

**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

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Sarnia ON N7T 3B9

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ON N0N 1C0
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Sunday, October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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If you are looking for:

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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.

TRUNK or TREAT SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th

St. Michael Church Parking Lot

1pm to 4pm

DETAILS: www.sarniacatholic.ca



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Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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Rev. José Montepeque ex.225
Rev. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224
Rev. Edward Okorie ex.230

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Deacon David Kraemer ex.238
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519-336-2653
Calls will be directed to
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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. Edward Okorie

What is Success?

According to our gospel reading this Sunday, James and John, the sons of Zebedee have probably learnt the lesson of their life. For them, and for many today, to be successful is to be boss of the lot. And success is measured in comparison between what one has accomplished in life and that of their "competitors". After all, the two brothers were fishermen who would probably work long hours, showing up before dawn so to reap the profit of their catch. And they had left all this to become close followers of Jesus.

That's why James and John went to Jesus, not just to ask for a place in the kingdom, but to be given a seat, "one on your right and one on your left". Jesus then went on to lecture the apostles on the real sense of success, for "you do not know what you are asking". For actually, God created every human being to succeed. No one was created by God to fail. But what are success and failure?

For Jesus, we succeed when we realize and fulfill the dream that God has for us. Contrary to what we usually think, Jesus tells us that not just anyone can become anything. And so, if we avoid James' and John's new age mentality of the anybody-can-become-anything type, co-operating with God's grace, we will realize God's dream for each of us. That's where true success lies.

Réflexion ~ Rev. Edward Okorie

Qu'est-ce que le succès ?

Selon le texte de l'Évangile de ce dimanche, Jacques et Jean, les fils de Zébédée, ont probablement appris la leçon de leur vie. Pour eux, et pour beaucoup aujourd'hui, réussir, c'est être le chef du lot. Et le succès se mesure par comparaison entre ce que l'on a accompli dans la vie et ce qu'ont accompli ses « concurrents ». Après tout, les deux frères étaient des pêcheurs qui travaillaient probablement de longues heures, se présentant avant l'aube pour récolter le fruit de leur pêche. Et ils avaient quitté tout cela pour devenir de proches disciples de Jésus.

C'est pourquoi Jacques et Jean sont allés voir Jésus, non seulement pour lui demander une place dans le royaume, mais aussi pour qu'il leur donne un siège, « l'un à ta droite et l'autre à ta gauche ». Jésus a ensuite donné aux apôtres un cours sur le véritable sens du succès, car « vous ne savez pas ce que vous demandez ». En effet, Dieu a créé chaque être humain pour qu'il réussisse. Personne n'a été créé par Dieu pour échouer. Mais qu'est-ce que le succès et l'échec ?

Pour Jésus, nous réussissons lorsque nous réalisons le rêve que Dieu a pour nous. Contrairement à ce que nous pensons habituellement, Jésus nous dit que n'importe qui ne peut pas devenir n'importe quoi. Ainsi, si nous évitons la mentalité « new âge » de Jacques et Jean du type « n'importe qui-peut-devenir-n'importe-quoi », en coopérant avec la grâce de Dieu, nous réaliserons le rêve de Dieu pour chacun d'entre nous. C'est là que réside le véritable succès.

Odbicie ~ Rev. Edward Okorie

Czym jest sukces?

Zgodnie z naszą niedzielą Ewangelią Jakub i Jan, synowie Zebedeusza, prawdopodobnie wyciągnęli wnioski ze swojego życia. Dla nich, jak i dla wielu innych dzisiaj, sukces oznacza bycie szefem grupy. A sukces mierzy się porównaniem tego, co ktoś osiągnął w życiu, z tym, co osiągnęli jego „konkurenci”. W końcu obaj bracia byli rybakami, którzy prawdopodobnie pracowali długie godziny, pojawiając się przed świtem, aby zebrać zyski ze swojego połowu. I porzucili to wszystko, aby zostać bliskimi naśladowcami Jezusa.

