

**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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Our Lady of Mercy
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Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

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Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

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Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

St. Joseph
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Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

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Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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If you are looking for:

- How to get involved
- Resources
- Becoming Catholic
- Parish Ministries

Click on the image or go to sarniacatholic.ca
to contact us and to learn more about us
or call the parish office at 519-336-2653.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN – 2024

Sunday, October 6 from 2:30 to 3:30

London Road between Giant Tiger and Superstore
Knights of Columbus Councils 1429 & 11164 invite participants to
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall for refreshments
between 2:30pm and 4:30pm.

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

Leonia Downie ex.228

Sacramental Catechist

Jenn Stewart ex. 229

Deacons

Deacon David Cummings ex.235
Deacon David Kraemer ex.238
Deacon Christopher Stoesser

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Business Administrator

Louis Guimond ex.240

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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 ~ Fr. Joseph

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." By this Jesus was teaching us a few things like the following.

1. Give children all the opportunities possible to be introduced to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Be patient in your instruction of children realizing that seeds of the word of God will have great effects on their fertile minds.
3. Children need the special shepherding care of Jesus that is not intimidating or threatening. When Jesus welcomed the little children he told them they were important.
4. God uses the faith of parents as in today's gospel to catalyze the planting and nurturing of faith in their children.
5. Children shape their early opinions about Jesus by their initial experiences with him and his people. They need a person that they can see Jesus through. Allow children to experience your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.
6. Do not allow yourself to be discouraged by narrow-minded leaders like the disciples who thought the children were a low priority for Jesus. A child does not expect any person to be bad. They will make friends with a perfect stranger, and ask them to tie their shoe lace. The child has not yet learned to suspect the world. They still believe the best about others. That trust is a lovely thing.

Réflexion ~ Fr. Joseph

Jésus a dit : « Laissez venir à moi les petits enfants et ne les en empêchez pas, car c'est à ceux-là qu'appartient le royaume de Dieu. » Ce faisant, Jésus nous enseignait plusieurs choses, dont les suivantes.

1. Donnez aux enfants toutes les occasions possibles d'être initiés à la foi en Jésus-Christ.
2. Soyez patients dans l'instruction des enfants, sachant que les semences de la parole de Dieu auront de grands effets sur leur esprit fertile.
3. Les enfants ont besoin de l'attention particulière du berger Jésus, qui n'est ni intimidant ni menaçant. Lorsque Jésus a accueilli les petits enfants, il leur a dit qu'ils étaient importants.
4. Dieu utilise la foi des parents, comme dans l'évangile d'aujourd'hui, pour catalyser la plantation et l'entretien de la foi chez leurs enfants.
5. Les enfants se forment leurs premières opinions sur Jésus en fonction de leurs premières expériences avec lui et son peuple. Ils ont besoin d'une personne à travers laquelle ils peuvent voir Jésus. Permettez aux enfants de faire l'expérience de votre amour, de votre joie, de votre paix, de votre patience, de votre bonté, de votre gentillesse et de votre maîtrise de soi.
6. Ne vous laissez pas décourager par des dirigeants étroits d'esprit comme les disciples qui pensaient que les enfants n'étaient pas une priorité pour Jésus. Un enfant ne s'attend pas à ce qu'une personne soit mauvaise. Il se liera d'amitié avec un parfait inconnu et lui demandera de faire ses lacets. L'enfant n'a pas encore appris à suspecter le monde. Il croit toujours en ce qu'il y a de meilleur chez les autres. Cette confiance est une belle chose.

Odbicie ~ Fr. Joseph

Jezus powiedział: „Pozwólcie dzieciom przychodzić do mnie i nie zabraniajcie im, bo do takich należy królestwo Boże”. Jezus uczył nas w ten sposób kilku rzeczy, takich jak:

