

Interim Mass Schedule for Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes



Dear Parishioners

The priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers have been meeting to discuss the mass times for our Family of Parishes beginning July 5, 2021.

In consultation with the Transition Team, Pastoral Team, and Secretaries, we have decided on the following schedule. Despite the reduction of priests from 6 to 5, we have tried to keep the number of masses on the weekend as consistent as possible with the prior schedule. This is due to the existing capacity restrictions imposed by the Ontario Government on places of worship. However, because the previous schedule had 6 masses crunched together between the 5 and 6pm Saturday evening and a similar lack of spacing on Sunday we have had to change several mass times to enable the 5 priests and deacons to be present at the masses. Many different configurations were considered. Below is what we feel to be the best solution keeping mass time changes to a minimum to the best of our ability.

The Mass changes for Saturday evening are as follows:

1. Our Lady of Mercy from 5:30 to **4:00 pm**
2. St. Benedict from 5:00 to **6:00 pm**
3. St. Thomas d'Aquin 5:30 mass will be in the **Spanish language**.

The Mass changes for Sunday are as follows:

1. Our Lady of Mercy from 9:00 to **8:30 am**
2. St. Benedict from 10:00 to **9:00 am**
3. St. Michael from 10:00 to **10:30 am**
4. Queen of Peace from 9:30 to **9:00 am**
5. St. Thomas d'Aquin 5:00 pm Spanish Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday is **eliminated**.

Once the Covid- 19 restrictions have been lifted and seating capacity returns, the mass schedule will be further reviewed. Below is the interim weekend Mass schedule beginning July 10/11, 2021.

St. Benedict	St. Joseph	Our Lady of Mercy	Sacred Heart	St. Michael	Queen of Peace	St. Thomas d'Aquin
Saturday 6pm	Sunday 11am	Saturday 4pm	Saturday 5:30pm	Saturday 5pm	Saturday 5pm	Saturday 5:30pm Spanish
Sunday 9am		Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 10:30am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 9am
Sunday 6:30pm			Sunday 11am		Sunday 11am Polish	Sunday 11am French

We have also tried to keep the weekday masses as consistent as possible with the previous schedule for the same reasons with two changes:

1. Queen of Peace Wednesday morning mass at 8:00 am is eliminated.
2. St. Thomas d'Aquin Thursday morning mass at 8:30 am is eliminated.

With the new schedule of Family of Parishes there will be a number of masses to choose from weekly:

- 3 masses on Monday
- 5 masses on Tuesday
- 4 masses on Wednesday
- 4 masses on Thursday
- 4 masses on Friday
- 4 masses on Saturday morning
- 17 masses on the weekend.

Thank you for your understanding.