To, dlatego Jakub i Jan poszli do Jezusa, nie tylko po to, aby poprosić o miejsce w królestwie, ale aby otrzymać miejsce, „jedno po prawej i jedno po lewej stronie”. Następnie Jezus wygłosił wykład dla apostołów na temat prawdziwego sensu sukcesu, ponieważ „nie wiecie, o co prosicie”. W rzeczywistości Bóg stworzył każdego człowieka, aby odniósł sukces. Nikt nie został stworzony przez Boga, aby ponieść porażkę. Ale czym są sukces i porażka?

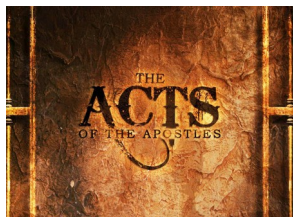
Dla Jezusa odnosimy sukces, gdy realizujemy i spełniamy marzenie, które Bóg dla nas ma. Wbrew temu, co zazwyczaj myślimy, Jezus mówi nam, że nie każdy może stać się kimkolwiek. A zatem, jeśli unikniemy nowej mentalności Jakuba i Jana, typu każdy może stać się kimkolwiek, współpracując z łaską Bożą, zrealizujemy marzenie Boga dla każdego z nas. W tym tkwi prawdziwy sukces.

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



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 ex. 235

Pray for Vocations: October 20 to October 26

Sunday: Rev. Keith Morrison

Monday: Mr. Mark Owdeesh, Pastoral Worker

Tuesday: Rev. David Johnston

Wednesday: Deacon Daniel Bianchi

Thursday: Mrs. Lisa Wright, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation

Friday: Rev. Miro Grubisic. O.F.M.

Saturday: Rev. Jason Kuntz

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, October 20, 2024

1st Reading:

Isaiah 53.10-11

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 4.14-16

Gospel

Mark 10.42-45

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

Olier Beaudoin



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Mary Debus

Debbie O'Hagan

Phil Burns

Sandra Cabiddu

John VanWerde

Steve Mechan

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Paulette Dozois

Priaya Marie Johnson

Doreen Ducharme

Tony Muir

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

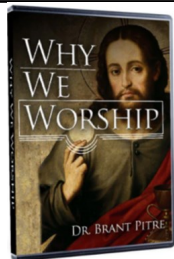
Madeleine Serratore

Lisa Fex

Audrey Heath

Peter Tote

Warner French



BIBLE DISCOVERIES

6 week study beginning Wednesday,
October 30th

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

6:30pm-8:30pm

No registration required

Many Catholics know what to do at Mass, but not why we do it. And many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up' - a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If you've ever wondered about whether or not the Mass is biblical, then look no further: **Why We Worship** is the perfect resource for anyone who wants to understand what the Bible really says about the mystery and meaning of worship.

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)

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 St. Thomas d'Aquin
à 10h30 avant la messe de 11h.**



Come and See Weekend

From Friday, October 25 to Sunday, October 27, St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older that are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary. Please extend a personal invitation to young men in your parish, tell them to consider the priesthood for the Diocese of London.

Registration can be found at

<https://dolpriest.ca/discernwithothers>.

Weekday Mass Intentions - October 21 to October 26

Monday, October 21

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English

Blessings for Gregory Rade ~

Bernice Rade

+Adam & Marg Marut ~

D&L Andrews

Souls in Purgatory

For all Palestinian Families
suffering the effects of the war

+Janina (Jean) Januszkiewicz ~

Family

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Intention of Margarita Roberts ~

Karen & Mike Mowe

Sister Marilyn Machado ~ Louis & Meena

Aurele Christie ~ Jacqueline Christie

In Thanksgiving & Intention of Patricia &
Lorne Haskell Wedding Anniversary

Souls in Purgatory ~ Maria Aguiar

Michael Graham ~ Delores Murray

6:30 PM St. Michael

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 AM Sacred Heart

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

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

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

6:30 PM St. Benedict

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

Wednesday, October 23

8:30 AM St. Michael

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

9:30 AM St. Joseph

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Mass Cancelled—Priest Study Days

