

CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES IN NORFOLK



**St. Mary, Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Cecilia**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**"We are a Eucharistic community forming faith-filled
disciples of Jesus in loving service of God and neighbour
for salvation"**

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

110 Adams Ave., Delhi

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Mary

211 Union St., Simcoe

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

165 Thompson Rd, Waterford

Sunday at 9:00 am

St. Cecilia

17 Lynn Park Ave.

Port Dover

Sunday at 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary & Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs

Every Saturday 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

St. Cecilia & St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Every Sunday 8:15 am or by
appointment

1st Sunday of Advent—November 28, 2021

From the desk of Father Charles:

According to present usage, Advent is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (30 November) and embracing four Sundays. The first Sunday may be as early as 27th November, or as late as 3rd December, and then Advent has twenty-eight days, or twenty-one days respectively. In the Western churches (Latin rite), the liturgical year begins with the advent.

It is very uncertain when the celebration of advent started in the history of the Church. However, there has been a record that it was observed in the Spain in the 7th century (650 AD).

In the 12th century, black was the colour used during advent, but by the end of the 13th century, it was changed to violet which we use till now. Flowers are not to be placed in the sanctuary during this period, the use of organ or loud music is not so encouraged, except on the third Sunday when we are called to 'rejoice' for the coming of Christ is nearer (Gaudete Sunday).

During this time of Advent, in the Masses, the intention of the Church is shown in the choice of the Epistles and Gospels. We are admonished to prepare ourselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love, in order to make our souls and bodies fitting abodes for the Redeemer and Savior coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and also make ourselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

From the desk of Deacon Gerard:

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and season. We are starting the year of the Gospel of Luke. God gives us a different grace in every liturgical season and God has a grace to give us this Advent. For some Advent is only a time of consumerism and buying gifts for people that they don't really want or need. In reality there is only one gift at Christmas that we actually need to receive, and that gift is Jesus! Jesus is the grace that the Father wants to give to us this Advent. Let us spend time with God to receive His grace.

To receive the grace that God offers us this Advent, as well as spending more time in prayer with God and putting God first, let us also reflect on whether our lives are modeled on the life of Jesus whose birth we are about to celebrate. Is Jesus the one we look to for guidance? Is Jesus the one who is shaping our life? To receive the grace God offers us this Advent an examination of conscience is necessary and that is why celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of Advent. As we examine our consciences, we recognize that our lives do not always model or reflect Jesus and we want to ask for mercy so that our hearts can become a 'manger' to receive Jesus.

Nearing the end of December, we will hear a lot of talk of New Year resolutions. But I feel Advent, is the time for making a resolution, a resolution to live like Jesus whose birth we are about to celebrate. Jesus is the light of the world and Advent is a time to come out of the darkness and walk in the light of Jesus.

Rejoice in our Lord.

*****Reminder*****

If you are in **any** ministry with the church, and you have not heard from either the leader of the group you belong to or Kathryn, please please please.....the Diocese is asking ALL volunteers to submit (1) their name (so our lists are up to date) (2) if you wish to take a pause due to covid or a personal reason, just tell us so we know. We know some people are uncomfortable with covid and that is okay, and others are taking a break to help family, and that is a good place to be; and (3) if you decide to go back to active ministry Kathryn will need a proof of your vaccination on file right away, until that is no longer a requirement. For those who are active right now, the deadline is the **end of November**. For those who change their mind, it must come in before you can reactivate your ministry. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Kathryn. There are no stupid questions-trust me!

****Just a reminder the annual Advent Walk in Port Dover is Sunday November 28 at 7:00 pm at the Grace United Church in Port Dover****



New Life in Our Parish

We welcome into our Family of Parishes through the Waters of Baptism the following:

St. Cecilia—Francine Huszczo, child of Allison and Jordan

Congratulations on those receiving their First Communion:

Chloe Truong

Alexander McGrath

Rafael Coelho

Hayden Ellins

Hunter Liston

Congratulations Sofia Ferriera on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To everything there is a season . . . "a time to be healed . . ."

We pray for all the sick of our Parishes: Daphne Jarman, Ruth Lampman, and Tony VandenHurk
"a time to die. . ."

We pray for all the faithful departed: Theresa Fraser, Willie Boles, David Morden, Ross Dickey,
and Blanche Sioen

Eternal rest grant unto thee



Please contact our **Prayer Line** for anyone in need of comfort and solace. We have parishioners who share their gifts and gather in a prayerful ministry to pray for whatever request comes to them.



The Spirit of Truth and Love Catholic Prayer Group

Prayer meetings are every Tuesday evening **at 7:45 pm** electronically on Zoom. To join the virtual meeting, please contact John or Barra at johnbarra@sympatica.ca or 519 583-0277 for information.

