

**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.
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Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

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Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

St. Joseph
293 Stuart St.
Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

St. Michael
1920 Wildwood Dr. Brights Grove
ON N0N 1C0
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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent



New to our Family of Parishes?

If you are looking for:

- How to get involved
- Resources
- 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.

Please be "Scent" sitive

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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

Associate Pastors:

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

Rev. José Montepeque ex.225

Rev. Rob Renaud ex.223

Rev. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224

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Deacon Christopher Stoesser

Deacon David Cummings ex.235

Deacon David Kraemer ex.238

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519-336-2653

Calls will be directed to
caretakers.

In Case of a Pastoral Emergency please call the parish office at 519-336-2653 EXT. 9 and leave a message.
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 ~ Fr. Rob Renaud

This Sunday the priests and deacons dust off their rose vestments as we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare means an outward showing of joy, we rejoice knowing that Jesus conquered sin and death on the cross, whereas Gaudete refers to an inward joy that we experience during Advent. Someone once asked me why I look so happy celebrating the Mass. It's definitely a joyful moment for me, realizing my call as a priest to bring Jesus to all of you in the Eucharist. Before I was a priest, though, I taught life skills as a counsellor. In cases where people are sad and disheartened, the simple act of making yourself smile releases chemicals that make you happy. It's also contagious, making others happy too! Throughout Lent we have been reflecting solemnly on the cross, and the death of our Lord. Today, however, we have an outward show of joy knowing that Jesus will conquer death and lead the way to eternal life for us who follow him.

Réflexion ~ Fr. Rob Renaud

Ce dimanche, les prêtres et les diacres dépoussièrent leurs vêtements roses pour célébrer le dimanche de Laetare. Laetare signifie une manifestation extérieure de joie, nous nous réjouissons de savoir que Jésus a vaincu le péché et la mort sur la croix, tandis que Gaudete fait référence à une joie intérieure que nous expérimentons pendant l'Avent. Quelqu'un m'a demandé un jour pourquoi j'avais l'air si heureux en célébrant la messe. C'est certainement un moment de joie pour moi, car je réalise mon appel en tant que prêtre à apporter Jésus à chacun d'entre vous dans l'Eucharistie. Mais avant d'être prêtre, j'ai enseigné des techniques de vie en tant que conseiller. Lorsque les gens sont tristes et découragés, le simple fait de sourire libère des substances neurochimiques qui rendent heureux. Le sourire est également contagieux et rend les autres heureux ! Tout au long du Carême, nous avons réfléchi solennellement à la croix et à la mort de notre Seigneur. Aujourd'hui, cependant, nous pouvons manifester notre joie en sachant que Jésus vaincra la mort et ouvrira la voie à la vie éternelle pour nous qui le suivons.

Odbicie ~ Fr. Rob Renaud

W tę niedzielę kapłani i diakoni odkurzają swoje różowe szaty, ponieważ obchodzimy Niedzielę „Laetare”. Laetare oznacza zewnętrzne okazywanie radości, a radujemy się wiedząc, że Jezus zwyciężył grzech i śmierć na krzyżu, natomiast Gaudete odnosi się również do wewnętrznej radości, której doświadczamy w czasie Adwentu. Ktoś kiedyś zapytał mnie, dlaczego wyglądam na tak szczęśliwego odpowiadając Mszę św.. Na pewno jest to dla mnie radosny moment, w którym uświadomiłem sobie swoje powołanie jako kapłana, aby zanieść wam wszystkim Jezusa w Eucharystii. Zanim jednak zostałem księdzem jako wychowawca uczyłem umiejętności życiowych. W przypadkach, gdy ludzie są smutni i zniechęceni, prosty akt wywołania uśmiechu uwalnia substancje chemiczne, które czynią nas szczęśliwymi. Jest to również zaraźliwe i sprawia, że inni też są szczęśliwi! Dotąd w Wielki Post rozważaliśmy podniosłe o krzyżu i śmierci naszego Pana. Dziś jednak okazujemy zewnętrzną radość, wiedząc, że Jezus zwycięży śmierć i poprowadzi na drogą do życia wiecznego nas, którzy za Nim podążamy

