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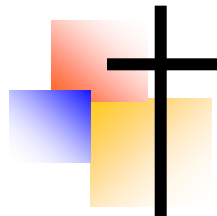
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Catholic Parishes of St. Michael and Sacred Heart



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To carry on the Mission of Christ

January 19, 2020 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

In the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church: In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations. Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives. The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16)

Next weekend, the Sunday of the Word of God, incense will be used at all Masses.

Our Faith Community

St. Michael Knights of Columbus Brunch

Sunday, January 19th after the 10 a.m. Mass

Includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, baked beans, fruit, coffee and tea. All for one low price of \$6.00 adults, youth 6-12 \$3.00, children under 6 are free.



Intentional Disciples at Work – HELP WANTED!

KINDERSTART (the registration process for children beginning elementary school) will begin shortly. As a vital partner in Catholic education, this year, as in years past, we have the opportunity to have parish representation at each of our parish affiliated Catholic schools on their assigned Kinderstart day. If you say "check, check, check" to the three questions below and are interested in signing up to "man our parish booth" at one (or more) of the KINDERSTART sessions, please contact Leanne in the parish office THIS WEEK (lmoran@dol.ca OR 519-344-2992 ext. 25). Thanks!

- ◇ I am excited about my faith and my parish!
- ◇ I am passionate about Catholic education!
- ◇ I have a few hours that I can happily spare to support this worthy cause!



Masses and Intentions

The Rosary is prayed 25 minutes before each weekday

Monday, January 20th

St. Michael - 6:30p.m.
 Frank ZalesakHelen Hulaj

Tuesday, January 21st

Sacred Heart - 8:30a.m.
 Shirley Mousseau.....Sacred Heart Parish
 Jean SmithSacred Heart Parish
 James Galvin..... Greg & Brenda Hogan
 Gino Stirpe Tony Zangolli
 Anne Scanlon (McMenamin)Ronan O'Donnell & Family
 Rosa GioiosaJoyce Bisson

Wednesday, January 22nd

St. Michael - 8:30 am.
 Frank Tote Maria
 Ennio DeSenaGisele & Family
 Special Intentions

Thursday, January 23rd

Sacred Heart - 6:30p.m. (Mass is cancelled)

Friday, January 24th

Sacred Heart - 8:30 a.m.
 Anna Fazio Daughter, Rosanna & Dino DeCarolis & Family
 Luigi StirpeSacred Heart Parish
 Mario DiMurro
 Nancy Berry Ann & Mike Baker
 Skip Le Clair Mary & Josh
 Liz Kelly Sacred Heart CWL

Saturday, January 25th

St. Michael - 8:30a.m.
 Mark DaSilvaThe Moniz Family
 Frank ZalesakHelen & Karol Bartos
 Prayers of Healing for Trish Berg George Stanko

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday**

Sacred Heart11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
 St. Michael 4:00 - 4:30p.m.

Weekend Vigil Masses

St. Michael 5:00p.m.
 Sacred Heart5:30p.m.

Sunday Masses

Sacred Heart 9:00a.m.
 St. Michael10:00a.m.
 Sacred Heart 11:00a.m.

Readings for Sunday, January 26th

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23



We remember those who have died

- Martin Riley, husband of Catherine, father of Gillian Morrison, Catherine De Sena and of Martin Riley
- Maria Iafrate, mother of Pietrina Ferrera and of Claudio Iafrate, grandmother of Rita Benacquista, Lora Mancusi, Diana Iafrate and of Melissa Cantalini
- Robert Kelly, father of Tom and grandfather of Jennifer Verslype
- Anton Erker
- Ralph Di Federico, father of Teresa and Wanda Giampietri

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Trish Berg, Hilda Lavine, Devon Neil, Florence & Stan Laird, Dennis Graveline, Anna Halford, Barry Mattigan, Carol Fera, Basil Kuiack, Kevin Kuindersma, Corinne Evans, Anna Kyksa, Fran Varga, Robert, Betty Warnez, Paula McNichol, Tom Rocca Sr., John L'Heureux, Tony Ritonja, Bobby Redman, Betty Mackey, Solange DeMeyer, Anne Heytens, Jim Stearn, Crystal Shooster, Danny Graveline



Mass Cancellation at Sacred Heart Church this Thursday



The Thursday evening Mass has been cancelled this week due to our priests being away at a Diaconate Ordination.