The Holy Rosary Prayer Group

The Holy Rosary Prayer Meet Up this December 2021 Advent schedule is starting a Daily Holy Rosary & 9 Days Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception on November 30-December 8th, 2021@5:00 PM EST. ZOOM. We also extend our warm thanks to the parish office and parishioners who supported and joined the nationwide event by CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY, Public Holy Rosary on Oct. 16th, 2021, held @ St. Mary's church, Simcoe ON led by Christian O'Malley, our Holy Rosary Team Captain/Representative since 2019. The CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY invites interested parishioners to apply to be the next Holy Rosary Captain/Representative for each of our 4 churches belonging to the Catholic Family of Parishes In Norfolk, for inquiries check out online: <https://canadaneedsourlady.org> to apply on the website or call Canada Needs Our Lady Toll-free: 1-844-729-6279 (1-844-Say-Mary) or email: info@CanadaNeedsOurLady.org Thank for your continued support and assistance please email Christian O'Malley ecmc8_1119@yahoo.com for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Port Dover/Walsh - GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul will once again be providing Christmas "Baskets" to local families who need a little extra Christmas cheer this year. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and public health regulations the process will be a little bit different this year. We are unable to collect canned goods and will collect only a few gifts at the back of St. Cecilia's church for young children, as well as gift cards or cash donations. We would really appreciate your support in purchasing gift cards to Walmart, Giant Tiger or Superstore, providing a monetary donation, or selecting a child's name and gift idea from the back of the church and purchasing the gift. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation of \$20 or more, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and address enclosed. **All donations can be dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back of the church any weekend from now until Dec. 5th.**

Our St. Vincent de Paul helps people from all over Norfolk County and last year we distributed approximately 40 Christmas baskets thanks to your generous contributions. We look forward to your generosity again this year. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and have a Merry Christmas.

St. Mary's Christmas Hampers for Local Families

Looking for your support!!

St. Vincent de Paul will once again be providing much needed support to at least 50 families in our local area this Christmas. Covid restrictions have once again led organizers of the Christmas Exchange Program to opt to distribute gift cards instead of food donations. We will be providing our families with gift cards from Food Basics or Sobeys for food purchases. Adults and teens over the age of 16 years also receive a personal gift card from Walmart or Giant Tiger in order that they might purchase something special for themselves this holiday season. Children under the age of 16 years receive gifts from the Christmas Exchange Program.

During the first three weeks of Advent, Nov. 27th- 28th, Dec. 4th - 5th and Dec. 11th - 12th, a member of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the back of the church with a basket to collect your gift card or your monetary donation.

Thank you in advance for bringing the light of Christmas into the homes of others! God Bless!

(Additional ways to donate: By cheque to St. Vincent de Paul, 211 Union Street, Simcoe ON, N3Y 2B3 or by Etransfer to: ssvpstmarysconference@gmail.com. Under details include your name and address. The answer to the security question is Ontario).

Delhi Toy and Food Drive

Once again, we will be collecting monetary donations for our Christmas Drive. **Cheques can be made payable to: Delhi Toy and Food** or etransfer gramps1836@gmail.com. Gift cards are also welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at Caldwell Banker at 275 James St., Delhi by December 6, 2021. For more information, contact Ron Klein 519 582-3970. Thanks so much for your continued generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

SIMCOE/WATERFORD/ DELHI

During the past month, in the Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi area, we gave a three day supply of groceries and \$2135.00 in food store gift cards, from our pantries, to 89 families, having a total of 235 adults and children. The Soup Kitchen provided nutritious take out meals, three days per week to some of God's neediest children. During the past month they served 1761 people which is an average of 88 per day of operation

The collection on the first Sunday of November was \$ 476.00 from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, \$812.00 from St. Bernard's and \$1983.00 from St Mary's. We received a very large Halloween donation of food and funds from Holy Trinity Catholic High School. An individual donated a stand-up freezer to the Soup Kitchen, which is certainly appreciated, as it has been on our wish list for some time. We thank all those who have been generous with their contributions during the pandemic.

As previously advised, the long standing tradition of the giving tree in St. Mary's is not possible this year, because of Covid-19 restrictions. In the place of food items, our Christmas Hampers will include Food Basics and /or Sobeys gift cards for the recipients to buy their groceries and Giant Tiger or Wal-Mart gift cards for their personal gifts. Our volunteers will be available after Mass on November 27th & 28th, December 4th & 5th, and December 11th & 12th to accept your contributions of gift cards &/or funds . You can also donate by cheque, payable to St Vincent de Paul, Simcoe/Waterford/Delhi, and **mailing** it to: St Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Conference 211 Union Street, Simcoe, ON. N3Y2B3. We also are able to accept an E Transfer to ssvpstmarysconference@gmail.com .If using the E Transfer facility, in the detail section, please give your name and address. For the security question please use "What province do we live in" answer "Ontario". The income tax receipt will be mailed out at year end, unless otherwise requested.

Again, thank you for your kindness and please pray for our members and for those we serve.



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

--Pope Francis



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to ask for your help in support of St. Peter's Seminary.

The Advent Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary has grown to be an important source of operations funds for the Seminary. The pandemic conditions with which we all have had to contend make this appeal ever more critical to the Seminary's continuation.