1. Dajcie dzieciom wszelkie możliwe okazje do poznania wiary w Jezusa Chrystusa.
2. Bądźcie cierpliwi w nauczaniu dzieci, zdając sobie sprawę, że nasiona słowa Bożego będą miały wielki wpływ na ich płodne umysły.
3. Dzieci potrzebują szczególnej opieki pasterskiej Jezusa, która nie jest zastraszająca ani groźna. Kiedy Jezus witiał małe dzieci, powiedział im, że są ważne.
4. Bóg używa wiary rodziców, jak w dzisiejszej ewangelii, aby katalizować sadzenie i pielęgnowanie wiary u ich dzieci.
5. Dzieci kształtują swoje wczesne opinie o Jezusie poprzez swoje początkowe doświadczenia z Nim i Jego ludem. Potrzebują osoby, przez którą mogą zobaczyć Jezusa. Pozwól dzieciom doświadczyć twojej miłości, radości, pokoju, cierpliwości, życzliwości, dobroci, łagodności i samokontroli.
6. Nie pozwól, aby zniechęcili cię ograniczeni przywódcy, tacy jak uczniowie, którzy uważali, że dzieci są dla Jezusa mało ważne. Dziecko nie oczekuje, że ktoś będzie zły. Zaprzyjżni się z zupełnie obcą osobą i poprosi ją o zawiązanie sznurowadła. Dziecko nie nauczyło się jeszcze podejrzewać świata. Nadal wierzy w to, co najlepsze w innych. To zaufanie jest czymś pięknym.

There will be a memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Fr. Iheanyi Enwerem on **Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11am** at St. Michael Church. Fr. Joseph, a former student of Fr. Iheanyi, will preside at this Mass. The Mass will be followed by a potluck luncheon in the meeting room. We welcome friends of our very special pastor who served at St. Michael Parish. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass and if you plan to attend the potluck luncheon please contact Vera Lawlor at vlawlor@cogeco.ca or call 519-869-4389 so we will know numbers for the set up.

Reflexión ~ Fr. Joseph

Jesús dijo: "Dejad que los niños vengan a mí y no se lo impidáis; porque a los que son como ellos pertenece el reino de Dios". Con esto Jesús nos estaba enseñando algunas cosas como las siguientes.

1. Dé a los niños todas las oportunidades posibles para ser introducidos a la fe en Jesucristo.
2. Sé paciente en la instrucción de los niños, dándote cuenta de que las semillas de la palabra de Dios tendrán grandes efectos en sus mentes fértiles.
3. Los niños necesitan el cuidado especial del pastoreo de Jesús que no sea intimidante ni amenazante. Cuando Jesús recibió a los niños, les dijo que eran importantes.
4. Dios usa la fe de los padres, como en el evangelio de hoy, para catalizar la siembra y el fomento de la fe en sus hijos.
5. Los niños moldean sus opiniones tempranas acerca de Jesús por medio de sus experiencias iniciales con él y su pueblo. Necesitan una persona a través de la cual puedan ver a Jesús. Permita que los niños experimenten su amor, alegría, paz, paciencia, amabilidad, bondad, gentileza y dominio propio.
6. No permita que los líderes de mente estrecha como los discípulos que pensaban que los niños eran una prioridad baja para Jesús. Un niño no espera que ninguna persona sea mala. Se harán amigos de un perfecto desconocido y le pedirán que se ate el cordón de los zapatos. El niño aún no ha aprendido a sospechar del mundo. Todavía creen lo mejor de los demás. Esa confianza es algo hermoso.

2024 Annual Thanksgiving Appeal

Give generously to support your parish



"Your gift will make a difference"

Parishes in the Diocese of London are provided the opportunity to conduct an annual Appeal to help fund the work and upkeep of their parish, including ministries, offices, capital projects and other services. *Every* donation does make a difference because, together, as one Body, our gifts nourish our parishes and enable them to deliver vital ministries and services.

Thanksgiving Appeal envelopes are available at your Parish's Welcome Desk. Donations are welcome throughout the coming weeks. For those of you with offertory box sets, the special Parish Appeal envelope can be used for this collection. You can also donate using Interac e-Transfer noting "Thanksgiving Appeal" in the message line.

***Thank you for supporting your Parish through the
Thanksgiving Appeal***

Pray for Vocations: October 6 to October 12

Sunday: Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary

Monday: Rev. Nelson Cabral

Tuesday: Miss Leigh Duckworth, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Wednesday: Deacon John Vezia

Thursday: Rev. Donald Lococo, C.S.B.

Friday: Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stillwell

Saturday: Rev. Gregory Bonin

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

**Readings for
Sunday, October 6, 2024**

1st Reading:

Genesis 2.7ab,15, 18-24

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel

Mark 10.2-12

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.***

*Gabriella Mariuz
Gildard Légère*



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Mary Debus

Debbie O'Hagan

Phil Burns

Sandra Cabiddu

John VanWerde

Olier Beaudoin

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Paulette Dozois

Priaya Marie Johnson

Doreen Ducharme

Tony Muir

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Steve Mechan

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



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

St. Thomas d'Aquin @ 5 pm (Spanish)

**NOTE: THE BIBLE DISCOVERIES SERIES — WHY WE WORSHIP — IS CANCELLED.
TO BE RESCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE**

HOLY LAND ART

Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious items to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity.