Reflexión: Fr. Rob Renaud

Este domingo, los sacerdotes y diáconos desempolvan sus vestiduras rosas mientras celebramos el Domingo Laetare. Laetare significa una muestra externa de alegría, nos regocijamos sabiendo que Jesús venció el pecado y la muerte en la cruz, mientras que Gaudete se refiere a una alegría interior que experimentamos durante el Adviento. Alguien me preguntó una vez por qué me veo tan feliz celebrando la Misa. Definitivamente es un momento de alegría para mí, al darme cuenta de mi llamado como sacerdote a llevar a Jesús a todos ustedes en la Eucaristía. Sin embargo, antes de ser sacerdote, enseñé habilidades para la vida como consejero. En los casos en los que las personas están tristes y desanimadas, el simple hecho de hacerte sonreír libera sustancias químicas que te hacen feliz. También es contagioso, ¡haciendo felices a los demás también! A lo largo de la Cuaresma hemos estado reflexionando solemnemente sobre la cruz y la muerte de nuestro Señor. Hoy, sin embargo, tenemos una muestra externa de gozo al saber que Jesús conquistará la muerte y guiará el camino a la vida eterna para nosotros que lo seguimos.



Feast of Saint ***"Novena to Saint Joseph."***

Joseph
March 19

**Let us come together to pray to Saint Joseph,
the Patron Saint Of Canada.**

The Novena to Saint Joseph begins on Sunday March 9, before the 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

We invite everyone to pray this novena, even at home. Prayer cards are available at St. Joseph.

We welcome you to come celebrate with us on Sunday March 17 at the 11am Mass at St. Joseph and to join us for a social hosted by the CWL in the parish hall following Mass.

Pray for Vocations: March 10 to March 16

Sunday: Mrs. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister

Monday: Deacon Victor Salazar

Tuesday: Rev. Gerard Bedard

Wednesday: Deacon James Vandersanden

Thursday: Mrs. Alive Chinnick, Catechist

Friday: Rev. Russell (Rusty) Shantz

Saturday: Mr. Filipe DaSilva, Pastoral Minister of Faith Formation

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, March 10, 2024

1st Reading:

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel

John 3.14-21

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

Darlene Thomas

Mario De Brita

Daniela Mezzatesta

Elizabeth Scouler



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Lee Williams

Mary Debus

Cecile Haywood

Charlie Knight

Audrey Heath

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Ginette Villemaire

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Carole Waddell

Mike Genovy

Aimé Guindon

Sandra Cabiddu

Doreen Ducharme

Lisa Fex

Madeleine Serratore

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

Paulette Dozois

Debbie O'Hagan

Priaya Marie Johnson

Justin Hummell

Jessie MacKay

Brother Al Verstraaten

Family Catechism !!

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

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

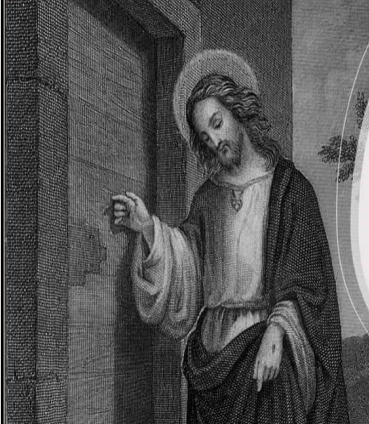
For more information contact Tara and Terry Costain at sarniacatechism@gmail.com

To register use the link:

<https://famfi.ca/forms/family-catechism/>

All are welcome!

Family Catechism Dates are: Mar. 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



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.



Interviews with our clergy, pastoral team and lay leaders.

Watch on YouTube

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



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Glory Stories

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

Welcome Father Tony

We welcome Father Tony Kwasi Donkor who will be with us in our Family of Parishes for the next several months as he learns about Canadian life and our Catholic Parishes.

Fr. Tony was born on June 4, 1968 in Kumasi, Ashanti, Ghana, West Africa.

He is a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).



His primary and secondary education was in Ghana followed by three years of philosophy in Ghana and four years of theology at the University of Eastern Africa in Kenya.

These studies were followed by two years of pastoral experience in Gabon, one year to learn the French language and one year for parish work. Fr. Tony speaks English, French and Spanish.

