

**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

MAILING ADDRESS

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PARISH LOCATIONS

Our Lady of Mercy
390 Christina St. N.
Sarnia ON N7T 5V9

Queen of Peace
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Sarnia ON N7V 1Z4

Office:

Wed. 12pm-6pm; Fri. 10am-4pm

Sacred Heart
1465 Lecaron Ave.
Sarnia ON N7V 3J4

St. Benedict
1011 Oak Ave.
Sarnia ON N7S 1J4

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

St. Michael
1920 Wildwood Dr. Brights Grove
ON N0N 1C0
Office: Wed. & Fri. 9am-12 pm

St. Thomas d'Aquin
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Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER BULLETIN SCHEDULE

The December 22nd edition will be a 2-week bulletin.
Weekly bulletins will resume on January 1st.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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

Rev. Joseph Oghenejabor ex.224

Rev. Edward Okorie C.S.Sp.ex.230

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Leonia Downie ex.228

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Deacon David Cummings ex.235

Deacon David Kraemer ex.238

Deacon Christopher Stoesser

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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.

Pray for Vocations: December 15 to 21

Sunday: Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M. Cap.

Monday: Deacon Brian McDonald

Tuesday: Deacon David Kraemer

Wednesday: Rev. Augustine Ogundele

Thursday: Deacon Daniel Lemire

Friday: Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.

Saturday: Mrs. Crista Mailloux, Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Readings for Sunday, December 15, 2024

1st Reading:

Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel

Luke 3.10-18

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

Deanna 'Lorraine' Scripnick

Elie Esper Chawah

John Ramsey



Please Pray For

Maurice Braet

Bertha Priest

Mary Debus

Debbie O'Hagan

Phil Burns

Sandra Cabiddu

John VanWerde

Maria Margarida Pacheco

Charlie O'Rae

Scot Blythe

Paulette Dozois

Priya Marie Johnson

Doreen Ducharme

Tony Muir

Warner French

Tony Lavoratore

Martha Fracalanza

Madeleine Serratore

Lisa Fex

Audrey Heath

Peter Tote

Steve Mechan

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 3:00PM to 5:00PM, twice a month on the following dates:

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

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)

Liturgy of the Word for Children

As a friendly reminder, our Children's Liturgy program is specifically geared toward children aged Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2. Any children outside of that age range are welcome to come forward for a blessing, but return to their parents directly afterwards and remain in the church space for mass. In addition, children older than Grade 2 are invited to consider ministering as an Altar Server. Please contact Leonia Downie, pastoral minister, for more information.



**The St. Joseph Church
Divine Mercy Free Store**
will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve and Tuesday, Dec. 31st New Year's Eve. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your family with peace and joy for the year to come.

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.

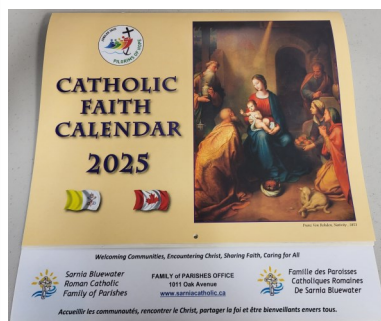


FAMILY OF PARISHES 2024/2025 CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

CHURCH	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00pm <i>incense used</i>	8:30am
St. Benedict	6:30pm <i>incense used</i>	9:00 am
St. Michael	5:00pm	10:30 am
St. Joseph	5:00pm	11:00am
St. Thomas d'Aquin	7:00pm Trilingual (Fr/Eng/Sp)	11:00am ~ French 5:00pm ~ Spanish
Sacred Heart	5:30pm <i>incense used</i> 8:00pm	9:00am
Queen of Peace	7:30pm ~ English Midnight ~ Polish <i>incense used</i>	9:00am ~ Polish/English

CHURCH	NEW YEAR EVE VIGIL MASSES Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31	NEW YEAR DAY MASSES Solemnity of Mary Mother of God WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
Our Lady of Mercy	4:00pm	8:30am
St. Benedict	6:30pm	9:00 am
St. Michael		10:30 am
St. Joseph		11:00am
St. Thomas d'Aquin		11:00am ~ French 5:00pm ~ Spanish
Sacred Heart		11:00am
Queen of Peace	7:00pm ~ English	9:00am ~ Polish/English

2025 FAMILY OF PARISHES CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDARS



The 2025 Faith Calendars are available in all parishes and at the Family of Parishes office. For your convenience, an envelope is provided in each calendar for your donation. Please place the envelope in the weekend collection baskets.