Join us on at these churches on **October, 19th, and 20th** to purchase beautiful art and strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

- * Queen of Peace on Saturday evening @ 5pm and Sunday morning @9am
- * St. Thomas on Saturday evening @ 4:30pm and Sunday morning @11am
- * St Benedict on Sunday morning @ 9am
- * St Joseph on Sunday morning @ 11am



SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES PRESENTS



TRUNK TREAT

OCTOBER 27th

1PM-4PM

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH PARKING LOT



- Sign up to be a TRUNKER - decorate your car & hand out candy
- Sign up to be a TREATER - dress up & go car-to-car for treats
- Donate treats for us to hand out



To register
Scan the QR code or
call the parish office



The Food Bank/Help Centre has received a generous donation from the Sarnia Legion Branch 62.

The recent "Chase the Ace" event was very successful and the Legion generously shared some of the revenue with several community organizations.

The Sarnia Legion is very supportive of activities in our community.

Thank you very much.

Peter Westfall

ST. BENEDICT, ST. JOSEPH, and OUR LADY OF MERCY
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCES



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



OCTOBER 12 and 13

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the boxes provided in the main entrance of St. Benedict, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

The St. Benedict St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of a volunteer treasurer for their Conference. Responsibilities include bank deposits, Income tax receipts, attending meetings once a month and preparing a monthly report.

Contact Lorraine at 519-331-8750 for more information or to volunteer.



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Glory Stories

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

On Saturday, September 28th, St. Joseph Church was part of the Doors Open Sarnia Lambton showcasing over 30 sites open to the public to explore.

St. Joseph volunteers prepared their church by collecting photos and historical information to share with visitors.

Over 80 people came through the doors with many visitors excited to see the inside of the church they had walked by often. They marveled at the original marble altar and communion rail, at the beautiful stained glass windows and at all the history recorded on plaques throughout the church.

Thank you to the volunteer team that made this possible.

Our Family of Parishes has many treasures tucked away in our churches. We invite you to visit our seven churches and to discover the many wonders they contain.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Mass & Procession



All are invited to Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm to pray the Rosary, which will be led by different cultures, followed by Mass at 6:30pm and a candle procession around the church at 7:00 pm.

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.



Hail Mary, Full of Grace

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

On Friday November 1st, 2024, there will be the celebration of All Saints (All Souls) with a 7:00 pm Trilingual Mass at St. Thomas d'Aquin.

All are welcome to come to this special Mass to remember their loved ones who have died during 2023 and 2024, and to light a candle in their memory.

You are also invited to bring a single rose, or flower.

For information, please contact Deacon David Cummings, dcummings@dol.ca ; 519-336-2653 ext. 235

Thank you.



2024
Public Square
Rosary Rally

Join us on
Saturday, October 12th
at 12:00 noon
Sarnia City Hall

"Finally, My Immaculate Heart will triumph!"
- Our Lady at Fatima, 1917

1,200 Rosary rallies across Canada on the same day!



Sarnia Latin Mass



St Joseph's Church Sarnia
Friday, Oct 11th @ 7pm
Feast of the Motherhood of BVM.



Join us for a social afterward!



FALL RETREAT FOR 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 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.



St. Joseph Church Divine Mercy Free Store

Fall & Winter Clothing Drive



The Divine Mercy Free Store provides families in our community with clothing, free of charge, allowing them to use their resources on food, rent, utilities and other basic needs. Our mission is to serve our brothers and sisters in need with dignity and compassion. Jesus asks us to care for each person in a spirit of loving service knowing that we are really loving and caring for Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, lives on in every person.

We are seeking the following for men, women and children:

New or clean gently used fall and winter clothing, coats, hats, gloves, mittens, footwear, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, pillow cases, sheets, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, purses, backpacks, duffel bags and grocery bags.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the Divine Mercy Free Store on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays after Mass.

If you are out and about on a Tuesday, you are more than welcome to stop in and have a cup of coffee with us.

For more information please contact Bill Nelson at 519-918-1131 bnelson1959@yahoo.ca or Lori Hoekstra at 519-333-9451 hoekstralori5@gmail.com

If you are in a position to help someone, God just may be answering their prayers through you.

HOMELESSNESS & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Homeless and Affordable Housing Team invite you to our guest speaker event on Thursday, October 10th at 7 p.m. at St. Benedict's Church.