He was ordained in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ahanti, Ghana on July 14, 2007. Parish work includes:

- 2008...2010, Paraguay, Virgen del Rosario parish as an associate pastor
- 2011...2012, St. Paul's Parish Nyinahin Kumasi, Ghana, as an associate pastor
- 2013...2016, Sacred Heart Parish, Trede, Kumasi as a parish priest.
- 2017...2018, Corpus Christi, New Tafo, Kumasi as an associate pastor
- 2019...2022, St. Joseph Parish, Seme Podji, Porto Novo, Benin
- 2023...2024, Spiritan Provincialate, Accra, Adenta helping at St. Raphael Parish, Pantang, Accra
- 2024, Arrived in Canada on the 9th of November, and assigned to the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes on the 27th February 2024.

We welcome you to our Family of Parishes, Father Tony.
We look forward to meeting you and we hope you will feel at home with us.

Rayjon Annual Culture & Cuisine Event

Experience the magic of India on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM
at the French Community Centre in Sarnia (3-901 The Rapids Parkway, Sarnia)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of food, music, fashion, dance and more,
as we, together, celebrate India! Indulge in authentic Indian finger foods
and enjoy captivating performances of various Indian dance styles.

Tickets: General Admission \$100, Kids (12 and under) FREE, Students \$50.

For more info and tickets, please visit rayjon.org/culture-cuisine/

Come join us and experience the magic of India!



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 until 10pm.

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.

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)



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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

A Forgotten Minority: The Christians of India and Religious Persecution

The purpose of this research project is to understand the nature of religious persecution faced by Indian Christians. The research is funded by the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict at Assumption University. This research has been cleared by the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board.

If you identify as Indian, Christian, and are 18 years or older, I invite you to take part in this study. The study will involve completing a 25-to-45-minute interview.

Participants will receive a \$20.00 gift card for participating in this study.

Participants do not have had to experienced religious persecution personally to take part in this study.

If you are interested in participating or would like further information, please contact me at:

Dr. John Cappucci
Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict
Assumption University
jcappucci@assumptionu.ca

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	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

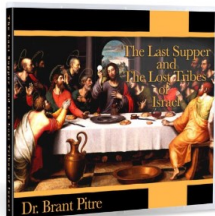
St. Benedict: Tuesday – 6:30pm to 7pm

Sacred Heart: Thursday – 6:30pm to 7pm

St. Joseph: Saturday – 9:30am to 10am

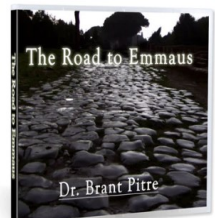
BRANT PITRE—BIBLE DISCOVERIES—OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH HALL

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>

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).

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 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.

Weekday Mass Intentions - March 11 to March 16

Monday, March 11

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English

+Jerome MacDonald ~Carmel Tobin

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Maria & Francesco Chirigoni ~
Daughter Giulia & Family
Emilio Roncone ~ Dora Roncone & Family
Leo Delsnyder --Sue & Family
Deceased Members of the Coleman Family ~ Bob
Peter Lewis ~ Monteiro Family
Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM St. Michael

Mary Cappelli ~ Vera Lawlor
Trish Berg ~ George Stanko
Sue Carey ~ Vera & Larry Lawlor
Sharon Dupuis ~ The Bongers Family
Gary Kensley ~ Gisele DeSena
Intentions of the Priests in our Family of Parishes ~ Vera & Larry Lawlor

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 AM Sacred Heart

Bertha Loosemore ~
Daughter, Ethel Dyck
Llew Falla ~ Mom & Michaeline
Rosina Geuseppe Naccarato ~
The Naccarato Family

9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French

Paul Shoniker ~
Claudette & Don Sonier
Gérard Haché ~
Rose-Marie Shoniker

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Vincenzo Bucci ~ Family
Debbie Di Brita ~
Gerard & Ginette Villemaire
Intention of Mary Thrower ~
Margarita & Frank Roberts
Robert MacLellan ~ John & Margie Blake
Millie Wessner ~ John & Margie Blake
Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM St. Benedict

Dave & Jean Tayles ~ Tayles Family
Intentions of Katherine & Alaia ~
Grandma & Grandpa

