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

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Jesus, as our children go back to school, we bring them to You. We pray that You would fill them with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Help them to discern right from wrong, and to make good choices.

Lord, we ask that You guide our children so they can walk in your goodness. May their actions, words and attitudes bring glory to You. Empower them to be a positive influence in their schools and to shine Your light.

We pray that our children will bear fruit in every good work. Help them to use their talents and abilities for Your purposes. May they be hardworking in their studies, kind to their classmates, and show love toward those in need.

Jesus, we ask that You strengthen our children with Your power. Give them the strength needed to handle any challenges they may face at school. Fill them with joy and resilience, knowing that You are with them at every moment. Amen.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville, Illinois

Happy Labour Day!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

- 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.

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



Warner French Bernice Kapuscinski Fernanda Aguiar Jose (Joe) Aguiar

HOW TO REACH US

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Rev. Brian Jane ex.222

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Rev. Michael Woods ex.225

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Rev. Andrew Ankamah C.S.Sp. ex. 230

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Pray for Vocations: August 31, 2025

Rev. Paul Rennick, C.S.B.

Rev. Adam Gabriel, C.S.M.A.

Deacon Arthur Bondy

Lay Auxiliary Ministers of the Eucharist

Rev. Mohanathan Antony Kamalathasan, C.R.

Rev. Paul Okoth Auma, I.M.C.

Rev. James Conlon

Readings for Sunday, August 31, 2025

1st Reading:

Sirach 3:17-29, 28-29

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a *Gospel*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Please Pray For

Charlie O'Rae Tony Lavoratore Bertha Priest Scot Blythe
Martha Fracalanza Tony Muir Mary Debus Paulette Dozois
Madeleine Serratore Debbie O'Hagan Priya Marie Johnson Lisa Fex
Doreen Ducharme Audrey Heath Sandra Cabiddu Peter Tote
John VanWerde Steve Mechan Maria Margarida Pacheco Nora Kraemer
Wanda Stephenson Ghislaine Bernard Annetta Houston Sonya Aarssen
Dan Blythe Peter Murphy Veronie Hutchings Raymond Lucier
Michael Houston Shannon Murdoch Jackie Detailleur Pat Tremain
Virginia Vanderveen

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS Saturday

8:45am-9:30am 11am-12:00pm

Queen of Peace Our Lady of Mercy

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00pm - Our Lady of Mercy

4:30pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin(Eng.)

5:00pm - Queen of Peace(Eng.)

Sunday Masses

8:30am - Our Lady of Mercy

9:00am - Queen of Peace(Pol./Eng.)

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(Fr.)

5:00pm - St. Thomas d'Aquin(Sp.)

6:30pm - St. Benedict

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

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.

Generous and Merciful Father,

AILGRIMS &

In this year of Jubilee, with the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ, enlighten our minds with Your Holy Spirit and strengthen our hands for service.

Weekday Mass Intentions - September 1 to September 6

Monday, September 1

8:00am Queen of Peace

- +Walter Bucci ~ Tony Maruna
- +Simon & Darlene Maruna ~
- +Antonina & Franciszek Norejko ~ H & G Szober

God's blessings for Helen Szober ~ MaryJo & Dennis Mather 12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Anna Ferrera - Benito Brusco Linda Tavares - Father & Mother Souls in Purgatory 6:30pm St. Michael
For the living & deceased
members of the Varsava & Lucan
Families ~

Christine & Arnie Bresette
Intentions of the Indigenous
Communities ~ St. Michael CWL

Tuesday, September 2

9:30am Sacred Heart

Catherine Riley ~

Dorothy Wright & Karen Cooke Marjorie Dubeau ~ Phyllis Scully Deceased members of the Brennek & Hooper Families ~ Barbara & Andrew Brennek 12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy

Lucia Alejandrino ~ Grace Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Queen of Peace - Polish +Anna & Józef Antolak ~

Ann Stewart O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Joe & Liegh ~ Mom Dziękczynno-błagalna za wszystkie otrzymane łaski i

prośba o dalszą Bożą opiekę, nad rodziną ~ Rodzina 6:30pm St. Benedict

Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 11164 Intentions of Parishioners & Priests of the Family of Parishes Manuel Aguiar ~ Maria Aguiar Maria Espirito Santo Costa ~ Maria Pacheco

Wednesday, September 3

8:30am St. Michael

Deceased Members of the Viscogliosi & Lepore Families ~ Maria Tote 9:30am St. Joseph

Denise Walsh ~ Margaret Potter Raymond Benson ~

Lynda Miller & Family Sister Marilyn Machado ~

Louis & Meena Machado Souls in Purgatory 12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy

David Sowinski ~ Sowinski Family George Mearns ~ Karen Tobin George Van Damme

Thursday, September 4

9:30am St. Benedict

Special Intentions & In

Pio Giorgi ~

Thanksgiving
Manuel Aguiar ~ Gabriela Costa

Wife Giuseppina Giorgi & Family Sebastiana Gisuele ~

a Gisuete ~ Giuseppina Giorgi

Liberatore Gisuele ~

Giuseppina Giorgi

12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy

Intention of Allan & Elaine Jane Intention of Margarita Souls in Purgatory

6:30pm Sacred Heart

Catherine Riley ~ Cathy McAnulty Augusto Gismondi ~

Teresa & Alvaro Baldassarre Bertha Loosemore ~

Daughter, Ethel Dyck

All Souls ~ Ethel Dyck Intentions of Joe Calabrese ~ Louise

Friday, Sptember 5

8:30am St. Thomas d'Aquin - English

Dollard Beauchamp ~

Daughter, Diane Intentions of Nicole & Steve Roy ~ Doreen Paquette 12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy

Joe & Jackie Kennedy ~ Ross Family Joe Seward ~ Wife Elsie Michael Graham ~ Grandma Elsie Intention of Adorers at the Chapel ~ The Adoration Committee

Catherine Turcotte ~

Frank & Margarita Rocky McKinnon ~ McKinnon Family 7:00pm Queen of Peace - Polish

+Frank Mrnik ~ M. Mrnik +Danuta Longo ~

Ciocia, Janina Ptak +Marianna & Edmund Brzuzy oraz

+Wacław & Władysława Brzuzy ~ Syn z rodziną

Saturday, September 6

8:00am Queen of Peace - English

God's blessings for Ania & Eric Madej and their children ~ Family Reparation for all offences committed against Immaculate Heart of Mary +Warner French

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking on the path of life, a long time ago. One day, I saw a sign: "Heaven's Grocery Store". Astonished, I took a look inside and saw a whole legion of angels. One of them hands me a basket and says, "Happy shopping, buy carefully. Everything a Christian needs is in the store, take everything you can, you can come back for the rest tomorrow."

First, I bought some Patience, Love was in the same row. A little further on, there was Understanding, which is what we need everywhere we go. I took a box or two of Wisdom, and a few bags of Faith. I could not miss the Holy Spirit, for he was on every shelf. I stopped for some strength and courage which we also need to continue our lives. Soon, my basket was filled, but I remembered that I needed Grace. I have not forgotten the Salvation, it was free!: I took enough to save you and me. Finally, I thought I had everything I needed. So, I went to the checkout to pay for my purchases, because I thought I had everything to do Master's will.

As I walked up the aisle, I saw the Prayer and couldn't help but put some in my cart, because I knew that when I left the store, I would encounter Temptation. Peace and Joy were in abundance on the last tablet; Songs and hymns were also nearby, so I helped myself. Finally, I asked the angel how much I owed him. With a beautiful smile, he replied: "Friend, take this with you wherever you go." "But how much do I owe?" He replied with a smile: "Jesus paid your bill a long time ago!

Author Unknown

L'Épicerie du Ciel

Je marchais sur le chemin de la vie, il y a longtemps. Un jour, j'ai vu une enseigne : « Épicerie du Ciel ». Étonnée, je jette un coup d'œil à l'intérieur et je vois toute une légion d'anges. L'un d'eux me tend un panier et me dit : "Bon magasinage, achète avec soin. Tout ce dont un chrétien a besoin est dans le magasin, prends tout ce que tu peux, tu reviendras chercher le reste demain."

J'ai tout d'abord acheté un peu de Patience, l'Amour était dans la même tablette. Un peu plus loin, il y avait de l'Entente, ce dont on a besoin partout où on va. J'ai pris une boîte ou deux de Sagesse, et quelques sacs de Foi. Je ne pouvais manquer l'Esprit Saint, car il était sur toutes les tablettes. Je me suis arrêté pour prendre de la Force et du Courage aussi pour continuer la course de ma vie.

Bientôt, mon panier fut rempli, mais, je me suis rappelé que j'avais besoin de Grâce. Je n'ai pas oublié le Salut, il était gratuit!: j'en ai pris assez pour nous sauver, toi et moi. Enfin, j'ai pensé que j'avais tout ce qu'il me fallait. Alors, je me suis dirigé vers la caisse pour régler mes achats, car je croyais bien avoir tout pour faire la volonté du Maître. Comme je remontais l'allée, j'ai vu la Prière et je n'ai pas pu m'empêcher d'en mettre dans mon panier, car je savais qu'en sortant du magasin, je rencontrerais la Tentation. Paix et Joie étaient en abondance sur la dernière tablette; Chants et Hymnes étaient aussi tout près: alors, je me suis servi. J'ai demandé enfin à l'ange combien je lui devais. Avec un beau sourire, il m'a répondu:

"Amie, apporte ça partout où tu iras." "Mais je dois combien?" Il me répondit en souriant: "Il y a déjà très longtemps que Jésus a payé ta facture!

Auteur inconnu



Join us at Alpha!