SAVE THE DATE –

Lenten Retreat with Bishop Fabbro

When: February 29th
 Where: Sacred Heart Church

The day will begin with Mass at 9am. with Bishop Fabbro followed by a day of discussion and reflection on the Year of Prayer themes; concludes at 3pm. More information will follow.



Parents & Preschoolers Returns

Our Parents & Preschoolers group meets for coffee, conversation and social time for the children and adults alike from 9:30 – 11:00am in the St. Michael Church Meeting Room (Bright's Grove) one Wednesday a month. If your children are all in school now, you are still most welcome to join the conversation! Our next gathering is Wednesday, January 29. (Other dates: Feb. 19, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 17). Jennifer Verheyden hosts the gathering. If you have any questions, feel free to email Jennifer at: jennifer.verheyden@gmail.com



DINNER AND CARD NIGHTS

Break out from the **WINTER BLUES** and join us for an evening of dinner and euchre card tournament

- January 25 (Pasta and Salad)*
- February 29 (Soup and Salad)
- March 21 (Pasta and Salad)*
- April 25 (Bar-B-Q)



* Gluten free pasta will be available

Location--St. Michael Church after the 5 p.m. Mass

Book early by calling Ray DiBrita at 519-869-4193.

There will be a \$5.00 cover charge to purchase the food, etc. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

NB If you would like to bring a dessert to share with others, please drop it off at the church.

Don't be disappointed, book now for one event or as many dates as you would like.

Blessing of Throats and Candles

All are invited to participate in the blessing of throats following each of the weekend Masses on Feb. 1/2 and after the evening Mass at St. Michael Church on Monday Feb. 3rd (the Feast Day of St. Blaise). If you wish to do so, you are welcome to bring along any candles to be blessed that you will be using in your home.

St. Michael CWL

Supporting Mental Health for Youth

Did you know that approximately 70% of youth admitted to Bluewater Health, are there because they are dealing with mental health issues? While they are receiving treatment, they often have periods of time where they are in need of activities to help fill their time. We can help.



St. Michael CWL is collecting **NEW** puzzles, card games, crafts, and games to donate to the mental health unit at Bluewater Health. There will be a box in the Narthex until Sunday, February 2nd for your contributions. Activities should be suitable for the age group of 12-19. Thank you for helping us to make a difference.

Single Seniors Update

We are considering making some changes to the single seniors group and are seeking your input. Some things to consider may include: having a **SENIORS** group (rather than a specifically "single" seniors group) that meets monthly for a potluck lunch and fellowship; adding a faith component to the gathering such as a short video and discussion; opening up the seniors group/single seniors group to parishioners from the Sarnia family of parishes, etc. Please contact Marita at 519-337-4738 with your suggestions. Thank you.



This Week's Events at a glance...

Sun., Jan. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at all weekend Masses - SM & SH • K of C Brunch at 11a.m. in Meet. Rm - SM • SH Choir Lunch at 12:30p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH • SM Migrant Ministry Gen. Meet. & Potluck at 5p.m. in Meet. Rm - SM
Mon., Jan. 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knitting & Crocheting Group at 1p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH • Divine Mercy Devotions at 3p.m. - SH
Tues., Jan. 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Faith Sharing Group at 1p.m. - SH • Baptism Prep meet. at 6:30p.m. in Meet. Rm - SM
Wed., Jan. 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation Prep Session at 6:30p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH • RCIA at 6:30p.m. in the Meet. Rm at St. Benedict Church
Thurs., Jan. 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quilting Group at 9 a.m. in Meet. Rm. - SM • Confirmation Prep at 6p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH
Fri., Jan. 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trivia Night at 7p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH
Sat., Jan. 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner & Card Night at 6p.m. in Meet. Rm - SM
Sun., Jan. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism during 10a.m. Mass - SM • Baptism during 11a.m. Mass - SH • Coffee Sunday at 11a.m. in Meet. Rm - SM