Calendars are \$5 each and the proceeds will go to offset the cost of the 5 Lessons and Carols celebration recently held at Our Lady of Mercy. Thank you for your support.

Don't delay as supplies are limited.

Weekday Mass Intentions - December 16 to December 21

Monday, December 16

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English
 +Barbara Matusic ~ Mary Jurilj
 +Roy & Doris Andrews ~ D&L Andrews
 In honour of Our Lady Queen of
 Palestine & for all Families suffering
 of the effects of the war
 +Wilma Pretty ~
 Helen & George Szober

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy
Sofia & John Macedo ~
Maria Amaral & Sons
Souls in Purgatory
Tony Waters ~ Jennifer & Family
Omer Gagne ~ Judy Bandura
Deceased Members of the D'Angela &
Minicilli Families ~ Domenica D'Angela
& Family
In Thanksgiving & Special Intention for
Our Lady of the Immaculate
Conception ~ Begonia

6:30 PM St. Michael
Ken Keast ~ The Kelders Family
Maria & Michele Salera ~
Marisa & Family
Rick & Brent Burnside ~
The Burnside Family
Trish Berg ~ George Stanko
Jacquie Ciccarelli ~
St. Michael Caring & Sharing
Molly Harris ~ Marianne Clift

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM Sacred Heart
Lloyd Crawford ~
Ana Maria Moniz & Family
Frank Tote ~ Maria Tote
Rosa & Mario Recchia ~
Children, Gerry & Lisa & Families
Mark DaSilva ~ Mom & Dad
Josie Boyles ~ The Costain Family
Mark Chartrand ~
Christine & Arnie Bresette

9:45 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - French
No Intentions

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy
 Bill Smyth ~ Carrie & Charlene
 Tony Waters ~ Begonia
 Tracy Burns ~ Ethridge Family
 Juanito Rosario & Deceased Family
 Members ~ Family
 Michele O'Mahony ~ Family
 Michael O'Mahony - Family

7:00 PM Queen of Peace - Polish
Polish Retreat / Rekolekcje
 BLessings for Jennifer Davis ~
 Bernice Rade
 +Józef Piechota ~ Syn z Rodziną

6:30 PM St. Benedict
Catherine Trella ~ Pat & Rick Bowen
Gabriella Mariuz ~
Chuck & Wendy Lindsay
William Best ~ Lisa, Nancy, Sheila, Sue,
Bailey & Sandy
Family Members of Jacqueline
Courchesne ~ Jacqueline
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Clara Vennettilli ~
Family
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 AM St. Michael
Susan Carey ~ The Carey Family
Jacquie Ciccarelli ~ Silvana Ferrari
Mary Anne Swift ~ The Family
Teresa Eeson ~ The Lee Family

9:30 AM St. Joseph
Souls in Purgatory

10:00 AM Queen of Peace - Polish
Polish Retreat / Rekolekcje
ZA PARAFIAN

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy
 Amorim & Maria Machado ~
 Maria Amaral & Sons
 Intention of Rita Connelly ~
 Delores Murray
 Major Dan Dumas, Canadian Armed
 Forces ~ Wendy & Chuck Lindsay
 Tracy Burns ~ B. Rosario
 Jessie MacKay ~ Alex & Family

	<i>Thursday, December 19</i>	
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9:30 AM St. Benedict
Margarida Cordeiro ~ Maria Cabral
Giovanni Di Scanno ~ Family
Giuseppa & Domenico Iafrate ~ Family
Intentions of Fr. Jose Montepeque
Catherine Trella ~
Jo-Ann & Ron Robertus
Domenico Ferrera ~ Wife & Family

12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy
Prisco Santos ~ Karen Mowe
Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of Janet Smith & Family ~
B. Rosario
Intentions of Ashley Thomas ~ Begonia
Tulio Tius ~ Sandra Tius
Intentions of Nicole Michaud ~
Gerard & Ginette Villemaire

6:30 PM Sacred Heart
Skip LeClair ~ Mary & Josh
Catherine Robertson ~
The Robertson Family
Bertha Loosemore ~
Daughter, Ethel Dyck
Madalena DaSilva ~
Husband, Children & Grandchildren
Eduardo Medeiros ~
Dad, Siblings, Nieces & Nephews
All Souls ~ Ana Maria & Maria