MONDAY EVENINGS



SEPTEMBER 8 - NOVEMBER 24

6:30PM - 8:30PM

ST. BENEDICT PARISH HALL



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QUESTIONS: Call or Text: 519-330-0055

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Is God present in my loneliness?
How can I have hope?
Where can you ask these
questions?

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fill out a registration form found at your parish welcome desks

CAPUCHIN RETREAT

A mid-week retreat is offered at the Capuchin Retreat Centre in Washington, Michigan. This is a mixed retreat where you may bring your spouse.

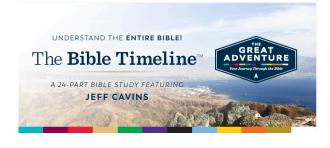
Tuesday, September 23th to Thursday September 25th

Father Vito is offering a very favourable, discounted, exchange rate for Canadian participants.

For more information please contact: Dolores Murray: 519-869-2384 or Steve Marcy 519-331-2578

Click on image for retreat informaton





Dates - Times - Location

24 Sessions

Thursday afternoon 1:00-3:00

Part 1: September 18 to Dec. 4

Part 2: Jan. 8 to Mar. 26

Cost - Registration

\$55 to purchase the Study Set

Online access available \$10 (see website for details)

Register at

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE		
Sunday, August 31	 Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy - following 8:30am Mass Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict - following 9am Mass Coffee Social ~ St. Michael - following 10:30am Mass Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 4:30pm followed by potluck Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin - following 5pm Mass 	
Monday, Sept. 1	 Labour Day - office closed Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy -1pm 	
Tuesday, Sept. 2	 Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph - 11:30am to 2:30pm Choir Practice & Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm KofC General Meeting ~ St. Benedict - 6:30pm CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Benedict - 7pm 	
Wednesday, Sept. 3	 Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy - following 12:10pm Mass Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin - 7pm 	
Thursday, Sept. 4	 Quilting ~ St. Michael - 9:30am Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 1pm Catholic Girls League ~ St. Benedict - 6:30pm Meat Bingo ~ Orr Lady of Mercy - 7pm Latin Mass Choir Practice ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm 	
Friday, Sept. 5		
Saturday, Sept. 6		



FALL RETREATS FOR WOMEN AND MEN

A free gift from the Family of Parishes, these weekend renewal retreats are open to all parishioners.

The "New Life Retreat" weekend is a break from our busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that we can refresh ourselves spiritually.

Consider joining us for this weekend and experience the power of the New Life Retreat!

Men's retreat: weekend of October 25/26 Women's retreat: weekend of November 15/16

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

Registration forms are also available at your parish welcome desks.

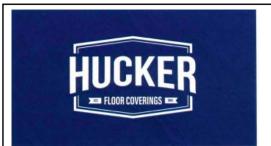
UPCOMING EVENTS		
Sunday, Sept. 7	 Coffee Sunday ~ Our Lady of Mercy — following 8:30am Mass Coffee Sunday ~ St. Benedict — following 9am Mass Coffee & Conversation ~ St. Joseph following the 11am Mass Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy — 4:30pm followed by potluck Coffee Sunday ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin — following 5pm Mass 	
Monday, Sept 8	 The Chosen Bible Study ~ St. Benedict - 9:30am CWL meeting ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 1pm Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy -1pm ALPHA ~ St. Benedict - 6:30pm CWL Executive Meeting ~ St. Michael - 7pm Lectio Divina (Spanish) ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin - 7pm 	
Tuesday, Sept. 9	 Divine Mercy Store ~ St. Joseph - 11:30am to 2:30pm Choir Practice & Vespers ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm CWL General Meeting ~ St. Benedict - 7pm 	
Wednesday, Sept. 10	 Soup Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Mercy - following 12:10pm Mass Dames de Ste Anne Executive Meeting ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin - 1pm Bible Study with Fr. Brian ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 6:30pm Rosary in Spanish ~ St. Thomas d'Aquin - 7pm 	
Thursday, Sept. 11	 Quilting ~ St. Michael - 9:30am Pensioners Club of Sarnia ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 1pm Choir Practice ~ St. Benedict - 6:30pm Latin Mass Choir Practice ~ Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm 	
Friday, Sept. 12	• Latin Mass ~ St. Joseph - 7pm, followed by Social	
Saturday, Sept 13	CWL Meeting ~ St. Joseph -10am	



On Sunday, August 24th children in their pjs, carrying their blankets and snacks, came with their family to enjoy our end of summer, movie under the stars.

Plans changed quickly with the threat of rain made everyone move indoors at the St. Thomas d'Aquin parish hall. Quick thinking from our media team got things up and running in no time and children happily spread their blankets on the floor ready to watch the adventures of Panda in Africa.

Thank you... to Dean, Don and Will for running the video, to Stella and Lissette who served up popcorn and drinks for everyone and to the volunteers who quickly set up chairs and put everything away at the end of the evening.



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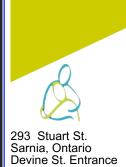




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