

# 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.*

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00am to 5:00pm  
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## MAILING ADDRESS

1011 Oak Avenue,  
Sarnia, Ontario N7S 1J4  
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## PARISH LOCATIONS

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
390 Christina St. N.  
Sarnia ON N7T 5V9  
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**Queen of Peace**  
566 Rosedale Ave.  
Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

**Office:**  
Wed. 12pm-6pm; Fri. 10am-4pm  
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**Sacred Heart**  
1465 Lecaron Ave.  
Sarnia ON N7V 3J4  
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**St. Benedict**  
1011 Oak Ave.  
Sarnia ON N7S 1J4  
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**St. Joseph**  
293 Stuart St.  
Sarnia ON N7T 3B9  
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**St. Michael**  
1920 Wildwood Dr. Brights Grove  
ON N0N 1C0  
**Office:** Wed. & Fri. 9am-12 pm  
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**St. Thomas d'Aquin**  
895 Champlain Rd.  
Sarnia ON N7V 2E9

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**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 [sarniacatholic.ca](http://sarniacatholic.ca)  
to contact us and to learn more about us  
or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.



## English as a Second Language

Classes on Tuesday and Thursday  
beginning September 17

6PM—7:30-PM

St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish Hall

All are welcome

## 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. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224

Rev. Edward Okorie ex.230

### Lay Ecclesial Minister

Leonie Downie ex.228

### Sacramental Catechist

Jenn Stewart ex.

### Deacons

Deacon David Cummings ex.235

Deacon David Kraemer ex.238

Deacon Christopher Stoesser

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Business Administrator

Louis Guimond ex.240

### Financial Administrators

Cathy Cimetta ex.241

Lisa DeSena ex.242

### Administrative Assistants

Anna lafrate ex.200

Michelle Christie ex.201

Czeslawa Piechota ex.220

### Communications Coordinator

Annie Ferrera ex.221

### Custodial Staff

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 ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk**

**"Faith without works is dead."**

Today, so many baptized people try to claim that they are believers, even though they have rejected religious practices and sometimes even the moral principles of the Decalogue. They should then be asked where the fruits of their faith are. Faith and belonging to Christ are recognized by their fruits. This is how God Himself set it up.

Faith is alive like a tree. If it is alive, it bears fruit. No one asks about the life of a tree whose branches bend under the weight of fruit. We admire the fruit, not the tree. God has such an approach to faith. He admires the fruits of faith in our hearts and does not wait for us to declare faith with our lips. The fruit of faith is obedience to God and His commandments. St. James writes to encourage Christians to live out their faith in everyday life. He tells them to be patient, to avoid judging others, and to control their tongues. He also speaks about the importance of caring for the poor and not showing favoritism to the rich. For Catholics, this letter is important because it emphasizes that faith and good works go together. His teachings are direct and easy to understand. "Faith without works is dead." This means that believing in Jesus is not enough; Christians must also live out their faith by doing good deeds.

### **Réflexion ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk**

**« La foi sans les œuvres est morte.**

Aujourd'hui, tant de baptisés prétendent être croyants, alors qu'ils ont rejeté les pratiques religieuses et parfois même les principes moraux du Décalogue. Il faudrait alors leur demander où sont les fruits de leur foi. La foi et l'appartenance au Christ se reconnaissent à leurs fruits. C'est ainsi que Dieu lui-même l'a établi.

La foi est vivante comme un arbre. Si elle est vivante, elle porte des fruits. Personne ne s'interroge sur la vie d'un arbre dont les branches plient sous le poids des fruits. Nous admirons le fruit, pas l'arbre. Dieu a une telle approche de la foi. Il admire les fruits de la foi dans nos cœurs et n'attend pas que nous déclarions notre foi avec nos lèvres. Le fruit de la foi est l'obéissance à Dieu et à ses commandements. Jacques écrit pour encourager les chrétiens à vivre leur foi dans la vie de tous les jours. Il leur dit d'être patients, d'éviter de juger les autres et de contrôler leur langue. Il parle également de l'importance de prendre soin des pauvres et de ne pas faire preuve de favoritisme à l'égard des riches. Pour les catholiques, cette lettre est importante car elle souligne que la foi et les bonnes œuvres vont de pair. Ses enseignements sont directs et faciles à comprendre. « La foi sans les œuvres est morte. Cela signifie qu'il ne suffit pas de croire en Jésus ; les chrétiens doivent également vivre leur foi en accomplissant de bonnes actions.