7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish

+Stefan & William Sanca ~ CZofia
+Danuta Longo ~ CWL
O pokój dla świata

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 AM St. Michael

Trevor Craig Kennedy ~
The Kennedy Family
Maureen McDonagh ~
Pat & Alice Cassidy
Lia Rocco ~ Gisele DeSena

9:30 AM St. Joseph

Special Intention In Thanksgiving

7:00 PM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French

Les intentions des Dames de Ste Anne

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Sara Prentice ~
Jackie & Gerard Prentice
Intention of Elda ~
Margarita & Frank Roberts
Intention of Jessie MacKay ~
Carole Waddell & Family
Maria & Joaquim Schneider ~
Monteiro Family
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 14

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English

+Adam Marut ~ L&D Andrews

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Alicia Blythe ~ Blythe Family
Intention of Jane Mills ~
Sue Delsnyder
Healing of Angie Bosworth ~ Louise
Souls in Purgatory

9:30 AM St. Benedict

Colin McAnulty ~ Mom Cathy
Intention for Birthday Blessings for Marg Marut ~ Family
Joyce, Isaura, Olinda & Manuel Cabral ~
Maria Pacheco
Intention of Agnes Giffels ~
Marietta Parisien

7:00 PM Sacred Heart

Madalena DaSilva ~
Husband, Children & Grandchildren
Eduardo Medeiros ~
Dad, Siblings, Nieces & Nephews
Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh
Lynn Barcroft ~ Mary Ann & Family
All Souls ~ Ana Maria & Maria
Intentions of Peter & Stella Burns ~
Mary Ann & Stewart

Friday, March 15

8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English In Thanksgiving ~ Fr. Jose 9:30 AM Sacred Heart Lloyd Crawford ~ John & Judy Roman Larry Scully ~ Maria Tote	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Deceased Members of Dottori Family ~ Mary Deceased Members of D'Angela & Minicilli Families ~ Domenica D'Angela & Family Zenaida Cubelo Ducut ~ Gina Mishimura Flordeliza Cubelo Barles ~ Gina Mishimura Gerald Walsh ~ Cathy Williams, Donna & John Snawaert Souls in Purgatory	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Krystyna & Edward Panek ~ Rodzina O błogostawieństwo Boże i Dary Ducha Świętego dla Jana ~ Mama +Peter & Katarina Mrnik ~ Miriam Mrnik
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Saturday, March 16

8:00 AM Queen of Peace – English +Irene Boga ~ Bernice Rade	8:30 AM St. Michael Janice McCrear ~ Gisele DeSena Anne McFadyen ~ Judy & John Roman Intentions of Helen Ross ~ Judy & John Roman	8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Bilingual Deceased Members of the Grondin Family ~ Ghislaine & Bernard Goure 10:00 AM St. Joseph Romeo Estelloso Sr. ~ Rene & Juliet Estanol Souls in Purgatory
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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

Scammers continue to contact our parishioners by text, email, and Facebook Messenger.

DO NOT RESPOND. Delete any email like this immediately...

Our priests, deacons, and staff would never leave a message asking for an unidentified "favor" or gift cards.

Scammers are impersonating priests in the Diocese of London asking parishioners to respond to an urgent request, via email or text, for cash or to buy iTunes or other gift cards.

Please do not respond to these requests.

If in doubt please call the parish office.

*Texting & Email
Scam Alert*

To my Sacred Heart family,

many thanks for the delicious meals being dropped off, for all the beautiful cards, prayers and Mass intentions.

Thank you Father Joseph and Ana Maria for their trips to the hospital and my home with Holy Communion.

Lastly, I am blessed that our Lord has been sitting beside me through this illness.

Blessings always Margaret Potter.



10 March 2024

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ and to grow in our love of God and neighbour. Through simple acts of love, we discover that our hearts are opened to universal communion, a sense of fraternity that excludes nothing and no one (Laudato Si' 92).

It is in the spirit of fraternity and solidarity that Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, with the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, works with partner organizations and communities in the Global South. The campaign this Lent, Create Hope - Reaping our Rights, invites us to create bridges of solidarity with small-scale farmers and peasant communities around the world.

