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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Message From Fr. Jim....

Welcome to the Season of Advent. For many people this is a busy time getting ready for Christmas gatherings and buying presents and getting your house ready to receive guests. But our focus as followers of Jesus these four weeks of Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and welcome the Child who has come to redeem the world. It is a time for us to sweep clean our spiritual house and make room for Him who is born Saviour.

I found a saying this past week that will be on our Church signs – “We are all INNKEEPERS. Will you make room for Jesus?” I was taken aback for a moment to realize that like that first Christmas we can easily say when the knock comes to our door – No Room! We have to realize that we have the ability to welcome the Child who comes in the family who have no income at this time and will have a difficult time making sense of Christmas for their loved ones. We have the ability to welcome the Child who comes in the migrants searching for a new home and needing a helping hand. We have the ability to welcome the Child who comes in the children who go hungry every day because of war in their country or who are not able to attend school. We have the ability to welcome the Child who comes in a family member or a relation who is estranged from us because of something in the past and is longing to be reunited with us.

Make this time of Advent a spiritual journey of the heart and make the difference of how Christmas will be a time of healing and grace for you and others in your life.

Our young people who are preparing for Confirmation have been writing letters of introduction to me and I am very impressed with their words. Maria and I have prepared the second video session for them and I want to thank Mya and Darlene, two parishioners, who volunteered their time to record the sessions and make it available for the young people. Please pray for these young people and their families as they journey to Confirmation.

The Knights of Columbus from our Family's Councils have been busy decorating the manger scenes at St. John Vianney and Our Lady of the Atonement. Hopefully next Advent we will be able to gather for Lighting Ceremonies at both sites. As the Knights say, “Keep Christ in Christmas!”

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

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 Atonement 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 FOR THE WEEK
Tuesday, November 30 9 am @ SJV <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Deacon Fred Truchon	Ints. of Andy Lapuz-His Family Hippolit Kawala- Ewa & Bruno Di Mambro Maria Dundara- Sister-in-law Byanka Licul Barbara Vilcans- Susan Richard
Wednesday, December 1 9 am @ OLA Fr. Louis Mousseau O.F.M. Cap	For Comfort & Safety of Ofelia & Amelia- Nina & Eric Exaltacion Judy Haslam- Andrea & David Morneau Tricia Morneau 4th Anniversary- The Morneau Family Gail Sabga- husband, John Darla MacMaster- The Secord Family Paul Gervais- Vern & Bernie Gannon
Thursday, December 2 9 am @ SJV Mrs. Rebecca Bondy Pastoral Minister/ Coordn. of Youth Ministry	Ints. of Annette & Eric Leene- Cornelia Leene Ints. of Elaine Thompson- Tony & Agnes D'Andrea Klemens Bremenkamp- Burgie Bose Anita Renaud- Theresa Bombardier
Friday, December 3 9 am @ OLA <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	Ints. of Peter- For Blessings to Earl, Ines, Tayo & Eva- Nina & Eric Exaltacion Salvatore Di Giorgi- wife Maria & Family Giacomo Trotti- wife Rosa & Family Giovanni Di Gregorio- brother Donato & Family Rocco & Concetta Sebastiani- daughter Amelia & Family
Fr. Robert Champagne	
Saturday, December 4 Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music	Intentions of the Parishioners 5 pm @OLA & St. John Vianney
Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent Fr. Dwayne Adam	Intentions of the Parishioners 8:30 am: St. Vincent de Paul @OLA 9 am: St. John Vianney 10:30 am: OLA

Meeting with St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners

Fr. Jim will convene another meeting for St. Vincent de Paul Parishioners on Tuesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm. at Parish of the Atonement. Interested parishioners are asked to sign in when attending Mass on Sunday morning.

2021 Advent Appeal

 **For St. Peter's Seminary**

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." Pope Francis, , 21 Dec 2013

Dear Friends of St. Peter's Seminary,
In this season that reminds us of the power of journeying in hope, we invite you to join the seminarians, and permanent deacons and lay ministers in formation at St. Peter's Seminary on their journeys towards faithful service in ministry. Each gift to the 2021 Advent Appeal supports the learning and formation experience in the Seminary and is an investment in the Church's future. We trust that in your generosity, and amid many urgent causes in today's world, you will have a place in your hearts and in your prayers for the men and women of the Seminary community!

