



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

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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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Lauchie MacDougall (St. Joseph)  
Teena Burley - (St. Joseph)  
Mike Potvin - (St. Benedict)

## November 25, 2018

### 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.



By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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#### Stewardship Reflection...

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)*

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

#### Today's Readings...

**First Reading (Daniel 7:13-14)**

**Second Reading (Revelation 1:5-8)**

**Gospel (John 18:33b-37)**



## 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

For a house blessing please call the parish office.



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

Weekday Masses & Intentions	Pray For	Meetings & Happenings																						
<p><b>St. Benedict</b>  <u>Tues. Nov. 27 - 9:30am - St. Matthew Schl Mss</u>  <b>Tues. Nov. 27 - 6:30pm</b>                      Miguel Cabral (Wife Maria Cabral)                      Terence Coates (Andy &amp; Jackie Courchesne)                      Kristin Detailleur (Cathy &amp; Charlie Bathurst)</p> <p><b>Thurs. Nov. 29 - 6:30pm</b>                      Giovanni Di Scanno (Family)                      Mary Frankovic (Matt &amp; Nada Powlakovic)                      Deceased Members of Ferrera Family                      (Lorena &amp; Umberto Taglione)</p>	<p><b>Our prayers and sympathy to the family of...</b>   † Kathleen Hall  <i>May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.</i></p> <p><b>Diocesan ministers to pray for</b>                      ~ Deacon Michael Horoky                      ~ Rev. John Staskevicius                      ~ Mrs. Karen Robert, Pstrl Min                      ~ Deacon Paul Bezaire                      ~ Mrs. Christine Yeoumans, Coord Yth Min                      ~ Deacon John Shiha</p>	<p><b>St. Benedict</b>                      Nov. 25 11:00 am - 1st Reconciliation Class                      27 9:30 am - St. Matthew Schl Mss                      10:00 am - Community Safe Living/Lnch                      28 6:30 pm - RCIA Class                      29 1:00 pm - Anointing Mass                      7:00 pm - Cenacle Mtg                      Dec. 2 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class</p>																						
<p><b>St. Joseph</b>  <b>Wed. Nov. 28- 9:30am</b>                      Cecelia Ellen O'Rae (Charlie O'Rae)                      Joanne Bernier (Jean-Robert Bernier)                      Maria DeAlmeida &amp; Manuel Rodrigues &amp; Family (Maria Teixeira)</p>	<p><b>Please pray for our sick</b>                      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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>Our Lady of Mercy</b>                      Nov. 25 1-2 pm - Deacon Chuck Farewell Social                      26 7:00 pm - Holy Rosary Mtg                      27 7:00 pm - CWL Regional Mtg                      7:00 pm - KC 4th Degree Mtg                      7:00 pm - Italian Rosary                      28 11:30 am - Perpetual Help Devotions                      12:30 pm - Soup Social                      7:00 pm - Alpha Mtg                      7:00 pm - Choir Practice                      30 1:00 pm - Art Group</p>																						
<p><b>Sat. Dec. 1 - 9:30am</b>                      Domingos Correia (Maria Correia &amp; Sons)                      Dorie Hudak (Joe &amp; Liz Palko)                      Joseph Blaine Casey (Dr. Michael O'Mahony &amp; Staff)</p>		<p><b>St. Joseph</b>                      Nov. 28 10:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotions</p>																						
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<p><b>Thurs. Nov. 29 - 12:10</b>                      Ada Angeli (Carla Torcivia)                      Ernie Mitro (Mary Ann Barcroft)                      Bill &amp; Eva Jacques (Frank Dronzek)</p>		<p><b>Children's Sunday Liturgy:</b>                      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><b>Fri. Nov. 30 - 12:10</b>                      Joanne Bernier (Jean-Robert Bernier)                      Manuel DeAlmeida &amp; Family (Wife &amp; Family)                      Madeleine Dozois (Larry &amp; Family)</p>		<p><b>Items available at the parish office:</b>                      Religious Christmas Cards - \$8 for 10pk                      "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets - \$5                      2019 Sunday Missals - \$5</p> <p><b>Items available at church entrances:</b>                      Religious Calendars - \$2                      Advent Booklets - \$2</p>																						
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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE****November is CWL Membership Month**

We continue to collect CWL membership dues throughout November. We welcome all ladies of our cluster churches to join the Catholic Women's League. Please think about joining even if you are unable to come out to our meetings. Membership fee: \$25. Envelopes (dated November) are available in your church envelope box set. Extra membership envelopes are also available at church entrances.

**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

**CWL Christmas Potluck**

Hosted this year by St. Joseph CWL Ladies!!

When: Monday, Dec. 10

Where: St Joseph Church Hall

Time: 5:30pm mass with dinner to follow

All Ladies are asked to bring a favorite dish to share and a donation of men's toiletries including undergarments and socks for the Men's homes and/or jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers for St. Vincent De Paul.

