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

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February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time A message from Fr. Rob...

"If you choose, you can make me clean" says the man with leprosy to Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus looks upon him with compassion and says "I do choose. Be made clean." What strikes me about this encounter is the reaction of Jesus. There is no hesitation at all. He doesn't need time to think about it nor does He worry about all the other things that must be done. Immediately Jesus responds with healing. This teaches us that the Lord always chooses us first. I find this to be very comforting.

As we prepare for the Season of Lent this week, perhaps we all can use these next 40 days to pray and reflect on God's loving choice for us and our response to this choice by our choosing the Lord each day. Lent gives us the opportunity to embrace the cross and follow the Lord.

Our season will be limited of course but it can still bear fruit. We will not yet be open for Ash Wednesday but we can still reflect on the call to "repent and believe in the Gospel." We can embrace the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. While we cannot resume our normal Lenten practice of bringing in items each week for our pantries, maybe we can consider financial donations to our three St. Vincent de Paul Societies and Share Lent.

We will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 27th: St. John Vianney 11 am-noon; Our Lady of the Atonement 1 pm-2 pm.

Stations of the Cross will begin Friday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at **both** St. John Vianney and Our Lady of the Atonement in order to provide the opportunity for more people to attend. Seating is limited to our 30% capacity and will be on a walk-in basis with sign in registration at the door.

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Daniel Bombardier

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

New Mass Schedule (Temporary times due to COVID-19):

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement 5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonment for St. Vincent de Paul Parish 9:00 am St. John Vianney 10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement The mass for Hungarian Community is on hold for time being

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment only at this time.

Call the office to arrange a time.

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

No Public Masses As we are in Grey Zone	Mass Intentions
Tuesday, February 16 9 am @ SJV	Anna Iatonna-Antonia Buzzeo Keith Wilbur-Dave & Cathy Wilbur Cathy Borovic 5th Anniversary- John Paul Beaupre-
Fr. Clare Coleman	Mary & Henry Bellemore
Wednesday, February 17 9 am @ OLOA Ash Wednesday	Krystyna Dudzinska- Daughter Beata & Family Eugene & Laura Pettenaude- Tony & Agnes D'Andrea Earl Fontaine- Jerry & Dorothy Clement
Thursday, February 18 9 am @ SJV Deacon Jose Viveiras	Julius Van Den Bossche- Theresa Bombardier Olivia Ignagni-Theresa Mollica Deceased Members of the Polisena Family-
Friday, February 19 Fr. Ross Bartley	Ints. of Kay MacLellan- Margaret Blondin- Kay MacLellan Drena Wilson- Carol Beausoleil Leonardo Patolot 23rd Anniversary-His Family Roger Garant-Alison Ouellette Aneena Mousa Algudady- Dave, Hana & Family
Saturday, February 20 Fr. Mark Poulin	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, February 21 First Sunday of Lent Fr. Mark Maloney	Intentions of the Parishioners 1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22 Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

Family Day Prayer

Prayer for family unity: Dear Lord God, You created balance.

The night to follow the day. The sea to touch the earth.

All the wonderful animals, fish and birds. You are the great creator of variety and diversity.

Thank you that you made us all to be unique and reflect your love.

Come draw our family together in all it's wonder and beauty. Help us to love and respect each other.

Show us how to support and encourage one another.

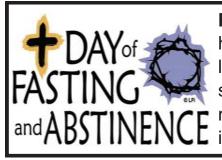
Inspire us to work together to become a picture full of your perfect love.

Amen.

Family Day, Monday, February 15th

Family Day of course will have to be celebrated a little different this year. Find below a link to the 2021 Windsor Essex Family Day Guide. It gives some great ideas such on line baking, where to pick up pizza kits, craft & pottery to go kits as well as virtual art gallery & Windsor Symphony concerts.

https://visitwindsoressex.com/event/2021-windsoressex-family-day-guide/



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: On Fridays during Lent, it is highly encouraged for all those who are able, to fast from large meals and abstain from eating meat. These ancient spiritual practices of self-denial help us to strengthen our resolve to better ourselves. **Ash Wednesday-February 17th** is a universal day of fasting and abstinence.



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration

www.wecdsb.on.ca

Tuesday, February 16th to Friday February 26th, 2021

For your added convenience, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board invites you to attend a **Virtual Open House @ www.wecdsb.on.ca**

Wednesday February 17th beginning at 5:00pm Visit www.wecdsb.on.ca

Junior Kindergarten: Children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2021 Senior Kindergarten: Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021

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:

Valerina Rainelli

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. The provincial stay at home order is only being lifted as of Tuesday, February 16th. There are a number of preparations that must be made by the parish staff in order to re-open safely as the stay at home order also applied to our employees during the lock-down.

As this bulletin is being prepared, it has not yet been announced by the Health Unit what colour zone we will be in but we **anticipate** re-opening for the 1st Sunday of Lent: February 21st with 30% occupancy. Stay tuned to the news and health unit updates. As always the following protocols will need to be followed: masks must be worn at all times by everyone. Those with a medical exemption must produce a letter from their health care provider to Fr. Rob or Fr. Daniel (prior to coming back to church) and special seating will be provided as per Bishop Fabbro's directives, phoning in for a mass reservation each week and maintaining physical distancing at all times. We should all be used to these protocols by now. Our goal is to resume celebrating together in a safe environment for everyone.

"The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board invites interested Catholic School Supporters to provide input on its Budget priorities for the coming school year. A stakeholder survey has been posted on the Board's website at www.wecdsb.on.ca. School community stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments on Budget priorities using the survey provided on the website. Survey responses received by Friday, March 5, 2021 will be summarized and presented to the Board at its meeting of March 30. Surveys received subsequent to March 5, 2021 may be considered in the final draft Budget which is expected to be tabled with the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 8, 2021 with final deliberation and approval June 15, 2021."



EVANGELIZATION and FAITH FORMATION:

You can go to formed.org or just go to our parish website: **eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca** and click the FORMED box on our home page and that will link you directly and then follow the instructions on the screen for "find my parish", enter East Windsor Catholic Family and then follow the directions.

They offer a wide variety or resources on so many different topics. They have some programmes relating to the Year of St. Joseph, a video called a Scriptural Walk thru the Mass, as well as some scripture study programmes. They will also offer some resources for Lent to help us all spiritually. Check it out!



2020 Tax Receipts were all prepared and mailed out this past week. Depending on the mail delivery most should receive them by the end of this week. The pandemic has created

some delays in mail delivery times.



Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Rachelle in the parish office for any baptism inquiries (519) 735-6023 ext. 32

Once we re-open we will be able to resume the celebration of baptism.



We are in the process of preparing information which will go home via the 4 schools affiliated with the parish now that they have returned to class and we will also post the information on our website. For families with children in public, French immersion or

French first language schools, please consult the parish website for information towards the end of this month or contact the office for more information. At this time we have not established a firm schedule. Most likely we are looking at sometime in late March/April for Reconciliation and late May /June for Eucharist.

We have at-home materials which we will be distributing to families to prepare for these sacraments.

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