



EAST WINDSOR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Lady of the Atonement | St. Anthony of Padua | St. John Vianney

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Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Rob

Come Lord Jesus, Come! This is our Advent prayer for the next four weeks. I invite you to pray these simple words throughout the day. It disposes us to live in the present moment, opening our hearts to God's presence each day. The Saints teach us to keep our eyes open and to stay alert as we prepare for the Lord's coming. As we wait, we serve our sisters and brothers. We are those servants entrusted with many tasks as we await the Master's return. This season always helps us to appreciate the value of waiting. Add to it moments of silence which strengthen us to face the many challenges of our day by quietly appreciating the grace God sends our way.

As a Family of Parishes we continue to face many challenges as we seek to best share the Gospel. The insert today (2 sided) is a report from our Finance Committee, outlining our status from June to the end of October. We have also provided the attendance data to give us a glimpse of how we are recovering from COVID. It has been and remains challenging. We have some financial hurdles to overcome and we all need to get better at evangelizing our friends and neighbours and share the good news of being part of a parish community.

Two of our parishes experienced a deficit during this period. St. Anthony due to the continued pause in Sunday liturgy as we work out some arrangements with the Diocese and the parish community. St. John Vianney has struggled with getting people back to regular worship and offertory giving. Even the addition of the 11 am mass has not provided the result we were hoping for and we will need to seriously discern a way forward that best utilizes our resources. We just received a bequest of \$17000 for SJV which will greatly help towards decreasing the deficit and we are hopeful things are moving in the right direction.

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Jim Higgins

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

9:00 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

11:00 am mass St. John Vianney

The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold
for time being

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Saturday 11 am - noon @ SJV

3rd Saturday 11 am - noon @ OLA

or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick


Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 am-3 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for...	 Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday, December 5 8:45 am @ OLA	<u>H.J. Lassaline School & Parish Mass</u> Magella Mailloux- Cecile Schiller & Len Laporte Tony Gugliotta -wife Connie, Children & Grandchildren Susan Marcotty -Vera Sirizzotti Jean & Bob Hind -Bonnie & Family Bruno DiMambro -John Canestraro Deceased Members of the Dolphis & Caza Families
9am @ SJV Fr. Dwayne Adam	Larry Huslop -Rebecca Paquette Deceased Members of the Paquet & Manzerolle Families- Prudencio Quintanilla Jr.- Jo Jo Quintanilla Breanna Van Wattenghem (1st Ann.) - Paul & Barb VanWatenghem Souls in Purgatory-F.O.S.S
Wednesday, December 6 8:30 am @ SJV	<u>St. John Vianney School Mass</u> (school only) Bob & Mary-Anne Galli -Diane Aversa Charles Zichichi -wife Theresa & Family Mary Ann Krutsch -Doris Summerfield
9:15 am @ OLA	<u>L.A. Desmarais School & Parish Mass</u> Giacomo Trotti -wife Rosa & Family Jean-Claude Begin -Carol Beausoleil Robert Galli -Anna & Michael Brieda Nancy Murray -Ferrato Family Antonio Salinda -Peralta Family Hilarion Peralta -Peralta Family
Thursday, December 7 9 am @ SJV <i>St. Ambrose</i> Dcn. Lyle Lalonge	Ints. of Sheri Rueda -Mom Dak Saba -wife Juliette Donna Masse -Dan Pergolesi Mimma Gallucci- Aunt Silvana & Uncle Trieste & Family
Friday, December 8 9 am @ OLA followed by Rosary <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Ints. of Paul Vincent- The Sobocan Family Angela & Angelo Mariani- Their Children Dan Frimer -Mary & Henry Bellemore Paszusics Ilona & Kurtin Ferenc- Vardai Family Dylan MacDonald -Sonny & Nicki Pozzi
Saturday, December 9 5 pm @ OLA & SJV <i>St. Juan Diego</i> Mrs. Colleen Kean Pastoral Minister	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA 9 am & 11 am @ SJV Deacon Fred Eade	Intention of the Parishioners

CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGIES

With Christmas falling on a Sunday/Monday this year, it makes for some challenging scheduling with all involved in liturgical ministry. We have determined from attendance data from the past year what we think is a manageable schedule to best serve our Family of Parishes. Please look at the schedule and attend mass at the time and location that will meet your needs. **Please be aware of the schedule with some changes to regular Sunday times for two weekends!**

4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 23/24

OLA: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 10:30 am

SJV: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10 am

Christmas Eve Sunday night

OLA 4:30 pm & 7 pm

SJV 5 pm

Christmas Day Monday morning

SJV 10 am

OLA 10:30 am

Feast of the Holy Family Dec. 30/31

OLA: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 10:30 am

SJV: Sat 5 pm; Sun. 10 am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Year Eve/Day)