Friday, December 20

8:30 AM St. Thomas d'Aquin - Eng. Parents of Fr. Jose ~ Fr. Jose Ernest Latif ~ The Leclerc Family Souls in Purgatory	12:10 PM Our Lady of Mercy Tony Perreira ~ Wife Maria Renato Laureano Sr. ~ Laureano Family Mary & John Simrak ~ Daughter Mirra Lefort & Family Teresa Davies & Ed & Dora Chamberlain ~ Wayne & Susan Chamberlain & Family Special Intentions Domenico & Elena Benacquista ~ Silvanna & Andrea Filia, Maria Di Murro, & Grandchildren	7:00 PM Queen of Peace – Polish +Irena & Henryk Janus ~ Syn z Rodziną O błogostawieństwo Boże i potrzebne łaski dla Izabeli Czaińskiej
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Saturday December 21

8:00 AM Queen of Peace - English Stella Marciszyn ~ Bernice Rade +Abel & Maria Espinola ~ Maria DaSilva +Agostino & Christopher ~ Family	9:30 AM St. Joseph Johanne Fillion ~ Cheryl, Steve, Lauren & Emily Noleen McGregor ~ Frank & Theresa McGregor Souls in Purgatory Tiberio Cordeiro & Deceased Members of the Cordiero Family & Souls in Purgatory ~ John & Tiberia	
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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 week-day 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

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Confirmation registration is open to students
in grade 8. www.sarniacatholic.ca

Registration Deadline February 14, 2025

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

to contact us and to learn more about
us or call the parish office
at 519-336-2653.

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new***

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Sunday, Dec. 15	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy following 8:30am Mass • Christmas Coffee Brunch ~ St. Benedict following 9am Mass • Christmas Coffee Sunday ~ Sacred Heart following 9am & 11am Mass • Coffee Sunday ~ St. Michael – following 10:30am Mass • Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph – following 11am Mass • Advent Memorial Service ~ Sacred Heart – 2pm • Advent Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 4:30pm • Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 5pm • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Dec. 16	• Apologetics ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 9:30am • 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, Dec. 17	• Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph – 11:30am-2:30pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Choir Practice ~ St. Michael – 6pm • Choir Practice for Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm • Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 18	• Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 12:10pm Mass • Family Choir Practice ~ Sacred Heart – 4:30pm • Choir Practice & Social ~ Sacred Heart – 6pm • Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 7pm
Thursday, Dec. 19	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Acts Bible Study ~ St. Benedict – 1 pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity ~ St. Benedict – 6pm
Friday, Dec. 20	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, Dec. 21	• Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting ~ St. Joseph – 10am • Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass

BIBLE STUDY - JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life?

Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials?

Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace?

James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. In “James: Pearls for Wise Living”, Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the Gospel, the Book of James will help you discover wisdom you can apply to the present.

Beginning Wednesday, January 15, 2025 ~ St. Michael Parish Hall ~ 7pm to 9pm

Facilitators: Susan Kellett and Ed Seguin

or

Beginning Thursday, January 16, 2025 ~ St. Benedict Parish Hall ~ 1pm to 3pm

Facilitator: Ed Seguin

Details & registration: sarniacatholic.ca



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 22	• Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy following 8:30am Mass • Choir Practice ~ St. Michael – 11:30am Mass • Advent Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 4:30pm • Coffee Sunday ~ St-Thomas d'Aquin – following 5pm Mass
Monday, Dec. 23	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • Pratique de la Chorale ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 24	
Wednesday, Dec. 25	
Thursday, Dec. 26	• Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm • English Classes ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin – 6pm • Line Dancing ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 6:30pm
Friday, Dec. 27	• Art Group ~ Our Lady of Mercy – 1pm
Saturday, Dec. 28	• Coffee Social ~ Our Lady of Mercy – following 4pm Mass

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Franciscus

The Jubilee Prayer



Père céleste,
la *foi* que tu nous as donnée
en ton fils Jésus-Christ, notre frère
et la flamme de la *charité*
répandue dans nos cœurs par l'Esprit Saint
réveille en nous la bienheureuse *espérance*
de l'avènement de ton Royaume.