Upcoming Events

(SM=St. Michael, SH=Sacred Heart)

- Jan. 29th - Parents & Preschoolers at 9:30a.m. in Meet. Rm - **SM**
- Feb. 1st & Feb. 2nd - Blessing of Throats after all weekend Masses - **SM & SH**
- Feb. 2nd - SM SSVP Meet at 7:30a.m. in Board Rm - **SM**

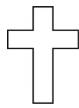
First Communion Preparation

Sacramental Preparation continues with the grade two children with the Presentation of the Bread on the weekend of February 22/23. If you have a child who wishes to receive sacraments this year and you have not already registered, please contact the parish office asap.



Pray for Vocations: Jan. 19th to Jan. 25th

Sunday: Deacon Mark Castanier
Monday: Volunteers in the Diocese of London
Tuesday: Rev. John Comiskey
Wednesday: Rev. Paul Kim
Thursday: Rev. Paul Nicholson
Friday: Deacon Richard Heath
Saturday: Ms. Nives Davies, Pastoral Minister
Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Deanery/Community Events

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Food Bank & Help Centre**

228 Davis Street Sarnia, ON N7T 1B3 - 519-337-1058

During the month of December, the Food Bank and Help Centre responded to 134 calls for assistance helping 104 family adults, 119 children and 39 single adults. As well as food, \$5,482.26 was given to 13 clients to help pay for rent and utilities.



You can assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters by donating food and bringing it to the Food Bank at the corner of Davis and Euphemia Streets. Monetary donations would really be welcomed. Please note that some parish churches may have a St. Vincent de Paul Society collection box at their entrance where dry food and personal care items for the Food Bank can be dropped off. Please check your parish church.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all the supporters of the Food Bank and the work of our Society.

**PRESENCE - A Video Presentation
on the Eucharist!**

Remaining Sessions will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd & 29th at Our Lady of Mercy Hall from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. As part of this series, there will be a significant time of questions and answers with Fr. Brian and Fr. Anthony. What a great opportunity to have your questions answered and talked about! We all have questions we wonder about. Let's talk!



Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille ("retro-vi" with a long i) has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including

disillusionment and deep misery. The program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Windsor/Essex will be the weekend of **Feb. 14 – 16** at Holy Family Retreat House. To register for the weekend, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email at 1015@retrouvaille.org

2020 Pure Life Summit - I Thirst

Saturday, February 29th at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Secondary School, 2727 Tokala Trail, London from 8:30a.m. to 10p.m. The cost is \$50 if you register online, \$60 at the door. This event is for high school, college, university students, young adults and parents. Guest speakers: John and Katelyn Bishop from FOCUS and i.d. 9:16 Michigan, and Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor of All Saints (Strathroy), Sacred Heart (Delaware) and St. Charles (Glencoe). To Register: <https://famfi.ca/registrations/pure-life-summit-registration/> or contact Connie at cvanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info. Like us on Facebook (FFI Pure Life Ministry) to receive all the latest updates.

ALPHA

Mark your calendar for the next Alpha course that will begin on Wed. March 4, 2020! Plan to attend and bring someone you know that would enjoy and benefit from Alpha! Alpha is a place to seek answers to life's questions and share the joys and challenges of our life/faith experiences all in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Alpha is for young adults and older adults and everyone in between. More details to follow.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

The Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEC) provides quality preparation for marriage in a weekend retreat presented in a prayerful atmosphere. The weekend is truly a spiritual experience, enriched by the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist. The weekend is Catholic in thought, morality, ritual and expression. It gives couples the opportunity to discover the deep meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage within the Catholic Church and offers couples a unique experience which focuses strongly on fostering good communication in marriage and the importance of God in their relationship. The program solidly supports Church teaching in all areas. Available dates: March 6-8, 2020; and Oct. 17-19, 2020. Please contact Terry and JoAnne Burrell (St. Thomas Aquinas Parish-Sarnia) 519-542-8826, jotab@cogeco.ca.



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