### **Odbicie ~ Rev. Jan Burczyk**

**„Wiara bez uczynków jest martwa”.**

Dzisiaj tak wielu ochrzczonych ludzi próbuje twierdzić, że są wierzącymi, mimo że odrzucili praktyki religijne, a czasem nawet zasady moralne Dekalogu. Wtedy należy ich zapytać, gdzie są owoce ich wiary. Wiara i przynależność do Chrystusa są rozpoznawane po owocach. Tak to ustanowił sam Bóg.

Wiara jest żywa jak drzewo. Jeśli jest żywa, wydaje owoce. Nikt nie pyta o życie drzewa, którego gałęzie uginają się pod ciężarem owoców. Podziwiamy owoce, nie drzewo. Bóg ma takie podejście do wiary. Podziwia owoce wiary w naszych sercach i nie czeka, aż wyznamy wiarę naszymi ustami. Owocem wiary jest posłuszeństwo Bogu i Jego przykazaniom. Św. Jakub pisze, aby zachęcić chrześcijan do życia wiarą w codziennym życiu. Mówi im, aby byli cierpliwi, unikali osądzania innych i kontrolowali swój język. Mówi również o tym, jak ważne jest troszczenie się o biednych i niefaworyzowanie bogatych. Dla katolików ten list jest ważny, ponieważ podkreśla, że wiara i dobre uczynki idą w parze. Jego nauki są bezpośrednie i łatwe do zrozumienia. „Wiara bez uczynków jest martwa”. Oznacza to, że wiara w Jezusa nie wystarczy; chrześcijanie muszą również żyć swoją wiarą, czyniąc dobre uczynki.

### **Reflexión:**

**"La fe sin obras está muerta".**

Hoy en día, muchos bautizados tratan de afirmar que son creyentes, a pesar de que han rechazado las prácticas religiosas y, a veces, incluso los principios morales del Decálogo. Entonces se les debe preguntar dónde están los frutos de su fe. La fe y la pertenencia a Cristo se reconocen por sus frutos. Así es como Dios mismo lo estableció. La fe está viva como un árbol. Si está vivo, da fruto. Nadie pregunta por la vida de un árbol cuyas ramas se doblan bajo el peso de la fruta. Admiramos el fruto, no el árbol. Dios tiene ese enfoque de la fe. Él admira los frutos de la fe en nuestros corazones y no espera a que declaremos la fe con nuestros labios. El fruto de la fe es la obediencia a Dios y a Sus mandamientos. Santiago escribe para animar a los cristianos a vivir su fe en la vida cotidiana. Les dice que sean pacientes, que eviten juzgar a los demás y que controlen sus lenguas. También habla de la importancia de cuidar a los pobres y no mostrar favoritismo hacia los ricos. Para los católicos, esta carta es importante porque enfatiza que la fe y las buenas obras van de la mano. Sus enseñanzas son directas y fáciles de entender. "La fe sin obras está muerta". Esto significa que creer en Jesús no es suficiente; Los cristianos también deben vivir su fe haciendo buenas obras.