Que ta grâce nous transforme
en cultivateurs assidus des semences de l'Évangile
qui féconderont l'humanité et le monde,
dans l'attente confiante
des cieux nouveaux et de la terre nouvelle,
lorsque les puissances du mal seront vaincues
ta gloire sera manifestée pour toujours.

Prière du Jubilé



Que la grâce du Jubilé
ravive en nous, *Pèlerins de l'Espérance*,
l'aspiration aux biens célestes
et répande sur le monde entier
la joie et la paix
de notre Rédempteur.
À toi, Dieu béni dans l'éternité
la louange et la gloire pour les siècles des siècles.
Amen.

Franciscus



Children's Pyjama Drive

Thank you to all who donated to the Sacred Heart Pyjama Drive.
66 pyjamas were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Sincerely, Ann Clark

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.

Welcome Father Michael Woods

You may be seeing Fr. Michael Woods at some of our liturgies.

He is visiting Sarnia for a few months and will celebrate some of the masses with the permission of our Bishop and the Family of Parishes.

Since he is a visitor, Fr. Michael will not be officially an Associate Pastor nor a member of the Pastoral Team, but we do welcome him during his stay with us.

Welcome Fr. Michael!

Fr. Brian Jane, Pastor



Fr. Michael Opeyemi Woods by name, I was born and bred in the ancient city of Ibadan, Nigeria, in the West of Africa. The first of 6 children (2 boys and 4 girls) to the devout catholic family of Patrick and Margaret Woods. The lively parish community, Catholic education and family faith life nurtured the desire for service to others in me and the resultant aspiration to the priesthood – a decision I consider the best decision of my life.

Ordained on the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, the 15th of September 2012, it has been 12 years of amazing grace in ministry. I started off as Associate Pastor at St Peter, Apata, St Anthony, Ejioku and the Church of the Ascension, Bodija parishes in 2012, 2013, and 2015 respectively. I assumed the role of Pastor at Christ the King Parish from September 2019 to September 2023 and St Lawrence of Brindisi Parish from September 2023 to November 2024. I have had the responsibility of the young people as Chaplain for the Youth Apostolate at the Provincial and Archdiocesan levels, a role I had for 9 years and 9 months.

I am passionate about the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith, so powerful in worship encounters and evident in our lived experiences. All from God, in God and for God! My interests are Youth Ministry, New Evangelization and Social Media while hobbies include: traveling, reading, good music, playing basketball, lawn tennis and chess.



On Monday, December 9th the Sarnia Deanery celebrated the annual Feast of the Immaculate Conception Deanery Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Parishioners filled the church for this beautiful celebration honoring our Holy Mother Mary. Members of all our Deanery choirs came together to lead us with wonderful music.

Thank you to our priests, deacons, altar servers, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's leagues, choir directors and members, readers, welcomers, and the many hands that helped in any way to make this celebration so very special.

*"O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,
look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession".*

Advent Memorial Service

All are invited to join in a time of prayer,
scripture, song and candle lighting
in our annual

Advent Memorial Service

Sunday, December 15 at 2pm

Sacred Heart Church.

This is a special service of remembrance for
loved ones who have gone home to God
this year or in years past.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will
follow in the meeting room.





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ADVENT

Solemn Vespers

4:30 P M

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

DECEMBER 8
DECEMBER 15
DECEMBER 22

If interested in joining the choir that will assist in leading Vespers, please contact Nick Villemaire at n_villemaire@hotmail.com.

Choir practice will be every Tuesday evening at Our Lady of Mercy, beginning at 7pm.

Sacred Heart Family Choir for Christmas Morning Mass at 9am

We are inviting parents/guardians and their children, friends of families, aunties, uncles, grand and godparents - the more the MERRIER - to join in a Christmas Morning Choir for the 9:00 Mass at Sacred Heart Church.



Practices will be held at Sacred Heart Church on the following Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:15pm: Dec. 4, 11 & 18.

Join us in celebrating Jesus' birth in song.

Please contact leannecmoran@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATIONS: OUR LADY OF MERCY, ST. JOSEPH, ST. BENEDICT

Envelopes are available at church entrances for anyone who would like to make a flower donation in memory of a loved one.



Please fill out the information on the envelope and return it in the weekend collection basket or to the parish office by Friday, December 20th.

If donating by cheque, please make payable to your parish.

Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be included in year-end tax receipts.



