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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

A Message From Fr. Rob....

Spring is a moment of hope and beauty. We see all the trees and flowers blooming and it lifts our spirits. Last fall, as we were working in the yards of our three churches, we came across various trees in strange places. Despite not being in the best of locations, they had managed to grow. We set about transplanting them into better locations and prayed they would make it through the winter. They did! To plant a tree is an act of hope. God provided them to us, small as they were. We may not see much progress but it is a lesson in patience. Too often we are accustomed to instant gratification. It is not about seeing a huge tree now. It is about what that tree will be like in 25 years from now. We may not enjoy its shade or beauty perhaps but our work will bring benefit in years to come. Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical "Laudato Si" that we are to care for creation and participate in God's eternal plan.

The same is true of our spiritual life. The path to holiness is not about instant sainthood but about daily striving to grow, sometimes in adverse conditions, in order to bear fruit in abundance. With the right nourishment, we can make progress. God plants the seed of faith initially. Then as we progress through life, with prayer, perseverance and steadfastness, that gift of faith grows. Growth comes about gradually. In the Gospel this weekend, God prunes and tends the vine in order to help it bear more fruit. We are in this for the long haul!

This weekend Fr. Daniel and I mark our ordination anniversaries: Fr. Daniel May 1st: 17 years and me May 2nd: 29 years. Again the pandemic keeps us from celebrating with you what we were ordained to do: be with the people of God to share God's Word and the Eucharist. We pray for all of you daily.

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

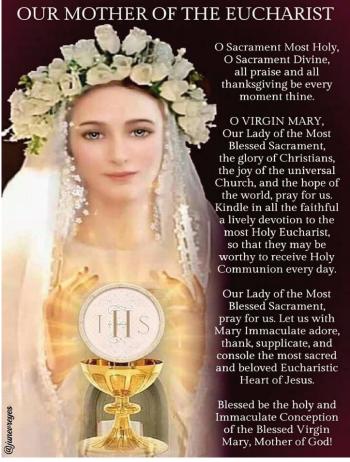
Monday: 9 am-3 pm Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for	Mass Intentions
Tuesday, May 4 9 am @ SJV Bl. Marie Leonis Paradis Fr. Daniel Bombardier	In Thanksgiving for answered prayers- Marie Lachine Marguerite Parent- Bernie & Irene Dumas Michael Spencer-Joe McTaggart Desmond Richardson- Victor & Shirley Peltier Mike DiMambro-Lisa, Steph & Sara Hipolit Kawala- Ewa & Bruno Di Mambro
Wednesday, May 5 9 am @ OLA Fr. Richard Bester	Pasquale Muscedere- wife Antonia & Family Giacomo Trotti-wife Rosa & Family Gilmar Meira-Janete Wilson Avelina & Sulpicio Maglanoc- Marcela Lapuz Leonara & Felino Lapuz- Marcela Lapuz
Thursday, May 6 9 am @ SJV St. Francois de Laval Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood	Ints of Rev. John Shiha- Damian & Lou Anne Bryce Dak Saba-wife Juliette Mike DiMambro-Lisa, Steph & Sara Hipolit Kawala- Ewa & Bruno Di Mambro Joyce Ann Langille-Gerry Stock
Friday, May 7 9 am @ OLA Fr. Gary Ducharme	Ints of Georjo Tabucan - Robert Bezaire- Mr. & Mrs. N. Rodrigues Zibi Niewiarowski-Lana Perkins Bernardo Santos-cousin Ely Garcia Marie Nickelson-Eileen Langlois
Saturday, May 8 Fr. James Mockler	Intentions of the Parishioners 5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement & St. John Vianney
Sunday, May 9 6th Sunday of Easter Fr. Gerry Campeau	Intentions of the Parishioners 8:30 am: St. Vincent de Paul @OLA 9 am: St. John Vianney 10:30 am: Our Lady of the Atonement

May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. Please keep the volunteers of



Birthright and Our Lady of Guadalupe Home as well as all mothers with unplanned pregnancies in your prayers! May our Blessed Mother intercede for all of them.



Forming a Community of Prayer: We all want this pandemic to end, for the sick to regain their health, for the healthcare and all essential workers to be kept safe and strengthened, for the children to get back to school, for small business owners to be given a chance to succeed and for all of us to get back to a regular routine. We know everyone has been praying during these times. There is strength in knowing we are united in prayer. We are asking our entire family of parishes community to consciously take a moment during this current shut-down period every day at 11 am to quietly and deliberately pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for an end to this pandemic and for healing, peace and recovery. That is one month of daily intentional prayer, asking our Heavenly Father to bring an end to this challenging time and bring healing to the world. A great way for families and couples to pray together. Maybe even phone a friend and offer to pray together.

Pope Francis has also asked that we make a special effort during this month of May to pray the Rosary for all those affected by the pandemic. "Pray for us O Holy Mother of God."

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:

Theresa Donaldson, Elaine Wilson, Mario Sanchez

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We continue to pray for our youth during this time of preparation. We are still working on a revised schedule for the celebration of this sacrament. It all depends on what happens after May 20th. Fr. Daniel and Maria will be in contact via email when a new plan is finalized.



Bursary Awards

CWL Bursary Awards OLOA The Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic

Women's League have applications for two bursary awards for students graduating from high school and pursuing a post secondary education at a college or university. All interested candidates should visit eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca for the application. The application outlines the criteria required and the completed application must also be approved by Fr. Rob. Applications must be

CWL Bursary Award SJV

St. John Vianney Catholic Women's League Council is pleased to award a \$100.00 bursary to a grade 8 student who plans to continue his/her education in a Catholic High School. We realize that the cost of uniforms, etc. is a necessary expense for families, and in order to help out, we offer this assistance.

All interested candidates should visit eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca for the application. The application outlines the criteria required and the completed application must dropped off to the St. John Vianney Parish mailbox by May 31, 2021.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

We continue to make preparations to celebrate with the children in Grade 2 their reception of these



sacraments. Parents by now should have returned the registration form and received the materials.

Due to the current stay at home restrictions, all previous dates have

been postponed. The pastoral team is working on a new schedule and will email families as soon as a new plan has been devised.

You should be finished the reconciliation pages and now working on the eucharist pages.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Maria Mollica for children in schools affiliated with Our Lady of the Atonement and St. Vincent parishes: 519-735-6023 ext 23.

Rachelle Leslie for children affiliated with St. John Vianney parish: 519-735-6023 ext. 32.



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