Thursday, October 24

9:30 AM St. Benedict

Miguel Cabral ~ Maria Cabral

Leonie Collette Thompson ~

Belinda Vargas & Family

Palmino Iacobelli ~

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lucci

Alejo & Melecia Quijalvo ~

Rey & Adel Quijalvo

Blandina Veiga ~ Group of Friends

Virgilio & Antonia Catenacci ~

Iole Ferrera & Family

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy

Jose Cabral ~ Maria Cabral

Thomas Byron Coleman ~Coleman Family

Brian McNeil ~ Lois & Family

Deceased Members of Landry Family ~

Lois McNeil

Lisa Hay ~ Delores Murray

Souls in Purgatory

6:30 PM Sacred Heart

Angelina (Mancusi) Lopetrone ~

Husband & Family

Bertha Loosemore ~

Daughter, Ethel Dyck

Kathie McDonald ~

Mary Ellen & Bob L'Heureux

Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh

Mila Bernal ~ Her Family

Giuseppa Benacquista ~

Giuseppa Rocca & Family

Friday, October 25

8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - English Intentions of Deirdre O'Donnell - The Gallagher Family	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Joe Seward & Michael Graham - Wife & Grandmother Elsie Intention of Bert Murray - Mom Delores Murray Deceased Members of Haskell & Wagner Family - Patricia & Lorne Haskell Intentions of Cresanto Tulang (85th Birthday) - Grace & Bob Intention of Jenifer & Adam Jeffs - Karen Mowe Souls in Purgatory	7:00 PM Queen of Peace — Polish +Jan Krasinkiewicz ~ Żona God's blessings for Veronica Ladak ~ Piechota Family O łaskę wiary i Boże błogostawieństwo dla wnuków ~ AA O uzdrowienie duchowe i łaskę wiary dla męża ~ Żona Za dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące błogostawieństwo
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Saturday, October 26	
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8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English Blessings for L. Mahneela Rade ~ Bernice Rade Souls in Purgatory +John Krasinkiewicz ~ Son, Joe Krasinkiewicz	9:30 AM St. Joseph Holy Souls in Purgatory ~ Pinheiro Family Mark Chambers ~ Madej Family Janet Pinsonneault ~ Margaret Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of Cordeiro Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia	
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WEEKEND CONFESSION & MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday Confessions</u>	<u>Sunday Masses</u>
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8:45 - 9:30am ~ Queen of Peace	8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy
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11:00am - 12:00pm ~ Our Lady of Mercy	9:00am - Queen of Peace (Polish/English) 8:00am - Sacred Heart
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Confessions are also available before or after weekday Mass by calling the parish office for an appointment.

<u>Saturday Vigil Masses</u>	11:00am - Sacred Heart
	11:00am - St. Joseph

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy	11:00am - St. Joseph
	11:00am - St. Thomas d'Aquin (French)

4:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (English)	5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin (Spanish)
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5:00pm - Queen of Peace (English)	6:30pm - St. Benedict
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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

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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.

Thank you for your involvement on any date during the 40 Days.
If you do have flexibility in your availability, parishioners from our Bluewater Catholic Family of

If you do have flexibility in your availability, parishioners from our Bluewater Catholic Family of Parishes are being asked to consider participation on Thursday, October 24th.
If you can do so and have any questions you can also contact Dino Petrucci at 226-402-7603.

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
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin salle paroissiale: le mardi 7 janvier 2025; 18h (français)
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin: Thursday, January 9, 2025; 6PM (Spanish)

The dates for preparation classes for children and parents 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
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin salle paroissiale: le mardi à 18h: 14, 21, 28 janvier, 4, 11, 18, 25 février (français)
- ♦ St. Thomas d'Aquin: Sunday at 3PM: January 26, February 9 & 23, March 30, April 13 & 27 (Spanish)

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/reconcillation>.

The registrations deadline is November 15, 2024.

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



SAVE THE DATE



**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!**

Children's Liturgy



Are you a parishioner looking for a way to help in your parish? Volunteer leaders are needed at Sacred Heart for Children's Liturgy. Contact Stephanie MacAdam for more information
stephmacadam@gmail.com

High School students are invited to volunteer in our Children's Liturgy programs in our parishes. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn high school volunteer hours and to give back to your parish community. Contact Kelly Sweeney to find out how you can help.
vmsebd@hotmail.com



Glory Stories

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

A Prayer of Thanks

Loving Creator,
We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.
We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.
We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.
We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.
We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.
We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.
We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and to lead with integrity.
Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.
And yet, we received everything that we needed.
For this, we give thanks.