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fiesta de la Reina de las Americas
Domingo 15 de Diciembre a las 5:00pm
Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino
Misa: 5:00pm
Reunión Social: 6:30pm

Feast of the Queen of the Americas
Sunday December 15th at 5:00pm
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Mass: 5:00pm
Social Gathering: 6:30pm

895 Champlain Rd, Sarnia, ON

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*

CALLING ALL PAST ALPHA PARTICIPANTS!

Did you benefit from your Alpha experience?

Would you like to ensure that others can have the same opportunity?

Team members are needed for the next Alpha.

Sign up on sarniacatholic.ca or email: sarniacatholicalpha@gmail.com

NEXT ALPHA SERIES STARTS FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Got it? Email: sarniacatholicalpha@gmail.com



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

Sumac Lodge

St. Michael Caring and Sharing minister to Sumac Lodge.
The Rosary is prayed every Thursday at 10:15AM followed by Holy Communion for Catholic residents.

Mass Schedule Sarnia Long-Term Care Homes

Marshall Gowland Manor	December 20, 2024	10:00
Twin Lakes Terrace	January 17, 2025	10:30
Trillium Villa	February 21, 2025	10:30
Vision Nursing Home	March 21, 2025	10:00
Sumac Lodge	April 11, 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	10:30
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.

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

COGECO MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective Sunday, December 8, the Sunday Cogeco Mass will be discontinued. Mass will continue to be livestreamed from St. Benedict each Sunday at 9am. That Mass can be viewed from the Family of Parishes YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-J7SLof9enNCR6dwEM--uw>

Sunday Mass is also available on the following channels:

If Cogeco is your provider:

EWTN—channel184
contact Cogeco to have it set up
VisionTV—channel24
Mass times 8am and 12 noon
Salt & Light—channel 185

If Bell is your provider:

EWTN—channel 633
Vision TV—channel 261
(Mass times 8a.m. and 12 noon)

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

KRÓLOWA POKOJU ~ QUEEN OF PEACE

- ♦ W tym tygodniu, będą głoszone Rekolekcje Adwentowe, przez księdza Marcina Gieradę, Michałitę. wtorek, 17 grudnia, 2024 6 pm - spowiedź święta 7 pm - Msza święta z nauką rekolekcyjną środa, 18 grudnia, 2024 9 am - spowiedź święta 10 am - Msza święta z nauką rekolekcyjną
The Advent Retreat, will be preached in Polish by Father Marcin Gierada, a Michaelite priest, on December 17 and 18.
- ♦ W niedzielę, 22 grudnia, po mszy świętej, będziemy dekorować kościół na święta Bożego Narodzenia. Prosimy o chętnych do pomocy.
On Sunday, December 22, after the 9 am Mass, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help.
- ♦ Opłatek Bożonarodzeniowy można nabyć po mszach świętych w sobotę/niedzielę lub w biurze parafialnym.
Christmas OPLATEK is available after Saturday/Sunday masses or at the Queen of Peace office.



FAMILY OF PARISHES 2024
"Home Alone Together"
Christmas Dinner
WHERE: Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall
WHEN: Sunday, December 22, 2024
TIME: 2pm to 5pm
Pre-register through the parish office
before Friday December 20th



*Are you a member of our
Family of Parishes and spending this
Christmas Holiday Season alone?
Ask us how you can register for our 2024
Family of Parishes
"Home Alone Together"
Christmas Dinner.
Call the Parish Office at 519-336-2653*



Rorate Mass
CANDLELIT VOTIVE MASS
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Join the "Vespers Choir" in honouring...
"the Light of the world,
who is soon to be born,
and offer praise to God
for the gift of Our Lady".
*Mass will be celebrated so that the sunrise
occurs around the time of the consecration.*
DECEMBER 21, 2024 | 7:30 AM
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
A social to follow in the hall.



Catholic in Recovery

General recovery meeting for any person seeking healing through the help of 12-step recovery and the sacramental love and mercy of God provided by the Catholic Church. Meet with others for a 12-step meeting to reflect on the Sunday readings and share the experience, strength and hope of recovery.

Where: Holy Family Catholic School Library (649 Murray Street
Wallaceburg)

When: Every Monday (starting January 6th)

Time: 730pm-830pm

Contact: Carla Lynch @ 5193659235 or
carla.lynch1161@gmail.com

Job Posting
Diocese of London – Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes
Social Media Assistant - Contract

Position: Social Media Assistant

Type: Temporary Full-time Contract (1 year contract to be reviewed at end of term)

Work Location: Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes. Primary location: Family of Parishes office – 1011 Oak Avenue, Sarnia, Ontario

Commitment: 28 hours per week - schedule and location of work is flexible and will be determined in consultation with the Supervisor to meet business needs.

