



The Cluster Parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Benedict, St. Joseph

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Our Lady of Mercy Church

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Masses & Confessions

St. Benedict Masses

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am
Sunday - 6:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 pm
(Vespers) Thursday - 7:00 pm
(Confessions) Tues/Thurs - 6-6:30 pm

St. Joseph Masses

Sunday - 11:00 am
Wednesday & Saturday - 9:30 am
(Confessions) Wed/Sat - 9-9:30 am

Our Lady of Mercy Masses

Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Monday to Friday - 12:10 pm
(Confessions) Mon-Fri - 11:30 am-12 pm
Sat - 10:30-11:30 am

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Mike Potvin - (St. Benedict)

November 4, 2018

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S LAWS

God's laws are not intended to burden or torment us. Instead they are guideposts that point us in the direction of good living. Accordingly, good living requires loving God and loving one another. We should not follow God's laws out of fear of what might happen if we don't, but rather view them as a foundation for building relationships and trust with one another and with God. The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the reading from Deuteronomy today, "Hear, O Israel." Every morning people recite the prayer as a profession of their love for God and pledge their obedience to God throughout the day. They pass on their love of God to their children, from one generation to the next.



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Stewardship Reflection...

"...Which commandment is the first of all?...and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:28-30)
When people talk about their gifts of time, talent and treasure, many combine time and talent together, thinking they are giving their time and talent to their parish ministry. But, don't be confused, your gift of time refers to the time you give back to God. Spend time in prayer with God throughout the day – thanking Him, asking Him for forgiveness and listening for His guidance. Have the courage to trust God more and make room for Him in your heart.

Today's Readings...

First Reading (Deuteronomy 6:2-6)
Second Reading (Hebrews 7:23-28)
Gospel (Mark 12:28b-34)



Sacramental

Baptism... Parents must be registered members at one of our parishes. Preparation class is mandatory.

Scheduled Baptism Dates:

St. Benedict, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph: 1st Sunday of the month.

First Communion & Confirmation...

These sacraments will take place according to church calendar. Please check the bulletin for notices on preparation, registration and set dates. If your child does not attend a catholic school, please notify the parish. Preparation is mandatory.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)...


Classes are set from September to Pentecost. For more information or to register please call the parish office.

Marriage... About 1 year advance notice is appreciated. One of the applicants being married must be a member of one of our cluster parishes. Please contact the parish office to fill out a marriage registration form. Marriage Prep Course is mandatory.

Care & Anointing of the Sick...



Holy Communion is brought regularly to parishioners that are homebound, in nursing homes, and hospitals. Please notify the parish office if you know of someone that is in need of receiving holy communion. For the Anointing of the Sick please contact the parish office. Note: In order to receive sacraments when in hospital or continuous care facilities, please inform the facility's administration of your Catholic faith.

Funeral... After your initial contact with the funeral home, please contact the parish office for mass preparation. (Pre-planning is encouraged.)

 **SVDP Food Bank & Help Center**
228 Davis St. ~ 519-337-1058
Mon/Wed 11-3 & Fri 1-4

House Blessing - If you would like a house blessing please contact the parish office.