- Written and offered by Dr. Colleen Hanycz on 1/25/21 at the "Introduction to the Xavier Community" event upon her selection as the 35th president of Xavier University. Dr. Hanycz was previously president of Brescia University College.

MOVING TO A RETIREMENT HOME, LONG TERM CARE FACILITY, NURSING HOME...or BEING HOSPITALIZED

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 Mass and we can update our files and keep in touch.

Communion is now available for patients at Bluewater Health, Sarnia. Please call the office if you or your loved one is in hospital and would like to receive communion.

Lord, we ask that you bless our elderly loved ones with the gift of wisdom, patience, and grace. Let them be a source of inspiration and encouragement to those around them. May they continue to share their wisdom and knowledge with others, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come. Amen

FAMILY OF PARISHES NURSING HOME COMMUNION LITURGY & MASS

Communion Liturgy

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

Mass Schedule Sarnia Long-Term Care Homes

Long-Term Care Home	Date	Time
Sumac Lodge	October 18, 2024	10:30
Afton Park Place	November 15, 2024	10:30
Marshall Gowland Manor	December 20, 2024	10:00
Twin Lakes Terrace	January 17, 2025	10:00
Trillium Villa	February 21, 2025	10:30
Vision Nursing Home	March 21, 2025	10:00
Sumac Lodge	April 18, 2025	10:30
Afton Park Place	May 16, 2025	10:30
Marshall Gowland Manor	June 20, 2025	10:00
Twin Lakes Terrace	July 18, 2025	10:00
Trillium Villa	August 15, 2025	10:30
Vision Nursing Home	September 19, 2025	10:00

Family and friends are welcome to attend these Masses with their loved ones.

If you have questions regarding these services, feel free to contact Barb Brenneck via the parish office.

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 Michael on Sunday morning @ 10:30am



SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISES 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



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.

FAMILY CATECHISM

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. 5, 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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, October 20	- Men's Retreat ~ Our Lady of Mercy - Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 11am Mass - Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict – following 9am Mass Farewell Open House for Fr. Jose ~ Sacred Heart – 2 to 4pm - Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, October 21	- Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm - Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm - SSVP Meeting ~ St. Michael – 7pm
Tuesday, October 22	- Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:3am–2:30pm - English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23	- Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass - Dames de Ste Anne General Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm - Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, October 24	- Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm - English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm
Friday, October 25	Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, October 26	- CWL Bazaar ~ St. Benedict – 9am-1pm - CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am - KofC 1429 Octoberfest Dinner ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 5:30pm

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ~ Sunday, October 20th

The World Mission Rosary to help us pray for Pope Francis' efforts for World Mission Sunday.

