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**February 21, 2021**

**First Sunday of Lent**

***A message from Fr. Rob...***



Our Lenten journey begins this weekend with a focus on two important elements. The first is the call from Jesus in the Gospel to repent and believe in the good news. Conversion is a life long experience of prayer, self-reflection and engaging in a process that leads to a change in behaviour and attitude. These next 40 days are an opportunity to grow in self-awareness and to deepen our desire to pursue the path to holiness. This path leads to God. That is the second element of this journey. In the Book of Genesis we hear God speak this the pronouncement to Noah: "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you." God desires to draw all of us closer to His love. In his homily for Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis said this: "In the wounds of Christ, we see clearly that God points his finger at no one, but rather opens his arms to embrace us."

Each day of Lent, through our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we grow spiritually and become more focused on who we are as disciples of Jesus. Making this journey together enables us to pray with and for one another as we seek to carry the Cross and remain faithful to Christ. May God bless all of us as we make this pilgrimage together. Just like Jesus, who went into the desert to pray, we enter into this season guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the Spirit's many gifts.

During Lent our eyes are focussed on the Lord and the grace that is given to all of us. Conversion can be painful as we seek to rid ourselves of these burdens we hold on to for way too long. St. John Vianney reminds us ***"You do not need to wallow in guilt. Wallow in the mercy of God."***

## **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 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...	 <b>Mass Intentions</b> FOR THE WEEK
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b> <b>9 am @ SJV</b>  <b>Mrs. Chrisandra Skipper</b> <b>Campus Minister</b>	<b>Emma Matteis-</b> Teresa Mollica & Family <b>Nancy Peltier-Sr.</b> Mabel St. Louis <b>Roger Garant-Sr.</b> Mabel St. Louis <b>Dimitar Sofranov "Jimmy"</b> Susan Yap-Galizio
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b> <b>9 am @ OLOA</b>  <b>Fr. Ronaldo Tagnines</b>	<b>Giacomo Trotti-Niece</b> Jaclyn <b>Gerry Pollock-</b> Jerry & Dorothy Clement <b>Tom Deane-</b> Jerry & Dorothy Clement <b>Joe Grassi-Henry &amp; Mary Bellemore</b> <b>Cristina Simiele-</b> Frank & Angela Ciolli
<b>Thursday, February 25</b> <b>9 am @ SJV</b>  <b>Mrs. Kim Bornais</b> <b>Coordn. of Youth Ministry</b>	<b>Tom Zakoor-Barb Morris</b> <b>Kathryn Wight-Parish Staff</b> <b>Bob Trudell-Sr.</b> Mabel St. Louis <b>Doug Mailloux-Theresa Bombardier</b>
<b>Friday, February 26</b> <b>9 am @ OLA</b>  <b>Mrs. Maria Mollica</b> <b>Coordn. of Youth Ministry</b>	<b>George, Rita, Ken &amp; Nancy Peltier-</b>  <b>Bruno Galizio-wife Susan</b> <b>Maria Vido-</b> Mary & Henry Bellemore <b>Anna Maria Vittorini-</b> Jerry & Betty Grossi
<b>Saturday, February 27</b>  <b>Fr. Pio D'Oria</b>	<b>Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, February 28</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Deacon Steve Cartier</b>	<b>Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13,15-18 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Romans 8.31b-35.37++ <b>Gospel: Mark 9.2-10</b>

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

### Stations of the Cross

We will gather to pray the Stations each Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 26th at both Our Lady of the Atonement and St. John Vianney at 6:30 pm. Last year you may recall we started praying and journeying together as a Family of Parishes and we were going to share locations in Lent. Due to the 30 % capacity limit we want to ensure as many people can come to pray as possible so we will have two services. It will be on a walk-in basis and register as you arrive. The Cross is central to our Lenten experience. Each day we should take a moment to pray with the cross and ask the Lord for the strength to carry it faithfully.

### Weekday masses will resume this week at 9 am:

Tuesdays and Thursday at St. John Vianney  
Wednesdays and Fridays at Our Lady of the Atonement. No phone in reservation is necessary; register as you arrive. We are required to keep the contact sheets of names and phone numbers.  
During Lent the weekday scriptures weave a story of repentance, conversion and God's endless mercy, helping us all to embrace a renewed life. Join us!

### Outreach to the poor:

We will be able to have our Lenten Food Drive after all but in a simplified way like at Thanksgiving. Simply bring your bag of food donations with you at a weekend or a weekday mass during Lent and put in the designated spot as you arrive. Our St. Vincent de Paul Societies are grateful for your support.

*"We adore you O Christ and we praise you; because by your holy cross You have redeemed the world."*



**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.

### Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration

[www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca)

**Now to Friday February 26th, 2021**

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



All 2020 Tax Receipts were mailed the week of February 8th. Contact Pauline: [planglois@dol.ca](mailto:planglois@dol.ca) or 735-6023 ext. 30 if you have any questions about your donations.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will offer the opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness on Saturday, February 27th:

11 am to noon @ St. John Vianney

1 pm to 2 pm @ Our Lady of the Atonement

***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:*

***David French Sr., Jason Marchi, Richard Marion, John St. Louis, William Sharkey***

***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.***

**Substance Abuse / Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest**



"Knights of Columbus : Fr. Paul J.F. Wattson Council 8919 will be holding the annual Substance Abuse / Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest – **February 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Competition open to students ages 8 to 17. Submissions can be made electronically. Registration form and rules can be found on the K of C page of the Parish website. Contact Eduardo Aguilar (519) 735-7122 or GK Dave Algodady (519) 735-5592 for further details."

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**EVANGELIZATION and FAITH FORMATION:**

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They also have a ton of resources on other faith formation topics like prayer, scripture, evangelization and of course the Season of Lent.

**BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS**



Our Knights Councils kindly ask you to keep your cans and bottles. They will arrange for a drive thru drop-off in the parking lot of Our Lady of the Atonement when the weather warms up.



**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact Rachelle in the parish office for any baptism inquiries (519)735-6023 ext. 32. Happily we are now able to resume the celebration of baptism with our families.

**Pop Cans for the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society**



Please continue to collect your pop cans and bring them to the new drop box located behind the Family Centre (at the very back –big white box you can't miss it!) at Our Lady of the Atonement Parish. The cans provide a reliable source of income for the Society and its outreach ministry to the poor.

"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](http://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."



We are still in the process of establishing a time line for the preparation programme for these sacraments. It has become a bit of a moving target as we adjust to changing school calendar dates etc. We are finalizing the information that will be sent home

via the parish schools. For those with children in public, French Immersion or French first language, contact the office. Speak to Rachelle for schools in the St. John Vianney area and speak to Maria for schools in the St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of the Atonement areas.

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



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