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

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Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Rob,



This third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday brings to focus a spirit of joy. With the message of John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus reinforces it by telling people to look around and observe what is happening. Signs of the Kingdom are all around.

As we continue our Advent journey, we need to train ourselves to be messengers of joy. Look past the "messengers of doom" as St. John XXIII called them and bring positivity and encouragement. We have reason for joy in our lives. It is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit that strengthens us and enables us to overcome the darkness that is present. Make a resolve to spread joy this week.

We celebrate with joy this weekend the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is working in the lives of our youth and helping them to find their way in this world as disciples of Jesus. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are now prepared to take seriously the task of bringing peace and joy to the world. Let us continue to support and encourage them with our prayers and our own discipleship.

Thanks to the Knights and all their youth and adult helpers for providing us a fantastic Advent Family Dinner last Sunday. It was a great evening and provided time to socialize and share some joy.



"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all people."

St. Ambrose of Milan

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau x 22

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Mark Poulin x 24

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica x 23

Business Manager:

John Sutton x 31

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

General Office:

Robin Orosz x 21

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

9:30 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

11:30 am St. Anthony of Padua Hungarian

@ SJV, 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Saturday 11 am - noon @ SJV

3rd Saturday 11 am - noon @ OLA

or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the office 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 - Friday 9 am - 4 pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for...	 Mass Intentions
Tuesday, December 16 9 am @ SJV Deacon Brian McDonald	Ints. of Healing for Ursulina- Janette & Bill Jim LeClair -Richard Normandeau Thomas & Anne Smark- his, Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Natalina Querin -Joe, Carla & John Stefania Wengrzynski -Rejanne Don Kearns (6th Ann.) -wife, Bonita Paul Masse -his Wife & Family
Wednesday, December 17 9 am @ OLA Deacon David Kraemer	Domenic Stramacchia -Connie & Family Arduino Fortuna -wife, Onoria & Family Virgie Sama -husband, Ali Angelo & Angela Mariani -- Their Children Darbara Hebert -husband, Pau Joyce Rocheleau -Marlene Crawford
Thursday, December 18 9 am @ SJV Fr. Augustine Ogundele	Special Ints. of Frank, Adeline Vadori & Family- Erminia Gallucci -- brother, Italo & Family Mimma Gallucci -- Italo & Silvana Patella & Family Vic & Lynn Copat -Remo Copat Maria & Luigi Mazzei -Bill Guadalupe Javier -Perpetua Logronio
Friday, December 19 9 am @ OLA Deacon Daniel Lemire	Giorgio Lo Iacomo -- mother, Maddalena & Family Gail Sabga -husband, John Don Kearns (6th Ann.) -wife, Bonita Niconora Magat -Their Family Nicolina Papisodaro -husband, Nick Giacomo Trotti -wife, Rosa & Family
Saturday, December 20 4:30 pm @ SJV & 5 pm @ OLA Fr. B. Pinsonneault CSB	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA 9:30 am @ SJV <i>Mrs. Christa Mailloux,</i> <i>Co. of Children's Ministry</i>	Intentions of the Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Prepare the Way of the Lord. Open our hearts for a joyful Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 @ SJV 9:30 am-10:30 am
Wednesday, Dec. 17 @ OLA 9:30 am-10:30 am
Sat. December 20 @ OLA & SJV 11 am-noon

St. Anthony of Padua Hungarian

Sun. December 21
Sun. January 18

@ SJV @ 11:30 am

 **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to all the youth who are receiving this sacrament this weekend. This gift from the Lord strengthens them for service in God's Kingdom. May they use the gifts of the Holy Spirit wisely and generously as they find ways to bring the Gospel to others.

Many thanks to our team: Fr. Mark, Maria, Pat Collins and Paula Silva for the time they spent this fall preparing the youth. Your own witness to them is appreciated.

 **COUNCIL 8919 BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Save your bottles and cans and bring to the parking lot of Our Lady of the Atonement on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2025 and the Knights will be ready to assist you 9 am-2 pm.

From the Business Manager....

Offertory Donations: As we prepare for year end, please ensure **all donations for 2025 are received by Sunday, December 28th.** With the uncertainty of the mail, please do not mail: bring on Sunday, drop off to the parish office or use the mail slot at the residence at St. John Vianney. Thank you for your financial support of our parishes.

Thank you

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-NEXT SUNDAY

Help is needed next Sunday to decorate and spruce up for our Christmas masses.

OLA: immediately after 10:30 am mass
SJV: 2 pm

LITURGY: We have resumed receiving the Precious Blood once a month. In this way we are responding to the Lord's invitation to "take and eat, take and drink." Communion from the cup will be December 20/21.

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:

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.



*East Windsor Catholic Family
of Parishes
Christmas Season*



*Our Lady of the
Atonement*

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday 5 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Thursday 10:30 am

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve
Wednesday 5 pm

New Year's Day
Thursday 10:30 am

Friday 9 am followed by
Exposition of the
Eucharist

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday 10:30 am



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20/21

St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian)

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

Feast of the Holy Family, December 27/28
Blessing of Families at all masses

Tuesday, December 30

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31/ January 1

Friday, January 2
St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

Solemnity of Epiphany, January 3/4

Merry Christmas to all!

St. John Vianney

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Sunday 11:30 am

Wednesday 5 pm

Thursday 10 am

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Tuesday 9 am

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Wednesday 5 pm

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Thursday 10 am

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9:30 am



1st Reconciliation & Eucharist

Information was sent home with the children in Gr. 2 at our 3 parish schools. For those who attend other schools-French Catholic, public, out of area, please pick up the information at the back of the churches or contact Maria: mmollica@dol.ca, 519-735-6023 ext. 23.

Parent Meetings

Wed. Jan. 14 6:30 pm @ SJV
Thurs. Jan 15 6:30 pm @ OLA
Attend whichever suits your schedule and bring completed form.



**Sunday Offertory
Envelopes 2026**

Please pick-up in parish halls and check to ensure the name and address are complete. **Please note:** numbers change every year as the list is generated alphabetically so make sure you pick up the right box. **Do not start using them until 2026.**

If you do not use envelopes presently and would like a set, please contact Lamis at ext. 35. She can also assist if you would like to sign up for the pre-authorized giving. This is a simple way of making your donation.



OUR PARISH MISSION PROJECTS 2025

Thanks to your generous support all year long and at our Pasta Fundraiser we have been able to disburse over \$12,000 to our partners:

- Diocese of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
- Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
- Save a Family Plan- sponsorship of 4 families in India
- Chalice-Catholic Development Agency-support of emergency projects in Haiti & Africa
- Catholic Missions in Canada- national mission office which coordinates support for all mission dioceses in Canada.
- St. Simeon Stylites Melkite Catholic Parish in Windsor- serving Arabic speaking immigrants of the Eastern Catholic Tradition.

We continue to pray for our partners and ask God to bless them in their work. Thank you for your continued support of the missions.

3 Ways to Slow the Christmas Rush

The Christmas Season is upon us. In all the busyness and hurry, we can get overwhelmed with the 'doing' and forget about just 'being'.

How can we be more intentional and focused on the birth of Jesus?

1. **Press Pause:** Take a few minutes each day to be still, tune out the noise and focus on Jesus.
2. **Reflect:** Meditate on His Word and the event of His birth. Allow God to speak peace to your heart through the love story of His Son.
3. **Worship:** During the holiday season we anticipate gatherings, gift & goodies. We can worship expectantly, choosing to allow His presence to fill our hearts and homes in the midst of the festivities.

Spend a few minutes each day in worship. Let Christmas hymns and worship songs fill your home to help lift your heart and mind to Jesus.

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