Guest speaker will be Anita Trusler, representative from Community Health Integrated Care Pilot (CHIC). Anita spoke briefly at the Forum held at the Dante Club and will give more detailed information on this exciting and much needed project in the Sarnia community. All are welcome.

Weekday Mass Intentions - September 30 to October 5

Monday, October 7

+Nick Jurij ~ Mary Jurij
+Adam & Marg Marut ~
D&L Andrews
+Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~
Steve & Margaret Schwab
Souls in Purgatory ~
For the conversion of the sinners
For deceased members of Gillis ~
Archy Gillis
Family & Souls in Purgatory

Rachel & Cindy Schwab ~
Steve & Margaret Schwab
Jessica Pintus ~
Aunt Giulia Pintus & Family

Trish Berg ~ George Stanko
Ryan D'Silva ~ The Family
Lily Anne D'Silva ~ The Family
Domenico Iacobelli ~ Olga
Jim Jordan ~ Laura Harris & Family
For the living & deceased members of
the Varsava & Lucan Families ~
Christine & Arnie Bresette

Tuesday, October 8		
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Rosemary Hogan ~
Brenda & Greg Hogan
Palmino Iacobelli ~
Niece, Anna & Rob Ciccarelli
John Nassif ~ Ted & Sue Armali
Deceased family & friends of Alex,
Juanita and Julie Lew ~ Alex Lew
Intentions of Kenneth Johnson,
Veronica & Christie Ignatius
Special Intention for Sheila &
Family

Pietro & Rosa Savo ~ Family
William Best ~ Lisa, Nancy, Sheila, Sue,
Bailey & Sandy
Soul of Marcelino D'Castro ~
Pinheiro Family
Charlie Knight ~Charlie & Cathy Bathurst
Family Members of Jacqueline
Courchesne ~ Jacqueline
Intentions of Matthew Ikokoh & Family ~
Wife

7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish
 +Peter & Katarina Mrnik ~ Miriam Mrnik
 +Irena Marcinkiewicz ~ Rodzina
 O błogostawieństwie Boże i łaskę wiary
 dla dzieci i wnuków ~ AM

Wednesday, October 9		
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Ennio DeSena ~ Gisele & Family
Trevor Craig Kennedy ~
The Kennedy Family
Derek Kelders ~The Kelders Family

Sister Marilyn Machado ~ Louis & Meena
Intention of Sadie Hamilton ~
Marquita Knowles

Rocky McKinnon ~
Liz Wodham & Danielle Rollands
Michael Graham ~ Deery Family
Souls in Purgatory

	<i>Thursday, October 10</i>	
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Our Lady of Fatima ~ Maria Pacheco
Joe Serratore ~ Madeline & Family
Intention of Matthew Ikokoh & Family ~ Wife

Nan Smyth ~ Carrie & Charlene
Donald Crosbie ~ Ian & Marissa
Bill, Gerry & Tony Hall ~Al & Sue Bernier
Souls in Purgatory

Madalena DaSilva ~
Husband, Children & Grandchildren
Eduardo Medeiros ~
Dad, Siblings, Nieces & Nephews
Bertha Loosemore ~
Daughter, Ethel Dyck
Daniela Mezzatesta ~ Rosa Mezzatesta
All Souls ~ Ana Maria & Maria
Healing of Angie Bosworth ~ Louise

Friday, October 11

8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Gary Kensley ~ Steve Schwab Intentions of Joe & Jackie Kennedy- Steve Schwab	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Maria P. Cocozzoli ~ Daughter Lily Cocozzoli Anna & Alex Loza ~ Bednar & Evangelista Families Michael Graham ~Monica & Connor Gould Intention of Pete & Shelley Aarssen ~ Peter & Mary Stoesser Rocky McKinnon ~ Peter & Mary Stoesser Souls in Purgatory	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish Blessings for Esby Simonsen ~ Bernice Rade O uzdrowienie duchowe i łaskę wiary dla męża ~ Żona In thanksgiving for God's help & grace ~ Charmaine
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Saturday, October 12

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English For the healing & grace of faith for husband ~ Wife Souls in Purgatory	9:30 AM St. Joseph Luciano D'Alessandro ~ Maria D'Alessandro & Family Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Pinheiro Family Soul of Marcelino D'Castro ~ Pinheiro Family Stanislaw Madej ~ Madej Family	
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WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions

8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace

11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy

Confessions are also available before or after weekday Mass by calling the parish office for an appointment.

