass • Spanish Lent Retreat ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm



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Glory Stories

**Testimonies, Moments of Grace, and
Thanksgiving in our Family of Parishes**

Our youth minister really wanted the Grade 8 Confirmation candidates to experience with joy the Sacrament of Confession. Not always a favourite part of Catholicism for many Catholic adults, it is a tall order to expect such from 13 year olds. But sometimes what we need is the concrete which came from our youth minister in the form of clay flower pots.

As he explained to the young people, a flowerpot can represent our heart. Just as a flower pot has a tiny hole in the bottom, so our heart has a hole from original sin. But it is still a good pot, and a good heart. With more sin, however, the pot becomes cracked, chipped, broken, smashed. Same with our heart. The grace afforded from the Sacrament of Confession restores this heart, puts the pot back together.

Add some somber, reflective music along with the smashing pots, and you have a wonderful visual. We were all amazed when the students were invited to come up for confession and we watched in awe as they all stood up en masse, heading to the lines towards the waiting priests.

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Please be mindful, when coming to church for Mass or other parish functions, that many people have allergies &/or sensitivities to even the mildest and most beautiful perfumes, lotions and colognes.
Thank you.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

On February 24, The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk takes place across Canada to fund critical services for local charity partners (River City Vineyard and Habitat for Humanity Sarnia/Lambton) who serve and support vulnerable families and individuals in our community. Jim Curran from the Family of Parishes Homelessness and Affordable Housing Team is participating to raise funds to support River City Vineyard and Vera Lawlor is participating to raise funds to support Habitat for Humanity.

Parishioners wanting to support the CNOY event can donate directly to Jim's team and Vera's team to support River City Vineyard and Habitat for Humanity with the links below, or by contacting Jim at 519-312-8905 or jimcurran3992@gmail.com.

Donations of \$20 and greater will receive a tax receipt. More information about the event can be found in the links below for both Habitat and River City.

Each step we take brings someone closer to safety, health and home, as together, we raise funds for organizations whose commitment and work transforms peoples' lives.

[Support Jim Curran's team here Coldest Night of the Year 2024](#)

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[Sarnia Mitton Village \(River City Vineyard\) - CNOY 2024 Canada](#)

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Thursday, Feb 22 at 7:00 p.m. E.T

Speaker: Elvin Hernandez, Honduran human rights investigator

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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 Barb Brenneck via the parish office at 519-336-2653

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.

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(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

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(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

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Vision TV—channel 261

(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

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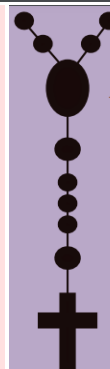
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