

## Cluster Parishes of

### St. John de Brebeuf

#### Cluster Office

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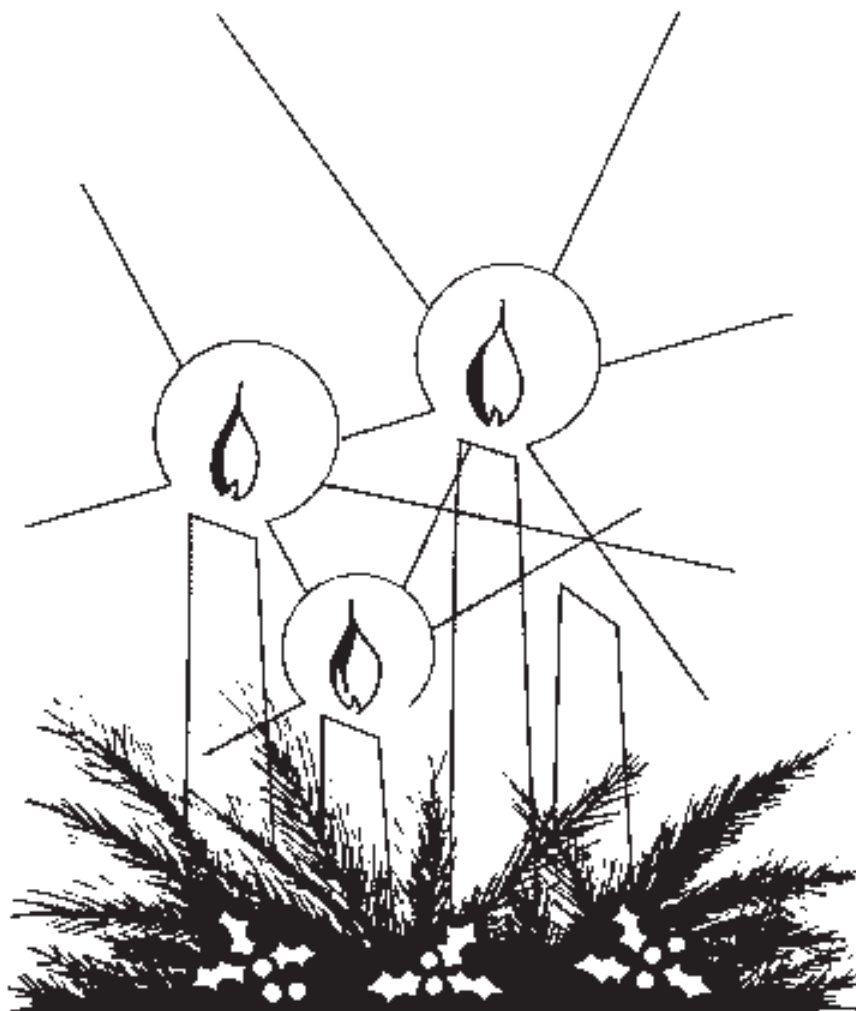
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# Advent



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**  
Dec. 17th-Dec. 20, 2013

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7:00pm</b> St. Anthony	Jamie & Tina Liberato Maria Rocha (25th A) Pedro Mendes (Wedding A)
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>7:00pm</b> St. John's	Albano Paulo Antonio Reis Guilhermina Nazare
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10:00am</b> St. John's	Ken Hancock Fr. Mike Langan Edward Balakowski (B'day R)
<b>Friday</b> <b>9:30am</b> St. Anthony	Pamela Praill (1st A) Jose Rodrigues (1st A) Len Lovell (2nd A)

**\*\* Weekday Mass times subject to change due to Funerals and Meetings\*\***

**For everything there is a season.....**  
**A time to die....**Mark Thibault  
*May he rest in peace*



**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Matthew 11:2-11

When He wants to assure John the Baptist that He truly is the Messiah, Jesus quotes passages from the book of Isaiah. These passages picture the time of the Messiah as marked by the same kind of works that Jesus is doing. Jesus heals the blind, the lame, the deaf, and the lepers. He raises the dead and proclaims the good news to the poor. These loving deeds are proof of his identity. Because John has opened people's hearts to the Savior's coming. Jesus says that John is the greatest of the prophets. We too can be like John and as Jesus said, even greater than John, when we share Jesus' mission of making God's kingdom come.