 **Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery & Resurrection Cemetery & Crematorium 519-542-2623**

Weekday Masses & Intentions	Pray For	Meetings & Happenings
<p>St. Benedict <u>Tues. Nov. 6 - 6:30pm</u> Domenico & Pasqua D'Agostini (Frank & Maria) Theresa & Emilio Vani (Antonia Vani) Deceased Relatives of Aguiar & Pacheco Families (Maria Pacheco) <u>Thurs. Nov. 8 - 10am - Vision N.H.</u> Domingos Correia (Maria Correia & Sons) Intention of Hannah Lamb (Rachel Lamb) <u>Thurs. Nov. 8 - 6:30pm</u> Adam Matuzich (Bubas Family) Mary Frankovic (Joe & Mary Bubas) Deceased Members of the Dante Club (Dante Club Members)</p> <p>St. Joseph <u>Wed. Nov. 7 - 9:30am</u> Joanne Bernier (Jean-Robert Bernier) Luigi Vozza (George & Bernice Mathieson) Deceased Members of D'Alessandro & Canini Families (Maria & Family) <u>Sat. Nov. 10 - 9:30am</u> Ernestina Melo & Jose Amaral (Maria Teixeira) Scott MacDonald (Jerry & Ellen Hemstreet) MaryAnn Cote (John & Margy Blake)</p> <p>Our Lady of Mercy <u>Mon. Nov. 5 - 12:10</u> Intention of Deacon Lyle LaLonge (Leonia Downie) Homer Phillion (Family) Deceased Members of Magsombol, Gloria & Rosario Family (Begonia) <u>Tues. Nov. 6 - 12:10</u> Souls in Purgatory (Maria Aguiar & Family) Jack LaChance (Vicki & Bill Donohue) Intention of Marilyn Deery (Karen, Wilma & Allen) <u>Wed. Nov. 7 - 12:10</u> Anne Chrapko (Marianne Clift) Jose Cabral (Maria Cabral) Antonio Amaral (Wife Connie Amaral) <u>Thurs. Nov. 8 - 12:10</u> Salvatore & Teresa Lopetrone & Angela Federico (Family) Jack Smyth (Marg Smyth) Helen Misek (Margaret Belak & Family) <u>Fri. Nov. 9 - 12:10</u> Mary Maric (John Bogoje & Family) Gino Dottori (Mary) Aurette McGarrity (Begonia)</p>	<p>Diocesan ministers to pray for ~ Deacon Anthony Hogervorst ~ Rev. Antony Kolenchery, C.S.T. ~ Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B. ~ Rev. Nichola Mauro-Iko, O.F.M. ~ Rev. Mateusz Sobierajski, C.S.M.A. ~ Rev. Charles Akinloye ~ Rev. Theodore Pinto</p> <p>Please pray for our sick Fran Thomson, Pat Cuthbert, Jennifer Ennett, Carol Haley, Trish Stack, Blessa Hindley, Mary Stanford, Fran LaChance, Athena Fowler, Maria Cabral, Pat Daye, George Mathieson, Joan Baley, Jackie Detailleur, Terri & Baby Brandon, Rev. Paul Smith, Don Desjardins, Shawna Paradis, Frank Power, Dawn Harris, Armine Dennie, Tyler Manzon, Sandro Manzon, Grace Gauci, Bill Dunlop, Ally Wodham, Teresa Allum, Judy Bandura, Thelma Brost, Fr. Nick Marro, Joan Bunyan, Emaline Rideout, Louise Jovic, Shirley Serratore, June Shepherd, Pauline Mino, Jackie Dunlop, Fatima Ortins, Lena Rattigan, Arlene Fader, Marcella Horodyski, Mary Bigras, Cindy Phillips, John Christopher Hummell, Anna Schincariol, Rod McKinnon, Penny Koziol, Evelyn Vollrath, Yari & Dan Lynch, Cheryl Kelly, Joseph Dias, Rose Hayes Marcy, Eleanor Bruner, Mariamma Jacob, Jackie Croskery, Moira Spowart, Gaetane Hache, Luba Pelletier, James Fader, Pamela Cunningham, Yvonne LeBeau, Claude Lalonde, Pat Foster, Jean-Marie Labrie, Averi Durocher.</p> <p> Marriage Congratulations & Best Wishes! Steven Nesbitt & Meghann Hardy October 27, 2018 ~ St. Joseph Church</p>	<p>St. Benedict Nov. 4 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class 6 6:00 pm - KC Executive Mtg 7:00 pm - KC General Mtg 7:00 pm - CWL Executive Mtg 7 6:30 pm - RCIA Class 8 7:00 pm - Cenacle Mtg 7:00 pm - Franciscans Form Mtg 11 11:00 am - 1st Reconciliation Class</p> <p>Our Lady of Mercy Nov. 6 6:15 pm - KC Executive Mtg 7:00 pm - KC 1429 General Mtg 7 11:30 am - Perpetual Help Devotions 6:00 pm - Building/Property Mtg 7:00 pm - Alpha Mtg 7:00 pm - Choir Practice 9 1:00 pm - Art Group</p> <p>St. Joseph Nov. 6 7:00 pm - CWL Mtg 7 10:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotions 10 9am-12pm - CWL Bazaar</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Perpetual Help Devotions - Wednesdays Our Lady of Mercy Church - 11:30 am</p> <p>Perpetual Help Devotions - Wednesdays St. Joseph Church - following 9:30 mass</p> <p>Exposition/Devotions - 1st Fridays Our Lady of Mercy Church - 11 am</p> <p>Card Night - 1st Fridays St. Benedict Church Hall - 7 pm</p> <p>Meat Bingo - 1st & 3rd Thursdays Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall - 7 pm</p> <p>Soup Social - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays Our Lady of Mercy Hall - 12:30 pm</p> <p>Sat. Parish BBQ / Sun. Parish Breakfast 3rd Sat/Sun St. Benedict Church Hall (after Mass)</p> <p>Children's Sunday Liturgy: Our Lady of Mercy: 9am Mass (ages 3-7) St. Benedict: 10am Mass (ages 3-7) St. Joseph: 11am Mass (JK to grade 2)</p> <p> Rosary Prayed <u>In Italian</u> during November Tuesdays at 7pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church. All are welcome.</p> <p>The Rosary will be prayed in Italian, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 at O.L.M. Church. All are welcome!</p>