**Pray for Vocations: September 15 to September 21**

**Sunday:** Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker

**Monday:** Rev. Daniel Vere

**Tuesday:** Rev. Michael Michon

**Wednesday:** Deacon Henry Kling

**Thursday:** Rev. Wacław Chudy, C.S.M.A

**Friday:** Rev. Anthony Bae

**Saturday:** The Seminarians of the Diocese of London

**Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis**

**Readings for  
Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**1st Reading:**

Isaiah 50.5-9

**2nd Reading:**

James 2.14-18

**Gospel**

Mark 8.27-35

**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

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

*Rosa Serafini*



***Please Pray For***

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Mary Debus

Debbie O'Hagan

Phil Burns

Sandra Cabiddu

John VanWerde

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Paulette Dozois

Priaya Marie Johnson

Doreen Ducharme

Tony Muir

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

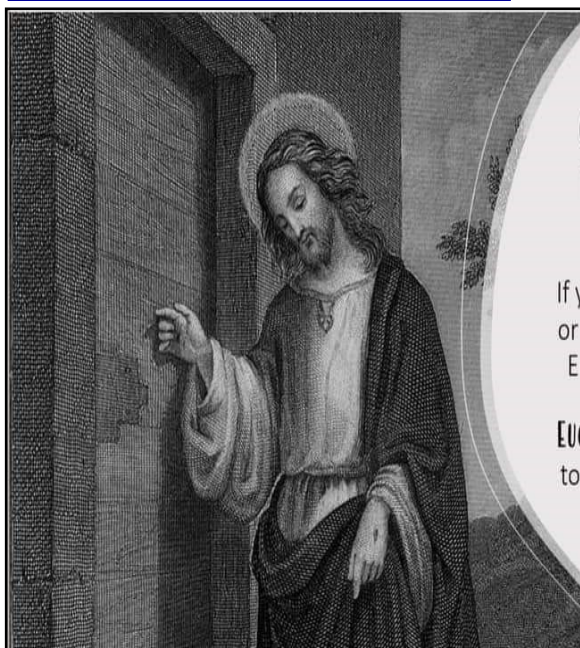
Madeleine Serratore

Lisa Fex

Audrey Heath

Peter Tote

Warner French



**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

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**



**Begins Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**For children in JK - Grade 2**

**St. Benedict @ 9 am**

**St. Joseph @ 11 am**

**Sacred Heart @ 9 am & 11 am**

**Our Lady of Mercy @ 8:30 am**

**St Michael @ 10:30 am**

**Looking forward to seeing all of you!**



## ALPHA FALL SESSION

Begins: Monday, September 16, 2024

Ends: Monday, December 2, 2024

St. Joseph Church

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Supper served at 6:30pm, followed by a video and small group discussion.

**TRY ALPHA!**

Register on the Family of Parishes website [www.sarniacatholic.ca](http://www.sarniacatholic.ca) or scan the QR code, or call the Family of Parishes office 519-336-2653 or fill out a registration form found at your parish welcome desks

**ALPHA** provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith and meaning in a friendly environment with people who are exploring their faith.



## CHARISMS ~ CALLED AND GIFTED

Experience your Greatest Happiness  
by doing what God has Uniquely Gifted  
You to do!

New workshops beginning  
October 1, 2024

Scan QR code for details  
and to register online  
or call the parish office  
519.336.2653

This is what our Charisms participants have been saying after completing the workshop:

*"I feel joy, fulfillment, growing excitement, awareness, sent".*

Come and discover how God is working through you.

A new 10 week workshop begins Tuesday, October 1st, 7-9 at Sacred Heart Parish meeting room.

Please contact Christine if you have any questions [christine.bresette@gmail.com](mailto:christine.bresette@gmail.com)



**New Life Retreat**

## FALL RETREATS 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 September 28/29 and the men's retreat is the weekend of October 19/20.

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

Registration forms are also available at your parish welcome desks.

## FIRST COMMUNION / FIRST RECONCILIATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for First Communion / First Reconciliation are now open.

The following PARENT ONLY MANDATORY meeting dates are scheduled at the following locations:

- ♦ St. Michael Parish Hall: Monday, January 6, 2025; 6PM
- ♦ St. Benedict Parish Hall: Wednesday, January 8, 2025; 6PM
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday, January 9, 2025; 6PM

The dates for preparation classes for children are as follows:

- ♦ St. Michael Parish Hall: Monday at 6PM : January 27, February 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5
- ♦ St. Benedict Parish Hall: Tuesday at 6PM: January 28, February 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday at 6PM: January 30, February 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8
- ♦ St. Joseph Parish Hall: Saturday at 9AM: February 1 & 15, March 1, April 12 & 26, May 10

Classes for children in grades 5 to 7 wishing to receive First Communion/Reconciliation will be held at:

- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Hall: Thursday at 6PM January 30, February 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8

To register, click on QR code or visit the Family of Parishes website  
<https://sarniacatholic.ca/reconciliation>.

