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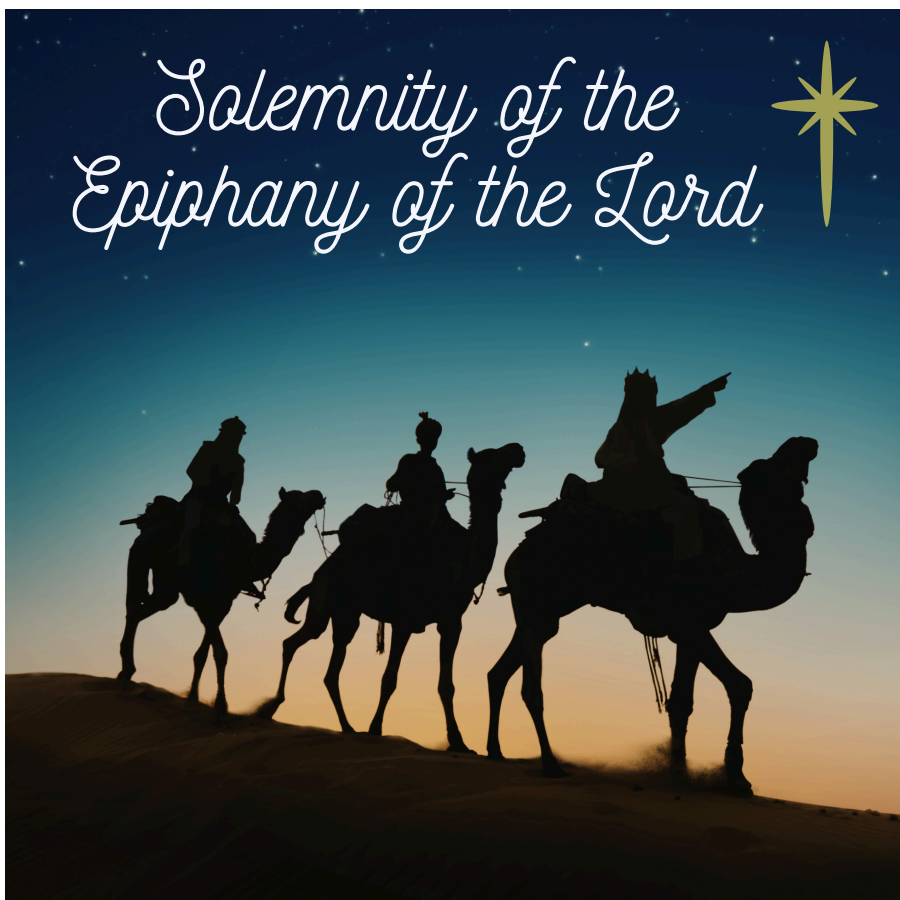
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*We pray for all who have died and
for those who mourn
their passing*



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Lucia Lima
Claudio DeMelo

Pray for Vocations

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Deacon Gaston Mabaya
Deacon Gary Flewelling
Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants
Sharon Hunt, Pastoral Minister
Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister
Rev. Josef Danys

Readings for Sunday, January 4, 2026

1st Reading
Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel
Matthew 2:1-12

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Brad Kelch Margie Blake Ray Tomkins Fred Hubert Jackie Kennedy
Hildred Kuiack Benjamin Siebert

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday

8:45am-9:30am

Queen of Peace

11am-12:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday

4:30pm-4:45pm (Sp.)

St. Thomas d'Aquin

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*

WEDDING BANNS - FIRST PUBLICATIONS

The Catholic Diocese of Vasai, Maharashtra, India,
St. John Paull II Catholic Church, Tathawade Village, Pune,
announce marriage banns of

Mr. Albert Joseph & Miss Lily Polekad to be married at
St. John Paull II Catholic Church, Tathawade Village, Pune,
on February 4th 2026

Weekday Mass Intentions - January 5 - January 10

Monday, January 5

<p>8:00am Queen of Peace - English God's blessings for Veronica</p>	<p>12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Alda Lucchese Faustino Chaves Dan Placzek Ian McGuinness Mary Ellen Holland Intention of Gabriella</p>	<p>6:30pm St. Michael Pearl Guitard Theresa Foubister Betty Mackey Domenico Iacobelli Domenic D'Agostini, Terrence & Iris Coates Intentions of His Holiness, Pope Leo</p>
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Tuesday, January 6

<p>9:30am Sacred Heart Kerry Oliver Louis Michaud Teresa Eason Peter Kuindersma Joe Kennedy Deceased family & friends of Alex, Juanita & Julie Lew</p>	<p>12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Letizia Iacobelli In Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year Ellen Harty</p>	<p>6:30pm St. Benedict Miranda Family Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 11164 Joe Durocher Loretta Sauve Rosalba Pedraza & Guillermo Rubiano Ferraio Family</p>
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Wednesday, January 7