Prayer Box - Our Lady of Mercy Church - For special prayer requests, please fill out a slip and place it in the prayer box at the back of OLM church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



St. Joseph CWL

CWL Meeting - **Tues. Nov. 6** at 7 p.m. in Earl's Room.

St. Benedict CWL

Executive Meeting - **Tues. Nov. 6** following 6:30pm Mass.

General Meeting - **Tues. Nov. 13** following 6:30 pm Mass. There will be elections at this meeting, so if you think you would like your name to stand for a position, please call Brenda Stack (542-4889) or Willi Kole (339-0492).

November is CWL Membership Month

We welcome all ladies of our cluster churches to join the Catholic Women's League, the largest National Organization of Catholic Women in Canada. Please think about joining even if you are unable to come out to our meetings. "We are the voice for the voiceless, for the vulnerable and marginalized", as we lobby the government. Membership fee: \$25.

Envelopes (dated November) are available in your church envelope box set. Extra envelopes are also available at church entrances.

Membership weekends will take place as follows:

Our Lady of Mercy CWL: Nov. 3/4

St. Joseph CWL: Nov. 4

St. Benedict CWL: Nov. 10/11

Ladies will be at church entrances before/after each mass. We appreciate renewals be received during November.

Membership Conveners:

Our Lady of Mercy: Elsie Seward—519-332-5382

St. Joseph: Valerie Barcroft—519-344-7034

St. Benedict: Pat Heit—519-336-1273

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Benedict Council 11164

On **Tuesday, Nov. 6** at St. Benedict 6:30pm Mass, we will also pray for deceased members of Knights of Columbus Councils. All are welcome. Names of the deceased members who passed away this year will be entered in the Book of Remembrance.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 - KofC Executive meeting at 6:15pm and General meeting following the 6:30pm mass.

THANK YOU to the ladies of the CWL and all the volunteer knitters who donated the leftover hats, mitts, scarves and other winter wear from the CWL Bazaar. These, along with the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank and Help Center for needy families.

Men and youth over 18, the Knights of Columbus is a good opportunity to become involved in our parish cluster to help support church, community and family. More information is available in church pamphlet racks or speak to any K of C member.

2019 Sunday Missals

Please call the parish office for a Sunday Missal. Cost:\$5.



During November there will be a Book of Remembrance placed at the Baptismal font. Everyone is welcome to enter the names of their deceased family and friends to be remembered at each mass.



**Mark Your Calendar!! St Joseph CWL "Winter" Bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9am-12pm ~ St. Joseph Church Hall**



Conveners: **Lynda Miller 519-383-6768 and Charlene Hummel 519-542-4244** encourage all ladies of the parish to contact them to help with the success of this annual event. Many hands make light work and you are all very much appreciated!!

For anyone who would like to help with donating items we would be happy to accept...

DELI TABLE- canning pickles, jams, jellies, chili sauce, relishes, beets, beans.

CAKE WALK- decorated cakes.

CANDY TABLE- Winter and Christmas candy treats, yes - fudge too!!

BAKE TABLE- yummy baked items from apple pies to brownies, tarts, date squares, cookies and cupcakes, muffins and loaves.

Anything homemade with love!!