We look forward to sharing an evening of fellowship and thanksgiving for all our efforts in supporting our cluster parish and ministries we support.

**St. Benedict CWL**

On Tuesday evening, December 4th, following the 6:30pm Mass, Fr. Steve Saval will do the installation of the new executive (2019 & 2020) for the Catholic Women's League and the Catholic Girl's League. The CWL will hold their Executive Meeting following the installation.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Keep Christ in Christmas - Catholic themed Christmas Cards and Car Magnets are now available at the parish offices.

**3D Nativity Scenes** - \$135- approx size 4 ft x 4 ft x 4 ft.



A base, either plywood or 2x4 is optional for another \$10. **BOOK YOUR ORDERS NOW.** First Come First Served until mid December 2018. A Keep Christ in Christmas initiative of the Knights of Columbus. Please contact: Jerry

Weerdenburg-Text or Phone 226-886-1712.

**St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church****Annual Christmas Bazaar**

For Perogies, Cabbage Rolls, Baking & more please visit St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1055 Rosedale Ave. on **Sat. Dec. 8 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

Please visit our website and Facebook pages for more info: <https://kofc1429.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/KofC1429/>

**St. Benedict Council 11164**

Thank you to students and parents for supporting our Sunday Breakfast. Draw winners: Ahmed of our refugee family and R.Minton.

Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets and lawn signs are available after weekend mass.

Reminder to members, your 2019 KofC dues are payable in the month of December. Please bring payment to the December meeting or place it in a regular envelope marked St. Benedict KofC dues and include your name, address and phone number on the envelope and place it in the weekend collection basket.



Joy-Full Socks is a Christmas campaign that is an easy and fun way to give to those less fortunate in our community. There is such a great need for life's basic necessities like warm socks and grooming products. That is where Joy-Full Socks can help.

We are asking for the donation of one pair of warm socks; men's, women's, or children's filled with age and gender appropriate grooming products. Grooming products may include soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, lotion, brushes or combs. Just to name a few. You can have fun with this campaign...this is your gift! You can fill the socks and tie them together with a ribbon. You can fill a Christmas stocking with the socks and products and some have put the whole donation in a gift bag. Others have even added a small gift along with the products. It is such an easy way to give! Donations will be collected from your business/school, then delivered to St. Vincent De Paul, the River City Vineyard and Circles and possibly the HUB. Joy-Full Socks is a simple, fun way to give to those who are in need at this special time of year! With your generosity and kindness we can make a huge difference in the lives of others!

**Thank you card from our Eritrean Family (who are working very hard on their English!!!)**

Thank you and gratitude to the Board of the Church Society. We extend our thanks and gratitude for their material and guidance to us, and also preparing the house with a wonderful image of you all.

*Our respect and appreciation, Mohamed Family*



**Farewell Social for Deacon Chuck Stevens**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 25 ~ Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall ~ 1-2pm**

All parishioners and friends are invited to join us for refreshments and to wish Deacon Chuck a fond farewell as he moves to a new assignment at St. Joseph's Church in Corunna. May God continue to bless him in his ministry.

**Irish Miracle - Saturday, Dec. 1**

**What...** Irish Miracle is a city-wide food drive which collects non-perishable food items for the needy in our community. Every year, Irish Miracle unites over 500 volunteer students, teachers and parents in the fight against hunger. Last year, upwards of 8,000 bags of food were collected for and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. That equates to over \$100,000 worth of groceries. Irish Miracle has been having this kind of impact on the Sarnia-Lambton area for 34 years.

**Where...** Irish Miracle aims to canvass every home in Sarnia, Point Edward and Brights Grove.

**When...** This year Irish Miracle will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 1st from 8:30am to noon.**

**How...** There are three ways to donate to Irish Miracle:

- Be home between 8:30am and noon and make your donation to our student canvassers in person
- Leave your donation outside your door with a sign that clearly marks it for "Irish Miracle"
- Drop your donations off at St. Patrick's High School between 8:30 and noon.



If you would like to drive for Irish Miracle: Email Chaplain Joseph Palko at [joseph.palko@sccdsb.net](mailto:joseph.palko@sccdsb.net)

**Why...** Irish Miracle is a direct response to the Gospel commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself" (cf. Mark 12:28-34). None of us want to be hungry. Therefore, it follows that we cannot allow our neighbours to be hungry either.

**Help Needed With St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers**

The St. Vincent de Paul is in need of assistance in preparing Christmas hampers on the following dates:

**Sat. Dec. 1 from 10am-2pm & Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 9am-12 noon at Our Lady of Mercy Hall**

Assistance is needed to sort cans, make up the Christmas hampers and lift heavy boxes. If you are able to help please call Rose Knight 519-344-7279 to confirm dates/times you are available. Thank you for participating in this ministry to the poor during the Christmas season.