<p>8:30am St. Michael Tony vanDelft Ennio DeSena Brent Burnside Kenny Mayrand Linda Tyrrie Intentions of Fleurette Forbes</p>	<p>9:30am St. Joseph Jane Porter Aime Guindon Sister Marilyn Machado Agnes D'Melo Intentions of Ed, Evelyn, Dan Sonier Angel, Demetria & Sibal Salting</p>	<p>12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Mary Ellen Holland Rory Friel Juanita Kuiack Intentions of Frances Mori</p>
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Thursday, January 8

<p>9:30am St. Benedict Manuel Aguiar Juanita Kuiack Gary Houlahan</p>	<p>12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Bonnie Yates Manuel Aguiar Domenico Benacquista Intentions of Mitro Family</p>	<p>6:30pm Sacred Heart Jodie Gottfried Fr. Mark Beard Louis Michaud Joe Kennedy Antonio Leonardo, Ambrozina & Faustino Furtado Intentions of Frances Morin</p>
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Friday, January 9

<p>8:30am St. Thomas d'Aquin Intentions of Deacon David Cummings</p>	<p>12:10pm Our Lady of Mercy Antonio Mezzatesta</p>	
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Saturday, January 10 - 8:00am Queen of Peace

+Roman Domański

CHARISMS - CALLED & GIFTED

What Are My Spiritual Gifts?

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena

We receive many gifts of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation. We are taught about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit which are sanctifying gifts given to help us grow in our faith. We also receive charisms which are gifts that we use for the good of others. The Holy Spirit works through us in our charisms to bring God's love, mercy and healing to our family, friends, fellow parishioners and to members of the community.

Since charisms are the Holy Spirit working through us, we see results above and beyond our natural abilities. When we use our charisms, we feel energized, and have joyful satisfaction, and that we have found our place. Using your charisms is a great remedy for burnout that many of us experience in our lives.

The charisms program involves a personal inventory quiz to help identify potential charisms, videos, a "gifts" interview to begin your discernment, tools to help with discernment and small groups to share your experiences together.

All charisms are evangelizing in their own way and are given to the baptized for the sake of Christ's Mission. Discerning your charisms will help you and our Family of Parishes as we unite to spread the news of Jesus' love and mercy to everyone we encounter.

Discover how God has uniquely gifted you and how you can use those gifts to serve His purpose for your life.

Schedule:

Part I - Introduction Workshop: 5 weeks

Part II - Individual Gifts Interviews: 1 week

Part III - Discernment in Depth: 4 weeks

The course is offered through the work of the Catherine of Siena Institute. There is a materials fee of \$60.00 per participant which may be paid by cash, cheque, e-transfer or pay online/mobile using a credit card. For accounting purposes, please make cheques payable to St. Michael Church. If using e-transfer, use stmichaelbg@dol.ca

In the message field write "Called & Gifted".

Please note, if the materials fee poses a financial burden for you, please let Christine Bresette know, and the fee will be confidentially paid for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Bresette at christine.bresette@gmail.com or 519-464-2108.

Register online at www.sarniacatholic.ca or by calling the Family of Parishes office: 519-344-2653



Sarnia Bluewater
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Glory Stories

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

Our parishes were filled with many Moments of Grace and Thanksgiving this Christmas season.

Thank you to our choirs and musicians for filling our beautifully decorated churches with wonderful music.

Thank you to all the many volunteers, the Mass ministers, the altar servers, the office staff, the custodial staff, and the many hands that ensured our parishes were welcoming communities where parishioners and visitors could encounter Christ by sharing their Faith and caring for all.

Our Family of Parishes is so blessed.

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 High School on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, twice a month.

Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8, 22,
Mar. 8, 29, Apr. 12, 26.

For more information or to register go to Family Foundations Institute

famfi.ca

and click on "Programs",
or email Tara Costain at

sarniacatechism@gmail.com



Sarnia Latin Mass



Friday
Jan 9th

Mass
at 7pm

Feria of the Epiphany

Join us for a social after Mass!