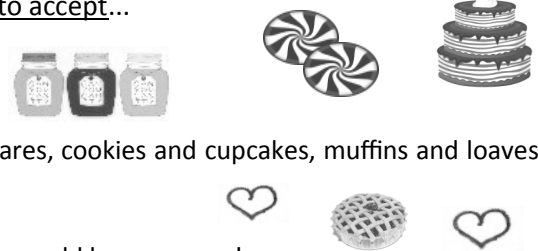
GIFT TABLE- "new" items to raffle.

KNITTING, SEWING, CRAFTING TABLE- items accepted. Winter/Christmas items would be awesome!

TREASURE TABLE- gently used household items, jewelry, kid's toys, games, books & novels. *Please no stuffed animals or clothing.*

ITEMS NOW? – YES PLEASE!! --- Any Items for the DELI TABLE (canning), GIFT TABLE, KNIT, SEW, CRAFTING TABLE, OR THE TREASURE TABLE would be greatly appreciated now in order to have sorted and ready prior to bazaar. Please contact Lynda or Charlene to arrange for drop off at church... NOTE -- this drop off will be after 6pm during the weekdays when arrangements have been confirmed. We look forward to having a successful bazaar and appreciate everyone's help and assistance.

INQUIRIES --- **Lynda Miller 519-383-6768 and Charlene Hummel 519-542-4244.**



18th Annual Cemetery Sunday Prayer Service
Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m.



Resurrection Mausoleum, 1885 London Line, Samia

It is a tradition in the month of November to pray for loved ones who have passed away. Everyone is welcome to join us this Sunday for our annual Prayer Service. Our celebrant will be Father Kathemo Mukucha.

Dante Club Women's Association Presents

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale
Sunday, Nov. 4 ~ 10am - 3pm



Dante Club, Main Hall, 1330 London Rd.

Local vendors: makeup, crafts, gift items, jewellery, tupperware, clothing & more.

Food: fresh Italian pastries, focaccia, ciambelle & more!
 Hot homemade lunch, available to eat-in or take-out!

Vocation Awareness Week
November 4 -10



Vocation Awareness Week is an opportunity for all parishes and schools to raise awareness that we all have a unique purpose, given to us by God our creator and we must all seek after that vocation with great zeal.

In particular, we want to pray for all those discerning the priesthood, permanent diaconate, consecrated life, sacrament of marriage and dedicated single life.

May our parishes and families be places of support, formation and prayer for those seeking to follow God's call in their lives.

The Bluewater Chamber Choir presents
"The Joy of Fall"



A concert of cheerful, warm and beautiful choral music to celebrate fall and prepare for winter.

Sat. Nov. 17 at 2:30pm & Sun. Nov. 18 at 2:30pm

Grace United Church (990 Cathcart Blvd.)

Admission at the door: \$10, with reception to follow.

Advent Booklets for Sale

There are The Magnificat Advent Companion booklets for sale at church entrances beginning this weekend. Cost: \$2. Advent begins Sunday, Dec. 2.

Development and Peace fall campaign: SHARE THE JOURNEY

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is joining forces with Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis by inviting Canadians to share the journey with those living the tragedy of forced migration. Launched in Rome in September 2017, the Share the Journey campaign aims to create a "culture of encounter" by educating the public to the realities of those forced to flee their homes and creating opportunities for encounters between them and local communities.

Forced migrants are first and foremost human beings. They are children, women, and men who all have a story of their own. They have lost what was most important to them: their family, home, land, and roots. The life that had taken them years to build no longer exists. They have nothing left, except perhaps the hope of being welcomed, listened to, and supported. It's up to us to take the first step, to open our hearts to them, and to cultivate the hope that dwells within them.

As a parish, we have met these people in our refugee families, most recent the family from Eritrea. Let us act in solidarity with them by joining the 'walk around the world' event. On the weekend of **Nov. 17 & 18**, you will be given the chance to pledge steps in the Share The Journey campaign. Together with other Canadians across the country we hope to 'walk' the circumference of the world.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

If you are seeking a church home, we gladly welcome you! Please complete this registration form and drop it in the weekend collection basket or bring to the parish office. Our parish communities welcome you and we hope that you will feel at home.

Last Name _____

First Name(s): Mr. & Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Miss _____

Children's Names (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Church in which you wish to be registered: Our Lady of Mercy St. Benedict St. Joseph

Do you wish to be issued a set of Sunday Offertory Envelopes: Yes No