**Discussion Questions:** *The Gospel lists some actions of Jesus, the actions of a real-life hero. What are the actions you look for in a real-life hero? How are these actions like the actions of Jesus?*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR  
DIOCESAN FAMILY**

15. Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus & Mary
16. Deacon Brian McDonald
17. Rev. Eugeniusz Dziedzic
18. Rev. Eugene Bugala
19. Rev. Maurice Charbonneau
20. Rev. Matthew George
21. Mrs. Lyn DiPinto, Coordinator of Youth Ministry



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**Please contact: Fr. Chris Bourdeau**  
**@519-257-5111, Ext 77811.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Please remember in prayer our Grade two students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. May they experience and know God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet.

Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!



**FAMILY PRAYER FOR LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Advent is an occasion. Jesus is with us now, and still to come. Pink expresses the joyfulness of anticipation of His coming. **One pink and two purple candles are lit.** The pink candle signifies the fast approaching feast of Christmas. Eager anticipation replaces somber longing.

Reflection: God's people are encouraged to rejoice, for God is coming to help us and heal us. He loves us, and listens to our prayers. Jesus is coming: are we ready to greet Him?

**Let us ask our heavenly Father to bless us. (All pause for a moment of silent prayer.)**

**Jesus, our Lord and our brother, open our hearts to your Spirit of love.**

**Give us the courage to do your will, and help us to listen to your word.**

**We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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**Contact Project Rachel @1-888-355-1110**  
**"You have turned my mourning into dancing"**  
*(Psalm 30)*



**SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

Since it's difficult for some to attend Mass early on New Year's Day, to provide the faithful with the opportunity to attend Mass, Archbishop Dennis O'Connor, Council #14969 is sponsoring a special Mass on **Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 5:30am** at St. Alphonsus Church, 85 Park St. E., Windsor.

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

*Please note: No confessions at St. Anthony's on Saturday, December 21st.*



**Christmas & New Year's Masses**

**Christmas Eve Masses: Tuesday, Dec. 24th**

St. Anthony's- 5pm & 9pm

St. John's- 5pm & 9pm

**Christmas Day Masses: Wednesday, Dec. 25th**

St. Anthony's- 10am

St. John's- 10am

**Confessions:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17th-St. Anthony's-after 7pm Mass**

**Wednesday, Dec. 18th-St. John's-after 7pm Mass**

**New Year's Eve Masses:**

St. Anthony's-Tues. Dec. 31st-5pm

St. John's- Tues. Dec. 31st-5pm

**New Year's Day Masses:**

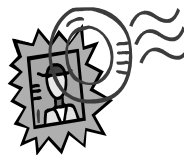
St. Anthony's-Wed. Jan. 1st-10am

St. John's- Wed. Jan. 1st-10am



**2014 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

You new 2014 Offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the church basement at St. John's or at the back of the church at St. Anthony's. **Please** pick up as soon as possible but **DO NOT USE UNTIL 2014.**



*Please remember to save all your cancelled stamps during the holidays for the Missions. Place on the table at the back of the church at St. Anthony's or in the box under the table outside the office at St. John's. Thanks!*

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 15, 2013**

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.**  
*Isaiah 35:4*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Harrow Council 5350**

**TODAY; Sunday Dec. 15th**-3rd Sunday

Breakfast with Santa, 9-11am-Hot buffet-donation.

**Wednesday, Dec. 17th**-KCettes Mtg, 7pm

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