*May you enjoy a New Year overflowing with the joy
that only God can provide.
Happy New Year!*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Sunday - Our Lady of Mercy following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday - St. Benedict – following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday - Sacred Heart - following 9am & 11am Masses • Coffee & Conversation - St. Joseph - following 11am Mass • Vespers - Our Lady of Mercy – 4:30pm, potluck to follow at Our Lady of Mercy • Coffee Social - St. Thomas d’Aquin - following 5pm Mass
Monday, January 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knitting & Crocheting - Sacred Heart - 1pm • CWL Executive Meeting - St. Michael - 6pm
Tuesday, January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine Mercy Store - St. Joseph - 11:30am to 2:30pm • KofC 1429 Meeting - Our Lady of Mercy - 6pm • Sacramental Prep - Our Lady of Mercy - 6pm • KofC General Meeting - St. Benedict - 6:30pm • Vespers Choir Practice - Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm • CWL Executive Meeting - St. Benedict - 7pm
Wednesday, January 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup Wednesday - Our Lady of Mercy - following 12:10pm Mass • Sacramental Prep - Our Lady of Mercy - 6pm • Rosary in Spanish - St. Thomas d’Aquin - 7pm
Thursday, January 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline Bible Study - St. Benedict - 1pm • Latin Mass Choir Practice - Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm
Friday, January 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin Mass - St. Joseph - 7pm
Saturday, January 10	

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes ✨



The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is inviting families with students registering for

kindergarten Sept 2026 to attend a [KinderSTARt](#) event at their local Catholic School. ✨

Drop in at the school for a visit to meet staff, engage in fun activities, and learn more about kindergarten! For more information about the event visit: kinderstart.sccdsb.net

You can register for [Kindergarten](#) online at register.sccdsb.net

Catholic School	KinderSTARt Date/Time
St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove 519-869-4204	January 13, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Holy Trinity Catholic School Sarnia 519-344-2110	January 14, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
St. Anne Catholic School Sarnia 519-542-2710	January 15, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart Catholic School Sarnia 519-344-1601	January 21, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
St. Matthew Catholic School, Sarnia 519-332-4300	January 22, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, January 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Sunday - Our Lady of Mercy - following 8:30am Mass • Coffee Sunday - St. Benedict - following 9am Mass • Coffee Sunday - Sacred Heart - following 9am & 11am Masses • Coffee Sunday - St. Michael - following 10:30am Mass • Vespers - Our Lady of Mercy - 4:30pm, potluck to follow at OLM • Coffee Social - St. Thomas d'Aquin - following 5pm Mass
Monday, January 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWL Meeting - Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30pm • Knitting & Crocheting - Sacred Heart - 1pm • Children's Choir Practice (Spanish) - St-Thomas d'Aquin - 6pm
Tuesday, January 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWL General Meeting - St. Benedict - 10am • Divine Mercy Store - St. Joseph - 11:30am to 2:30pm • Vespers Choir Practice - Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm
Wednesday, January 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup Wednesday - Our Lady of Mercy - following 12:10pm Mass • Dames de Ste Anne Executive Meeting - St-Thomas d'Aquin - 1pm • Rosary in Spanish - St. Thomas d'Aquin - 7pm
Thursday, January 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quilting Group - St. Michael - 9:30am • Timeline Bible Study - St. Benedict - 1pm • Catholic Girls League - St. Benedict - 6:30pm • Latin Mass Choir Practice - Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm • Meat Bingo - Our Lady of Mercy - 7pm
Friday, January 16	
Saturday, January 17	

Children ages 4 to 8 are invited to Liturgy of the Word with Children.



Our Lady of Mercy @ 8:30 am St. Benedict @ 9 am
 Sacred Heart @ 9 am & 11 am St Michael @ 10:30 am
 St. Joseph @ 11 am St-Thomas d'Aquin @ 5 pm (Spanish)

Liturgy of the Word with children is a time to make the Word of God accessible and meaningful for young hearts and minds, a time to teach children how to participate actively in the Mass, and a time to nurture a personal connection with Jesus through prayer and Scripture.



Looking for something to do this Winter?

Support St. Benedict Parish at Jackpot Time Bingo.

Why not visit Jackpot Time at 825 Upper Canada Drive, and enjoy a game of bingo in a comfortable, newly renovated facility. Bingos run twice daily, at 1pm and 7pm. Charitable gaming centers across Ontario have contributed to the incredible milestone of

\$600 million to local charities this year. Our charity is proud to participate in this initiative. You will be supporting St. Benedict Parish and the money raised is used for building upgrades as needed. Thanks to our group of volunteers that make the time to help at Jackpot Time, the parish reaps the financial reward. Thank you for your support!

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Blessing your home



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For centuries, Christians throughout the world have had a tradition of “chalking doors” on the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 5 this year), which celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations. Inspired by the Magi, the family uses chalk to mark the lintel or doorpost with the following symbols: - The numbers are for the year. - The crosses symbolize Christ’s cross. - The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means “May Christ bless this house.” This offers everyone from the home a reminder that Christ has blessed the home and all those in it.

Here is a simple blessing from the U.S. Bishops’ book *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Sources: Deacon Eric Paige, usccb.org, vatican.va