The campaign introduces us to the many challenges faced by small-scale farmers and peasant communities and makes us more aware of the need to acknowledge, enshrine and safeguard peasant peoples' rights. We are all interconnected and have a duty to ensure that peasants' rights, human rights and environmental rights are fully respected, not only in Canada but everywhere in the world.

I ask you to join the Create Hope - Reaping our Rights campaign wholeheartedly through its Lenten and fall phases by:

- participating in the education and action campaign which calls Canadians to do more for small-scale farmers and peasants around the world;
- standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are impoverished by unjust socio-economic and political systems;
- giving generously to Share Lent, especially on Solidarity Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024 (<https://devp.org/en/> or <https://devp.org/fr/>).

May God bless our Lenten journey and strengthen us to be true disciples of Jesus, bearers of the Good News. Through our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need, may the Holy Spirit lead us to the hope and joy that can be found only in the Easter miracle.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London



Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia



In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Share Lent envelopes are available at the Development and Peace display/entrances in all Parishes.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY SOUP LUNCH SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

St. Michael Parish – following the 10:30 Mass— Goodwill offering

If you would like to contribute a pot of your favourite soup or a plate of baked goods, please contact Vera Lawlor at vllawlor@cogeco.ca.

All proceeds will go to the Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, March 10	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart – following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, March 11	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Knitting and Crochet ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • CWL Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Pratique de la chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Tuesday, March 12	• CWL General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 10am
Wednesday, Mar. 13	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • Bible Discoveries ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm • Dames de Ste Anne Executive Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Thursday, March 14	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ACTS Bible Study ~ St. Benedict – 1:30pm
Friday, March 15	•
Saturday, March 16	• Lay Missionaries of Charities ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Chevaliers de Colomb meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 10am • BLAST ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 12pm • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass • Pizza Social ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following the 4:30pm Mass

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.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, March 17	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Queen of Peace – following 9am Mass • Solidarity Soup Lunch ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart – following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Sec. Fran. Order Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 2pm • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, March 17	• Knitting and Crochet ~ Sacred Heart – 1pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Pratique de la chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • SSVP Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Tuesday, March 19	• Confirmation Session ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • KofC General Meeting ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Wednesday, Mar. 20	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm-4pm • Confirmation Session ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm • Bible Discoveries ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Thursday, March 21	• Quilting Group ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • ACTS Bible Study ~ St. Benedict – 1:30pm • Homelessness General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, March 22	• Euchre & Games ~ St. Michael – 1pm • Encounter ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Saturday, March 23	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

Penance and Prayer across the Diocese



www.dol.ca/doc

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 20. The season of Lent is a time to be renewed and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. An important part of our Lenten call to personal holiness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Confession is where we encounter Jesus." In an effort to highlight this important part of our Lenten

journey, every year on the Wednesday of the fifth week of Lent, parishes across the Diocese of London have priests available to hear confessions throughout the day and/or evening.

Confession times in our parish (or Family of Parishes) are available at:

St. Michael: 9am-10:30am

Our Lady of Mercy: 10:30am-11:30am

Queen of Peace: 1pm-3pm

Sacred Heart: 2pm-4pm

St. Thomas d'Aquin: 5pm-6pm (English & French) 6pm-7pm (Spanish) 7:30pm (French)

Check our parish website, www.sarniacatholic.ca for the details of parish confession times and locations. For more info about the Day of Confessions, please visit <http://www.dol.ca/doc>.

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, Sacraments, Mass times, Ministries, Alpha, Charisms, Bible Studies, events...?

www.sarniacatholic.ca

LIVESTREAMED MASS IN OUR CHURCHES

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

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

Daily Televised Masses...

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Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633

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If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292

Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559

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Full details on this new initiative for our Family of Parishes can be found on our website with copies also available at welcome desks in each parish.

Thank you for your continued support.

To You Who Bring Small Children to Church ...

There you are sitting in Mass. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the Church. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."



I want you — you mothers and/or fathers — to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that, brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes — if but for a moment — her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you — a young family — in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

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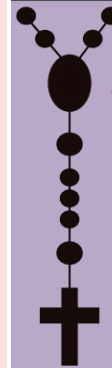
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