The registrations deadline is November 15, 2024.

Please call Jenn Stewart, Sacramental Catechist, for more information:  
[jstewart@dol.ca](mailto:jstewart@dol.ca); 519-336-2653



[www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/lambton-county](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/lambton-county)

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**10am - 4pm**

**Featuring St. Joseph Church**

**293 Stuart Street, Sarnia**

**Explore our historical church with its  
beautiful stained glass windows,  
original marble altars and many statues.**



### Truth and Reconciliation

**“Education” is September’s**

**Step on A Path to Solidarity**

The next step, step four, on *A Path to Solidarity* focusses on education.

Many of the factors that made for our educational success are less available to young Indigenous people.

Learn more in this month’s step.

See September’s Step on A Path to Solidarity, “Education” at this [link](#)

The webpage for this initiative is at this [link](#)

### Mark 8:27

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

On the way he asked them,

“Who do people say I am?”

**Weekday Mass Intentions - September 16 to September 21**

**Monday, September 16**

**8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English**

+Jim Persichetti ~ Soave Family  
+Sandra Mc Kelvie-Brown ~  
Tyler, Liam, Gracie & Terry

**12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy**

Manuel Rego ~ Natalia Rego & Family  
Daniel & Maria Teixeira ~  
Natalia Rego & Family  
Souls in Purgatory ~  
Natalia Rego & Family  
Deceased Members of D'Angela &  
Minicilli Families ~  
Domenica D'Angela & Family

**6:30 PM St. Michael**

Trevor Craig Kennedy ~  
The Kennedy Family  
Mitchell Damchuk ~  
Steve & Marg Schwab  
Rachel Schwab ~ Mom & Dad  
Jim Jordan ~ Brian & Cecile McEachen

**Tuesday, September 17**

**9:30 AM Sacred Heart**

Madalena & Eduardo DaSilva ~  
David & Connie  
Mark DaSilva ~ Mom & Dad  
Serafini & Giuseppa Iannucci &  
Deceased Family Members ~  
Arcangela Vozza  
Emilio & Domenico Vozza &  
Francesca Marsella & Deceased  
Family ~ Arcangela Vozza

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

Sylvie Barbeau ~ Rose-Marie Shoniker

**12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy**

Vincenzo Bucci ~ Family  
Kathleen Lambe ~ Brendan Fleming  
Intentions of Jacqueline Christie ~  
Dolores Murray  
Rocky McKinnon ~ John & Judy Roman  
Souls in Purgatory

**6:30 PM St. Benedict**

Charlie Knight ~ Audrey & Victor Nadon

**7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish**

Dziękczynna i prośba o dalsze dary  
i łaski dla Izabeli, z okazji urodzin ~  
Siostra z  
Rodziną  
+Bogdan Sobczyk ~ Żona z Rodziną

**Wednesday, September 18**

**8:30 AM St. Michael**

Justine Lobo ~ Dorothy Wright  
Paul Coady ~ Christine Bresette  
Joe Varga ~  
Christine & Arnie Bresette  
Fr. Iheanyi ~ Bert & Laverne Phills  
Intentions of Tony Muir ~  
Dorothy Wright

**9:30 AM St. Joseph**

In Memory of Sister Marilyn Machado ~  
Louis & Meena  
Joseph Norman Marcella ~  
Kelley & Curtis Cataford  
David Wighton ~  
Bob & Dina McPhee & Family

**12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy**

Intention of Chris & Theresa Doyle  
(50th Anniversary) ~  
Jacqueline Christie  
Deceased Members of Giuliani Family ~  
Pierina Cimetta  
Rocky McKinnon ~  
Gerard & Ginette Villemare  
Intentions of Al McEachen ~  
Delores Murray  
Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, September 19**

**9:30 AM St. Benedict**

Intentions of Margaret & Carl  
Potter ~ Jeri & Steve Soltis  
Charlie Knight ~  
Audrey & Victor Nadon  
Sandra McKelvie-Brown ~  
Tyler, Liam, Gracie & Terry

**12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy**

Anita Tius ~ Bonifa Dias  
Rocky McKinnon ~  
Mark, Michelle & Family  
Ray Seguin ~ Brendan Fleming  
Souls in Purgatory