In years past, the Advent Appeal has been confined to a direct mail to the Seminary's supporters. Current conditions have made in-person fundraising events for the Seminary, such as the two Bishop's Dinners, impossible to conduct.

We will continue to direct mail this year's Advent Appeal to donors on our database. However, in a change to historic practice, we are asking you to consider hosting the 2021 Advent Appeal on your parish website, and to accept a limited number of appeal hard copies for pickup distribution in your parish narthexes starting the weekend of November 27th and 28th and through the month of December. The electronic copy of the brochure is attached in this e-mail, and we ask that you also provide the link for the online donation page. It is as follows: www.stpetersseminary/donation-form.php

Our logic is this. There are people who contribute financially to the Seminary as part of parish gifts in the Annual Parish Appeal. Since these donors are anonymous to us, we do not have them recorded on our database. Yet logic suggests that if these same supporters were presented with an opportunity to contribute to the Seminary during Advent, they would consider doing so.

This ask remains relatively passive in nature. We are simply seeking your support to transmit our need to your people at this time.

A small amount of hard copies of the brochure, are being mailed to you the week of November 22nd 2021.

Thank you for considering the Seminary's need and for your help in communicating it to those who care about St. Peter's.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel to contact me: David.howie@spseminary.ca, or 519.432.1824 x 240. In the meantime, stay safe and well!

Regards,

David Howie
Executive Director



Mass Intentions & Weekday Mass Schedule

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the week of November 28, 2021 at:

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Mary Jacques
St. Cecilia's: In Thanksgiving



First Sunday of Advent

Monday November 29 9:00 am St. Mary	Maria Carvalho Elisa Figueredo Manuel D. Fernandes
Tuesday November 30 7:00 pm St. Mary 7:00 pm Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs	Maria Correia Members of the Clancy Family Alfredo Mendes Oliveira Maria Catarino Paul Van Londersele Fr. Matthew George
Wednesday December 1 9:00 am St. Cecilia 11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm St. Bernard	For Family Conversion Evelyn Ereiser 50 th Anniversary for Robert & Judy Sinnaeve Marlene Ann Murphy Nancy Trevisan Eileen Holmes
Thursday December 2 10:30 am Hospital Nursing Home 2:00 pm Delhi Nursing Home 7:00 pm St. Cecilia's	Elisa Figueiredo Frank Oliver Florence Wong Frank Cahill Billy Tomlinson Tony Masella
Friday December 3 10:00 am St. Mary 11:30 am St. Bernard	Mark Kwarciany Intentions of Phyllis Oliver Manuel Moniz Jr. Pauline Korczak

Adoration 30 minutes prior to Weekday Mass

**MEETING
REMINDER**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is
Tuesday November 30, at 7:30 pm
at St. Mary's Upper Parish Hall



Catholic Women's League

St. Cecilia: Please join us for a delicious Christmas lunch catered by Alice's

Restaurant on **Tuesday, December 07 at 12:30 pm**. It will be a turkey dinner with all the fixings and as we know, Alice's Restaurant does a great job with this. The lunch will be held at the Port Dover Legion. The cost will be \$25.00. Your CWL membership for 2022 can be paid at this time, the lunch will run from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. All attendees must be fully vaccinated and must show ID and proof of vaccine. Please contact Evelyn at 519-583-9528 or at ehudecki@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. It will be a nice opportunity to connect and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: It has been another challenging year and we hope that you are all staying safe & well. Our 2022 memberships at \$25 are now due. Please make your cheque out to OLQM CWL. This can be submitted by:

- 1) dropping it in the collection basket at Mass, with envelope clearly marked
 - 2) dropping it off at the Parish office on Tuesdays or Thursdays during the hours of 8:30 a.m. -12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 - 3) mailing it to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs CWL, 110 Adams Ave, Delhi, Ont. N4B 1P7
- Sincerely, Sue Gaal, Membership convenor 519-582-8201

There will be no fundraisers e.g., Bazaar, scheduled until the Diocese changes covid protocols. Our next meeting will not be until February. Updates will be put in the bulletin.

St. Bernard: Our next C.W.L. meeting will be on **Tuesday Dec. 14 at 2:00 pm** (notice time change) On **Thursday Dec. 16** we will be having our Christmas turkey dinner at 11.30 am at the Legion. Cost is \$25.00 tax and gratuities included. DEADLINE to sign up and pay is December 3, 2021. Husbands / partners are invited. Proof of vaccine required. Call Tinie at 443 - 4881 or Conny at 512 -2786 to sign up.

Memberships for 2022 are due now. Cost is \$ 25.00 and you can put your envelope in the basket. Make sure you mark your envelope with your name, address etc.

Our Lady of La Salette: Memberships are \$25.00 and they can be paid by placing an envelope marked La Salette CWL in the offertory at mass, dropping it off at the Parish Office or contacting Edith Heleniak 519 533-3198. Our next meeting will be February 7, 2021, at 6:30 pm at La Salette Community Hall.