**SVDP Christmas Giving Tree - Dec. 1/2 Weekend**

Once again we ask for your help to purchase Christmas gifts for children less fortunate in our community. These gifts will be included with the Christmas hampers.



**St. Benedict & Our Lady of Mercy:** tags can be found on Christmas trees set up at the churches on the weekend of **Dec. 1/2**. **St. Joseph:** tags will be available at church entrances.

If you would like to purchase a gift for a child we ask that you **please return your gift the following weekend on Dec. 8/9 with their tags secured to them.** Gifts can be placed under the

Christmas Giving Tree.

**At St. Joseph Church,** gifts can be placed in the designated boxes at the back of the church.

**Please return your gift on time so that no child goes without a gift. Thank you once again for your support.**

**Sarnia Deanery Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

(Location: Our Lady of Mercy Hall) **Adorers are needed for the following hours:**

**Sun.** 7-8am; 9-10am 12-1pm; 2-3pm; 5-6pm; 7-8pm; 10-11pm

**Mon.** 7-8am; 8-9am; 3-4pm; 6-7pm; 10-11pm

**Tues.** 7-8am; 8-9am; 11am-12pm; 4-5pm; 5-6pm; 7-8pm

**Wed.** 7-8am; 8-9am **Thurs.** 7-8am; 6-7pm; 8-9pm; 9-10pm

**Fri.** 10-11am; 2-3pm; 4-5pm; 6-7pm; 8-9pm; 10-11pm



**If you are able to commit to any of these hours, please contact Eufrazio Pinto 519-336-0192.**



**Deacon Chuck being moved to St. Joseph's in Corunna effective the start of Advent on December 1st.** Deacon Chuck has served the parish well since 2010 and he will be really missed even if he won't be going too far. I thank God for the gift of Deacon Chuck and his service both here and previously in Petrolia while I was stationed there. A **farewell** is being planned for this **Sunday November 25, from 1-2 pm at the OLM parish hall.**

Just after a **thief has stole some of OLM downspouts, they attempted to rip off the copper coated cross atop the bell structure at St. Joseph's!** Fortunately they stopped just short. We will find a different spot for that old rectory cross and put up a wooden replacement.

**All are invited to a special deanery wide Holy Mass on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Please join us on **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas parish.** A special collection will be taken up for the **Lambton Right to Life.**

As the winter approaches please take the time to ensure that your **family or loves ones in a nursing home or other institutions** are receiving Catholic pastoral care. If you are unsure if they are receiving the Sacraments please let their local Catholic parish know that they are there so that they can care to their spiritual needs.

**Advent arrives Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** With Advent we will start using the **2<sup>nd</sup> Option of the Penitential Act** (*Have mercy on us, O Lord... For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy... And grant us your salvation*). For the **Mystery of Faith we will exercise the 2<sup>nd</sup> option:** "*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*"

Once again our **grade 7 and 8's will be having an awesome NET** (National Evangelization Team <https://www.netcanada.ca/> **retreat.** Currently we are looking for **host homes (billeting) 2 or 3 members on Sunday night January 13 and Monday January 14?** Could you help out? Lots more information is available.

Please note that during the coming months we will be having **several Anointing Masses.** In **December we will have special Holy Masses at the four nursing homes where we have Holy Mass (Landmark, Vision, Marshall Gowland and Afton Park).** All fall on **Thursdays at 10 am.** Everyone is always welcome to these Holy Masses. Also we will have a **special parish Holy Mass of Anointing on Thursday, November 29, 1 pm at St. Benedict's.** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to all seeking it. "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (St. James 5:14-15). The Church continues the healing mission of Christ through this Sacrament and her pastoral care of the sick. The Anointing confers a special grace which unites more intimately the sick person to the Passion of Christ. It helps bring comfort, peace, courage and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person is not able to make a confession. Please remember that the Anointing is meant to accompany the other Sacrament of Healing, that of Penance (Confession). Any member of the faithful can receive the Anointing if in danger of death, upcoming surgery, sickness or old age. The Sacrament may be given several times. Please do not hesitate, come and receive God's grace of healing! For more information see the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1499-1532.

Also in the works is our parish mission trip in conjunction with Fr. Slawek, a priest of the Diocese of London serving in Whitehorse. Next year we will be having a **mission trip to the Diocese of Whitehorse, Yukon from May 27 to June 4.** Whitehorse is a sister diocese to London. While in the Yukon we will be helping construct a chapel at the diocesan summer camp. Accommodations will be quite simple! All are welcome but especially those with carpentry and electrical skills. Please let me know if interested in helping. The average temperature for the month of May is a high of 14 degrees with a low of 1 degree. We are going at the end of the month and into June itself! The cost will be approximately \$1000. We are flying out of London on Air Canada. We will have also have one day of cultural touring to Skagway, Alaska through the mountains to the ocean. So far 6 people have registered.