**6:30 PM Sacred Heart**

Madalena DaSilva ~  
Husband, Children & Grandchildren  
Eduardo Medeiros ~  
Dad, Siblings, Nieces & Nephews  
Giovanni & Iolanda DeCarolís ~  
Maria & Rick Ferrera  
Bertha Loosemore ~  
Daughter, Ethel Dyck  
Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh  
All Souls ~ Ana Maria & Maria

| <b>Friday, September 20</b>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English</b><br>Ernest Ferlatte ~<br>Rose-Marie Shoniker<br>Rejean Blais ~<br>Terry & JoAnne Burrell | <b>12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy</b><br>Angela Lopetrone ~ Family<br>Rocky McKinnon ~<br>Keith & Jackie Winsor & Sharon Lacroix<br>Souls in Purgatory<br>Intentions of Leslie McKinnon & Elaine & Family ~<br>Keith & Jackie Winsor & Sharon Lacroix | <b>7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish</b><br>+Peter & Katarina Mrnik~ Miriam Mrnik<br>O Boże błogosławieństwo, Dary Duchy Świętego i opiekę Matki Bożej, dla Izabeli, z okazji urodzin ~ Mama<br>O uzdrowienie duchowe i łaskę wiary dla męża ~ Żona<br>God's blessings for Charmaine on her birthday |

| <b>Saturday, September 21</b>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| <b>8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English</b><br>Blessings for Jeremy Rade ~<br>Bernice Rade | <b>9:30 AM St. Joseph</b><br>Angelina (Mancusi) Lopetrone ~<br>Husband & Family<br>Rocky McKinnon - Frances Morin<br>Intentions of Chris & Theresa Doyle ~<br>Frances Morin<br>Souls in Purgatory<br>Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of the Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~<br>John & Tiberia |  |

### WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

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| <b><u>Saturday Confessions</u></b><br>8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace<br>11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy<br><i>Confessions are also available before or after weekday Mass by calling the parish office for an appointment.</i><br><b><u>Saturday Vigil Masses</u></b><br>4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy<br>4:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)<br>5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English) | <b><u>Sunday Masses</u></b><br>8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy<br>9:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish/English)<br>9:00am - Sacred Heart<br>9:00am - St. Benedict<br>10:30am - St. Michael, Bright's Grove<br>11:00am - Sacred Heart<br>11:00am - St. Joseph<br>11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)<br>5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)<br>6:30pm - St. Benedict |
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### St. Vincent de Paul News

The needy in our community need assistance and SVDP has always been there to help out. Whether it be for food, clothing or emergency funds, someone would be there. But the Covid pandemic and other factors have lowered the number of people willing to commit a few hours to helping out.

On September 22nd, there will be a chance to learn more at the St. Benedict ministry fair (following the 9am Mass) about the activities that SVDP does such as delivering the food to the Foodbank which is collected in the box at the door of the church; sorting and preparing food baskets at the Foodbank; helping to organize a food drive at your local elementary school; or just collecting money in the poor box at the door of the church after Mass. Someone is needed a few hours each week to assist with interviewing the Foodbank/Help Centre clientele to find out how SVDP can help. Drivers are needed to pick up donated food from stores in Sarnia, and Christmas is always a busy time for SVDP. Perhaps you could represent your parish at SVDP meetings. So there are lots of opportunities to help out without making a large time commitment. Please give it some thought and consider volunteering.

Peter Westfall,  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul





Sarnia Bluewater  
Roman Catholic  
Family of Parishes

## Glory Stories

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

Are you looking for a way to share your Charisms, your talents, your passion? Our Family of Parishes has many opportunities for you to discover.

Come to St. Benedict on Sunday, September 22nd, after the 9am Mass and learn about the many ministries and organizations offering ways for you to get involved.

Discover Alpha, Charisms, New Life Retreats, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Catholic Girls League, Blast (boys club), Secular Franciscans, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Mass Ministries (Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Commentators, Welcomers, Ushers, Choir members), Society of St. Vincent de Paul...