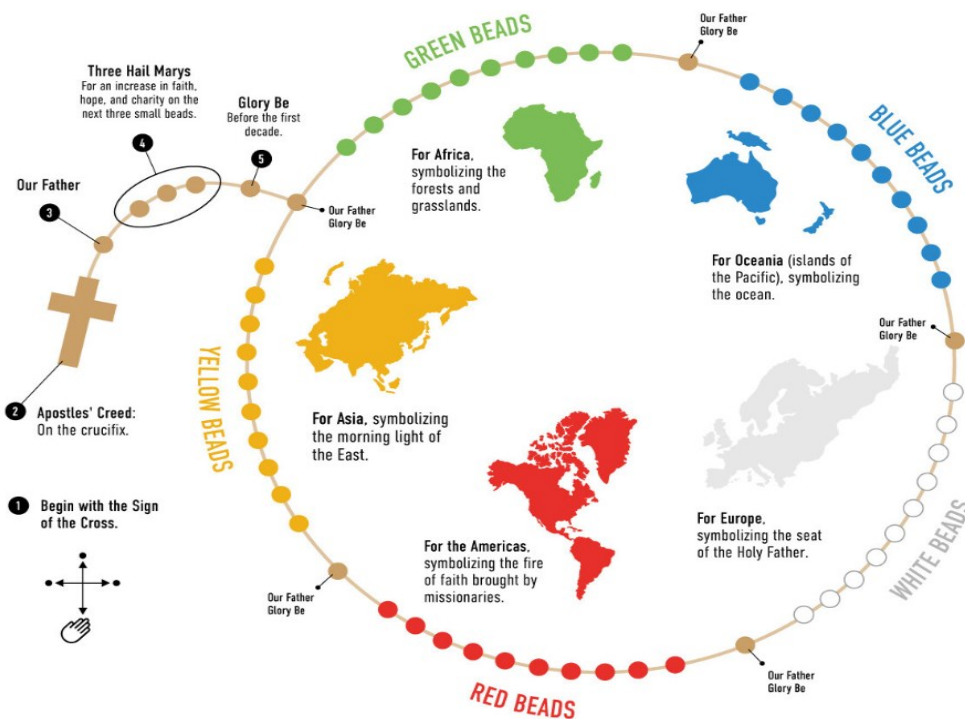
WORLD MISSION ROSARY



Created by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a long-time national director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four pontifical mission societies, the World Mission Rosary allows you to pray for different regions of the world, each represented by a different color.



HOW TO PRAY THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 27	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following 11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael — following 10:30am Mass • Trunk or Treat ~ St. Michael — 1pm–4pm • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin — following 5pm Mass
Monday, October 28	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 29	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph — 11:30-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6pm • KofC Fourth Degree Meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 7pm
Wednesday, Oct. 30	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 12:10pm Mass • Bible Discoveries ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 7pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 7pm
Thursday, October 31	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm • Acts Bible Study ~ St. Benedict — 1 pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — 6pm
Friday, November 1	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 1pm
Saturday, November 2	• CWL Bazaar ~ St. Joseph — 9am–12pm • Lay Missionaries of Charity ~ St. Joseph—11am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 4pm Mass

farewell open house for Fr. Jose



SUNDAY OCT. 20th
SACRED HEART
PARISH HALL
2pm - 4pm

**Come wish Fr. Jose well in his
retirement from our
Family of Parishes**

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- 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 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. With exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Holy Rosary. We invite all of you, to participate in this beautiful Rosary Devotion

- Pożegnanie księdza José Montepequé, z naszej Rodziny Parafii, odbędzie się w dzisiejszą niedzielę, w godzinach od 2- 4 pm, w kościele Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa. Ksiądz José odchodzi na emeryturę, dziękując za Jego posługę kapłańską, życzymy Mu wszystkiego najlepszego!

The farewell Open House for Father José Montepequé (from our Family of Parishes) will take place this Sunday, from 2-4 pm, at Sacred Heart Church. Father José is retiring; thanking him for his priestly service, we wish him all the best for his future!

ROSARY RALLY 2024

Parishioners gathered at Sarnia City Hall on Saturday, October 12th to pray the Rosary for Canada.

Thank you the organizers and participants for being witnesses of your faith.



St. Michael Catholic School - Bright's Grove

Recycle Your Batteries - Battery Blitz School Mission Contest

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Participate in the Battery Blitz School Mission and do your part to recycle batteries!

From **September 30, 2024 to October 31, 2024**, Earth Rangers and Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! are running Battery Blitz School Mission contests, in Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Elementary schools will compete with other schools within their province, for a chance to win amazing cash prizes!

*Your School Mission is to recycle as many used batteries as you can by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them to **ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (in Bright's Grove)** and place them in the Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! collection boxes.*

Here's How it Works: Single-use and rechargeable batteries weighing less than 5kg can be brought in to be recycled, including those found in:

- Power tools
- Video game consoles
- Digital and video cameras
- Watches (with the exception of wet-cell batteries)

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Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

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St Thomas d'Aquin	sta@dol.ca

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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...

If Cogeco is your provider:

Cogeco TV—channel 6(Sunday 12 noon)

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(contact Cogeco to have it set up)

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

Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

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If you are on Shaw direct satellite:

Shaw direct advanced—EWTN channel 292

Shaw classic—EWTN channel 559

Shaw national—EWTN channel 28

Salt & Light—channel 558

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ7SLof9enNCR6dwEM--uw>

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



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