Looking for some good spiritual reading? Check out the **Magnificat booklet Building on Love: Pope Francis on the Family.** The cost is just \$7. There are helpful questions for self reflection and with your spouse. Also we have a few copies of the older publications Love in Marriage: Pope Francis on Living and Growing in Love. Cost is just \$4. Books are available from the office.

**Some Church statistics from December 31, 2016** - In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs 72.826 kindergartens with 7.313.370 pupils; 96.573 primary schools with 35.125.124 pupils; 47.862 secondary schools with 19.956.347 pupils. The Church also cares for 2.509.457 high school pupils, and 3.049.548 university students. Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church include: 5.287 hospitals. 15.937 dispensaries. 610 Care Homes for people with Leprosy. 15.722 Homes for the elderly, or the chronically ill or people with a disability. 9.552 orphanages. 11.758 creches. 13.897 marriage counselling centres. 3.506 social rehabilitation centres and 35.746 other kinds of institutions.

**Quote of the week... St. Augustine's Prayer for the Dead:** If you knew the gift of God and what heaven is. If you could hear the song of the angels from here and see me in the midst of them. If you could see unfolding before your eyes the horizons and eternal fields, the new paths where I walk! If, for a moment, you could contemplate as I do the beauty before which all beauties pale. What? You saw me, you loved me in the country of shadows, and you could not see me or love me in the country of immutable realities! Believe me, when death comes to break your bonds as it broke those that chained me and when, on a day that God knows and that He has determined, your soul comes into this heaven where mine has preceded, on that day you will see me again, you will find my affection purified. God forbid that upon entering a happier life, unfaithful to the memories and the true joys of my other life, I became less loving. You will see me again, then transfigured into ecstasy and happiness, no longer awaiting death, but advancing moment to moment with you into new paths of Light and Life. Wipe away your tears, and weep no more if you love me.

Help Wanted! Looking for a way to give of yourself? Our parish is looking to **form a social committee**. In the past the Catholic Women's League (CWL) and Knight's of Columbus (KofC) has often taken care of such gatherings like coffee socials. As these groups have become busier and like the rest of us older!, the strain on their members have grown so that they are not always able to do such things. So we are now looking to have a **core group of volunteers willing a few times a year to host small socials occasionally** after Holy Mass. Could you **volunteer to help**? So far we have **2 people but could really use more**. Volunteers are needed and welcome. For more information or to join this ministry please contact the office.

Help Wanted! Looking for a way to give of yourself? Could you **volunteer to help with shovelling snow in case of a heavy storm**? Our caretakers do a great job but at times we do get really big storms which tax their endurance. If you would be willing to have your name on a list to shovel snow please contact the office.

**Thank you for your support of the parish.  
Please remember your parish in your will.**

**Is there someone you could discuss the Gospel or the homily with? Around the kitchen table? In your family?**

**Do you have a question or need help with something? Please ask.**

**Is there anything you think is needed for the parish? Please let us know.**

**Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Please contact the office to register.**

**St. Benedict's** CRA Charity Registration Number #11910 9817RR0128

**Our Lady of Mercy & St. Joseph's** CRA Charity Registration Number #11910 9817RR0125

**What is God telling me this week?**

**What is one thing from Mass today that will help me to become a better person this week?**

**How did I do last week?**

### **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)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

### Pope Francis' 5 Finger Prayer

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

- 1) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

**We all experience difficult moments in our lives, but do not worry! God has provided us with His Word which always brings consolation and peace. Angels in heaven just wait to answer our calls so do not hesitate when in suffering.**

When in sorrow	Call John 14
When men fail you	Call Psalms 27
When you have sinned	Call Psalms 51
When you worry	Call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger	Call Psalms 91
When God seems far away	Call Psalms 139
When your faith needs stirring	Call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	Call Psalms 23
When you grow bitter and critical	Call 1 Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out	Call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest	Call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Call Psalms 90
When you want Christian assurance	Call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labour or travel	Call Psalms 121
When you want courage for a task	Call Joshua 1
When you think of investment and returns	Call Mark 10
If you are depressed	Call Psalms 27
If your pocketbook is empty	Call Psalms 37
If you are losing confidence in people	Call 1Co 13
If people seem unkind	Call John 15
If discouraged about your work	Call Psalms 126
If self pride/greatness takes hold	Call Psalms 19
If you want to be fruitful	Call John 15
For understanding of Christianity	Call 2Co 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity	Call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men	Call Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness	Call Colossians 3:12
Alternate Numbers:	
For dealing with fear	Call Psalms 34:7
For security	Call Psalms 121:3
For assurance	Call Mark 8:35
For reassurance	Call Psalms 145:18

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