Explore, learn, ask questions and enjoy a cup of coffee and treats served up by the St. Benedict Knights of Columbus.



### Save the date for this online event!

Don't miss Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's national launch webinar for the **Reaping Our Rights** campaign on **Saturday, September 28, at 1:30 p.m. ET** with guests from the North and South.

We will discuss the rights of peasants and the need for mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation.

To find out more and register, search for the event at: [devp.org/events](http://devp.org/events).



### DID YOU KNOW? By Deacon Christopher Stoesser

It doesn't occur often and when it does it certainly captures our attention. Throughout next week, though, it will be glaringly present and too hard not to notice. If you were to attend mass each day next week, you will note that the priest is vested in red, again and again and again. Four times are red vestments donned, each time to recognize the memorial of a martyr(s).

The very word stirs in us a strong reaction. Yet, the essence of the word which originates from the Greek is actually understood to mean "witness". In other words, a martyr is one who 'testifies' to a truth. A martyr is one who would willingly stand before a panel and boldly vouchsafe what is true. A martyr is one who is fearless in being a messenger of the truth. Today we know that the connotation of this word is used mostly as being a witness unto death, that is, to shed one's blood, hence the red, in defense of the truth. Jesus, of course, is the prototype of such an example and we remember those faithful at next week's masses who have followed in His path.

We too, in whatever small ways, are called to be those witnesses. We too are called to make present, make known, to testify by way of whatever small sacrifices we make, in our daily lives, the love and the mercy of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray for ourselves, our family of parishes and our Church as we read and contemplate Acts 1: 8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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.



### Blessings & Best Wishes

Gert & Frank Wigchert

63rd wedding anniversary

Marilyn & Charlie Feeley

65th wedding anniversary

Pat Neit

80th Birthday

### ***THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...***

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| <b>Sunday, Sept. 15</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Conversations ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass</li> </ul> |
| <b>Monday, Sept. 16</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> <li>• ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm</li> <li>• Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm</li> <li>• Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm</li> </ul>                                                |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 17</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm</li> <li>• CWL General Meeting ~ St. Michael – 6:30pm</li> <li>• English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 18</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 19</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> <li>• St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 6pm</li> <li>• English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm</li> <li>• Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm</li> </ul>        |
| <b>Friday, Sept. 20</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Saturday, Sept. 21</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chevaliers de Colomb Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin—10am</li> <li>• Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 11am</li> <li>• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass</li> </ul>                                                                       |

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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| <b>Sunday, Sept. 22</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass</li> <li>• Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass</li> </ul> |
| <b>Monday, Sept. 23</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> <li>• ALPHA ~ St. Joseph – 6:30pm</li> <li>• Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm</li> <li>• Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 24</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm</li> <li>• English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm</li> <li>• 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm</li> </ul>                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 25</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 26</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> <li>• English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Friday, Sept. 27</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Saturday, Sept. 28</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy</li> <li>• Parish BBQ– Queen of Peace – following 5pm Mass</li> <li>• Bee Bop Café ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |



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Tickets can be purchased online at <https://nightlight.communibee.ca/share/2024-nightlight> or at nightlight Sarnia: [181 Christina St N, Sarnia](#) Tues/Wed 6-9 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm.

The silent auction will be open on Sept 20, 2024 at 7 pm until Oct 4, 2024 at 8:30 pm. You can register and bid on auction items at <https://web.bidbeacon.com/share/auction.php?code=2024NIGHTLIGHT>. You can also view and manually bid on the auction and raffle items at the event from 6:30-7 pm and during a short intermission immediately after the comedy show.

nightlight Sarnia is a non-profit organization and charity. We have a drop-in centre in downtown Sarnia that addresses relational poverty by providing a safe place to build meaningful relationships, where we invite in anyone who wants to come in, including those who would normally be excluded. We serve refreshments and provide a place for people to play games, chat, and build relationships.

All proceeds will go towards nightlight Sarnia. Thank you for supporting nightlight Sarnia and helping us provide hope and encouragement to those who are struggling in our community!

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The Ladies Auxiliary, the Knights of Columbus and CWL will be hosting an annual BBQ, on Saturday, September 28 at 6 pm at Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale after each Mass.

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