OLA: Sunday night 5 pm

Monday morning 10:30 am

SJV: Sunday night 5 pm

Monday morning 10 am



Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 am-Noon

Sat. December 16th at OLA & SJV

Tuesday, December 19th

6:30 pm-7:30 pm OLA & SJV

UPCOMING NURSING HOME MASSES 2 pm

December 5 @ Riverside Place

December 12 @ Heron Terrace

December 13 @ Aspen Lake *note date change

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: join us for mass on Friday, December 8th followed by the Rosary as we celebrate the feast day of the patroness of our Diocese and Our Lady of the Atonement Parish.

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Jeanne Brisson & Mary Helen Morneau

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth are reminded of their upcoming confirmation rehearsal meeting on **Wed, Dec 6 @ 6pm** at OLA for those being confirmed at Atonement Parish & **Thurs, Dec 7 @ 5pm** @ SJV for those being confirmed at St. John Vianney Parish.

We pray for the youth as they share this special time of preparation for this sacrament. They will receive this sacrament on the 3rd Sunday of Advent on **December 17th at two special afternoon masses:**

12:30 pm Confirmation at OLA
3 pm Confirmation at SJV
God Bless all our candidates!

What's Happening

Mon. Dec. 4 @ 7 pm	SJV	SSVDP Mtg (Vianney Hall)
Tues..Dec 5 @ 6:30 pm	OLA	Parish Family Youth Group
Tues. Dec. 5 @ 7 pm	OLA	K of C #8919 Mtg.
Wed. Dec 6 @ 7:30 pm	OLA	Prayer Group (St. Francis)
Thurs. Dec. 7 @ 7 pm	OLA	CWL Advent Social for SJV & OLA Ladies.
Sat. Dec. 9 @ 6 pm	OLA	K of C #8919 Festive Family Dinner (Atonement Centre)
Tues. Dec 14 @ 7 pm	SJV	K of C #9865 Meeting



Knights of Columbus-Light up for Christmas

Council 8919 (OLA) extends an invitation to come on Tuesday, December 5th for their annual lighting of the Christmas Nativity scene with the family youth group at the entrance to Our Lady of the Atonement church. Come for 6:30 pm followed by hot chocolate and cookies. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Come and join us in this time of prayer for vocations to the priesthood next Sunday, Dec. 10th 2-3 pm at Our Lady of the Atonement. It is the task of each one of us to fervently pray for our youth to answer God's call so that we might have the priests we need to serve God's people.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024

Envelopes have been prepared and are available for pick up in the parish halls when you come to mass on the weekend. **DO NOT USE THEM until 2024 please.** If you do not have envelopes presently and would like a set please contact Robin in the office at (519)735-6023 or atonement@dol.ca. If you would like to switch to the automatic monthly withdrawal, please contact Mary at x. 35 or mknowler@dol.ca

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2024

Parent meetings will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 13th @ 6:30 pm** at St. John Vianney and **Thursday, Dec. 14th @ 6:30 pm** for Our Lady of the Atonement.

Information was sent home this past week with the Grade 2 children in our parish schools.

If your child attends public school or a school out of our parish boundaries, please contact Rachelle or Maria to get the information. Easter is very early this year so our programs will start up in January for the children.

CWL NEWS

OLA

Last day to purchase tourtiere (Christmas Meat Pies) is **Monday, December 4th between 1-3 pm in the Atonement Family Centre.**

The small are \$7 & large \$14. We are sold out of the chicken pot pies.

Now is the time to renew your CWL membership or to become a member. Dues are \$40 and can be mailed, dropped in parish office or put in the Sunday offertory basket. Being a member is a great way to meet new friends and share in the work of the League.



Advent Giving Tree for our Family of Parishes

An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to contribute to the 2023 Advent Giving Tree which gives welcome support to families in our community who are in dire need this Christmas.

Once again, we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger in \$25.00 increments and/or a financial donation to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

We ask that the gift cards and financial donations be returned to the parish office or placed in the Sunday offertory basket by the weekend of December 9/10th 2023. Please mark your envelopes clearly "Giving Tree" and specify which Parish Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) you wish to support.

If you would rather make a financial donation to this program, this is welcome as well. **Please make sure you make the cheque payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul- (conference name OLA, SJV or SVDP) as we have 3 distinct conferences. If you wish a tax receipt for your financial donation, provide your name and address on the outside of the envelope and clearly mark "Giving Tree and the conference name".**

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and donations of food throughout the year. God bless you.

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