May God bless you, your family, friends and community!



ADVENT GIVING TREE-all our parishes

In order to simplify things and keep our volunteers safe, we will not be handing out gift tags at mass or making deliveries of toys and gifts.

The organizers are asking for donations of gift cards in \$25 increments if possible from stores like **Walmart, Giant Tiger, Freshco and Food Basics.** We ask that the gift cards be returned to the parish office or put in the Sunday Offertory by the weekend of December 4/5. Please mark the card clearly Giving Tree and specify which St. Vincent de Paul Society Parish Conference you wish to support.

As always financial donations to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul are greatly appreciated. Please ensure you put the name of the conference you wish to support on the envelope. Cheques are payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like a tax receipt for your cash donation to St. Vincent de Paul please provide your name and address. We also appreciate the food donations that arrive weekly. God bless you.

**"IT IS THE BEAUTIFUL TASK OF ADVENT
TO AWAKEN IN ALL OF US
MEMORIES OF GOODNESS
AND THUS TO OPEN
DOORS OF HOPE."
-POPE BENEDICT XVI**



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:

Lia Perissinotti

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

All information regarding Confirmation, videos for Session One as well as Session Two is available on our parish website: www.eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca under the sacraments tab/confirmation.

Please feel free to contact Maria at the parish office if you have any questions. (519) 735-6023 x 23.



Bingos are a big help and have been a huge fundraiser to complete some of the large projects the Parish is undergoing. All this has been accomplished with the help of volunteer's working bingos. A big thank-you to all the patrons that supported our bingos at the Paradise Gaming Center.

I am looking for volunteers to join our bingo team. Please call me at 519-971-7555 or e mail me at pjratko@gmail.com.

Paul Ratko, Bingo Chairman:

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022



The envelopes are ready for pick up in the church. Please pick up envelopes for Our Lady of the Atonement, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Anthony of Padua in St. Francis Hall at Atonement after mass. The envelopes for St. John Vianney are available in the hall at St. John Vianney before or after mass as well. (no quarterly mailout).

Please **do not use 2022 envelopes before January 1, 2022.** Please put your name and address on them when making your donation.

If you do not presently use offertory envelopes and would like to start for any of the 4 parishes, please contact Pauline: 519-735-6023 ext. 30 or planglois@dol.ca.



Offered by Divorce Care-Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are separated and divorced. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
 - Helpful tips for surviving social events
 - Ways to give your kids a good holiday experience
- How to discover hope for your future

Save the date It's Free!

Monday, December 6, 2021 from 6:45pm – 9pm, at Lakeshore St. Andrews' Church, at 235 Amy Croft Drive.

To register for Surviving the Holidays,

Visit www.divorcecare.org/holidays



Honourable Murray Sinclair
the chair of the Truth and Reconciliation
Commission - Keynote Speaker



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 - 6:30 PM
TO 8:00 PM EST



ARTIST NAME: Krystal Bigsky

The Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre of Windsor, and the Windsor & District Labour Council, welcome you to hear a powerful talk by the Honourable Murray Sinclair - "The Truth is hard. Reconciliation is harder."

REGISTER ON TICKETFI

<http://murraysinclair.ticketfi.com/>



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas while grieving the death of a loved one? Are you dreading this holiday season, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. During our in-person event, you'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future


There is no cost to attend our seminar on **December 10, 2021 from 7pm to 9pm at Good Shepherd Parish.** You will receive a participant's Survival Guide full of helpful tips on surviving the holidays.

Note: You must register online for this event in order to attend. If you are unable to register online, please call the church office (519-735-9517) and leave a message for Deacon Rick. Masks are mandatory as well as social distancing.

For registration and to view a short video, please see the link below:

<https://gslakeshore.com/griefshareholidays>

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