Compensation: Salary commensurate with experience and Diocesan policies.

Posting Date: December 2, 2024

Closing Date: December 31, 2024

POSITION SUMMARY

Reporting to the Communications Coordinator, the Social Media Assistant is a dynamic, outgoing individual who enjoys interacting with the community, providing opportunities for evangelization and promotion of our Family of Parishes events through social media, video recordings, and the Family of Parishes website.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

- Liaise with staff and committee chairs to develop a media presence
- Create website content that reflects the values of the Family of Parishes
- Create a social media presence through Facebook, Instagram and other relevant social media channels
- Record Family of Parishes events such as celebrations and social gatherings through video and photos
- Assist with the maintenance and updating of all Family of Parishes social media
- Other duties of a similar nature as assigned by the Supervisor

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- A diploma or degree in Communications, Graphic Design, Journalism, Marketing or related disciplines and a minimum of 1 year of experience in marketing, communications or a similar role
- Prior hands-on experience producing quality web-based videos, advertisements, media posts, etc. compliant with current copyright laws and Ontario legislation, including AODA
- Experience editing and updating websites; prior experience using e-Catholic is an asset
- Proficient in all types of social media including editing websites, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.
- Advanced hands-on working knowledge in the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, SharePoint, etc.
- Creative and experienced in manipulating and using design tools such as Canva
- A willingness and ability to work non-standard work hours including evenings and/or weekends as required to meet business needs (i.e. shoot content for Parish event on the weekend)
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality of highly sensitive materials
- Excellent interpersonal, planning, organizational and communication skills
- Collaborative, supportive, flexible team player with a high degree of initiative capable of working independently
- Resourceful self-starter with thorough attention to detail with a desire to produce quality projects and results
- Proficiency in written and spoken French is an asset
- Friendly, hospitable, and professional representative of the Diocese of London [at all times](#)
- An understanding of and desire to support and promote the mission of the Diocese of London
- Firm understanding of the Catholic faith and its liturgical calendar
- Flexibility in work location as approved by Supervisor (i.e. Parish office, different Churches, remote work, etc.)

Reliable transportation and a valid driver's license and personal insurance coverage to travel throughout the community (i.e. travel to different Parishes within the Family of Parishes)

A police record check as deemed suitable by the Diocese of London will be required of the successful candidate.

Please note: All new staff are required to complete on-line mandatory training available in English or French.

Basic computer and reading proficiency to successfully complete this education is required.

Please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your relevant experiences and skills to

aferrera@dol.ca

Reference the job title in the subject line of your email.

We thank all who apply to this position for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- ♦ Login to: <https://formed.org/signup>
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- ♦ Click **NEXT**;
- ♦ Type your name and email address.
- ♦ Click **SIGN UP**

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The **2025 Box Sets** are now available at all the Church entrances.
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If you do not see your box, or would like to be issued a box, please add your name to the list on the tables. We will have your box available for you the following week.

If you prefer to pick them up at the Family of Parishes office, please call the office 519-336-2653 and ask for:
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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

Exciting News: Introducing E-cards!

Dear Parish Family,

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new e-card function! This innovative feature allows you to send heartfelt greetings, prayers, and well wishes to fellow parishioners directly from our website.

What You Need to Know:

- * Easy to Use: Simply visit our website and navigate to the “Giving” section.
- * Variety of Designs: Choose from a selection of designs tailored for various occasions, including holidays, well wishes, and encouragement during difficult times.
- * Personal Touch: Customize your messages to make each e-card unique and special.
- * Instant Delivery: Send your e-card instantly via e-mail, ensuring your sentiments reach loved ones right away.

How to Get Started:

1. Visit <https://www.sarniacatholic.ca/giving>
2. Select a parish
3. Enter donation details
4. Select ‘This donation is in honour or in memory of someone’
5. Select your design and personalize your message.
6. Enter your message, and the recipient’s email address and send!

We believe this new feature will enhance our community connection and help us share joy and support with one another.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Blessings,

Lisa or Cathy

Finance Admins

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