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

**FAMILY CATECHISM
STARTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 13**

Join other families in learning the Catholic Faith, experiencing community, having fun and prayer! We have classes for every age including teens and adults as well as babysitting for little ones!

We meet at St. Patrick's High School on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, twice a month on the following dates:

**Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 15, Jan. 12, 26
Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 2, 23, Apr. 13, 27**

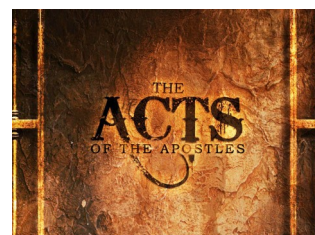
For more information go to Family Foundations Institute famfi.ca or email Tara Costain at sarniacatechism@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY: ACTS 15 & 16

Starting on Thursday, October 31, 1:30pm at St. Benedict, we will pick up where we left off with Chapter 15 & 16, The Jerusalem Council and Paul's Second Journey.

All are welcome

Ed Seguin, Facilitator



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, October 6	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Feast of our Lady of Aparecida & Coffee Social ~ St. Benedict – 9am Mass • Coffee Social ~ Sacred Heart – following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 9:30am Mass • Fruit Pie Sales & Coffee ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Refreshments following Life Chain ~ Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, October 7	• Quilting ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • CWL Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 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 • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm • CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Tuesday, October 8	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm • CWL General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Wednesday, October 9	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass • Dames de Ste Anne Executive Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Thursday, October 10	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm • Homelessness & Affordable Housing General Meeting ~ St. Benedict – 7pm
Friday, October 11	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph - 7pm
Saturday, October 12	• Line Dancing ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4:30pm Mass

40 Days for Life: Take a stand against abortion this fall by getting involved with the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil! From September 25 to November 5, 7am to 7pm daily, pro-lifers will be gathered around Bluewater Health Hospital to pray for the end of abortion. This is prayer in action!

Please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sarnia> for more information and to sign up for prayer times. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Vigil Leader, John Lammers, at 519-490-3832, or johnnylammers62@outlook.com.



English as a Second Language

Classes on Tuesday and Thursday

6PM-7:30PM

St. Thomas d'Aquin Parish Hall

All are welcome

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Vocations Committee – Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 13	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 8:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 9:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, October 14	• Quilting ~ St. Michael – 9:30am • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ Queen of Peace – 7pm
Tuesday, October 15	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Wednesday, Oct. 16	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass
Thursday, October 17	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Our Lady of Fatima Rosary, Mass & Procession ~ Sacred Heart – 6pm • Catholic Girls League ~ St. Benedict – 6:30pm • Meat Bingo ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Friday, October 18	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, October 19	• Chevaliers de Colomb General Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 10am • Lay Missionaries of Charity ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Memorial Mass for Fr. Iheanyi ~ St. Michael – 11am • B L A S T Boys Club ~ St. Benedict – 1pm

KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE ~ Announcements/Ogłoszenia parafialne

- ♦ Październik to miesiąc Różańca Świętego. Nabożeństwa Różańcowe, odprowadzane są we wtorki i w piątki o 6:30 pm. Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu i odmówienie Różańca świętego. Zapraszamy wszystkich parafian do uczestnictwa w tym pięknym nabożeństwie.

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We have Rosary Devotion on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Holy Rosary. We invite all parishioners to participate in this beautiful Rosary Devotion.

- ♦ Dzisiejsza niedziela to niedziela „Łańcucha Życia”, który odbywa się jednocześnie w około 300 miejscowościach Kanady. W Sarni, zbieramy się wzdłuż ulicy London Road, na odcinku od “Canadian Super Store” do “Giant Tiger”, od 2:30 -3:30pm. W dobie kultury śmierci (Aborcja & Eutanazja), inicjatywa ta ma celu wyrażenie naszego poparcia dla godności życia ludzkiego. Swoją obecnością na Łańcuchu Życia, wyrażamy poparcie dla życia.

Today is Life Chain Sunday which is taking place simultaneously in about 300 locations across Canada. In Sarnia, we gather along London Road, from the Real Canadian Superstore to Giant Tiger, from 2:30 -3:30 pm. In the era of culture of death (Abortion & Euthanasia), this initiative aims to express our support for the dignity of human life. By our presence in this event, we express our support for life.

- ♦ Katolicka Liga Kobiet (CWL), zaprasza wszystkich na kawę do sali parafialnej, po porannej mszy świętej, w niedzielę 13 października.

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