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

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## February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent Message from Fr. Rob...

On this first Sunday of Lent we are invited to join the Lord as He enters the wilderness. This place offers us the opportunity to withdraw from the ordinary and everyday in order to allow God to draw us closer to grace. These forty days are a time of testing, overcoming temptation, intense prayer and focus and a deepened commitment to our baptismal call which provides the impetus to engage in works of mercy, acts of sacrifice and fasting and penance in order to grow spiritually. In the wilderness we will learn to rely on God alone.

There are so many ways that we can make this Lent spiritually fruitful. Join us for our Friday devotions, or our coffee and conversion dvd series or offer up some extra time of prayer for family, friends and our world with its many needs.

Let us keep in prayer the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming week. They have been preparing to experience this wonderful gift of forgiveness where God desires to heal their hearts and help them to become better disciples. Lent is also the perfect time for each one of us to experience the grace of this wonderful sacrament.



“Today, there is an inescapable duty to make ourselves the neighbour of every individual, without exception, and to take positive steps to help a neighbour whom we encounter, whether that neighbour be an elderly person abandoned by everyone, a foreign worker who suffers the injustice of being despised, a refugee, an illegitimate child wrongly suffering for a sin of which the child is innocent, or a starving human being who awakens our conscience by calling to mind the words of Christ: ‘As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.’”

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

### 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
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b> 9 am @ SJV  Fr. Raja Fernando O.F.M. Cap	<b>Gary LaRose-</b> <b>Gregory Gignac-Victor &amp; Shirley Peltier</b> <b>Bob Nadalin-Gloria &amp; Mark Gauthier</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b> 9 am @ OLA  Mrs. Kim Bornais Coor. of Youth Ministry	<b>Karim Tossa- Ayad Zoma</b> <b>Essam Adel-Ayad Zoma</b> <b>Lionel Shepherd-Bob &amp; Suzanne Cayea</b> <b>Roman Halitsky-The Prayer Group</b> <b>Joe Hickey-Carol &amp; Bernie Soulliere</b> <b>Louise Boyde-Carol &amp; Bernie Soulliere</b>
<b>Thursday, February 26</b> 9 am @ SJV  Mrs. Maria Mollica Coor. of Youth Ministry	<b>Frederick Pettitt-John &amp; Virginia Soave</b> <b>Joan Heino-Brendan &amp; Eleanor</b> <b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Friday, February 27</b> 9 am @ OLA  <i>Lenten Devotions @ OLA:</i> <i>6 pm Adoration</i> <i>6-6:30 pm Confessions</i> <i>7 pm Stations of the Cross</i>  Fr. Pio D'Oria	<b>Ints. of Stephanie Robinson-Her Family</b> <b>Rose Smith-Josephine</b> <b>Bruno Galizio-wife, Susan</b> <b>John Rocheleau Sr.--Lynn Cabagay</b> <b>Layla Ibrahim-Roy Abraham</b> <b>Kathleen Choucha.-Ray Abraham</b>
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> 5 pm @ SJV & @ OLA  Dcn. Steve Cartier	<b>Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday, February 29</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA 9:30 am @ SJV  Mary-Catherine Bishop, Pastoral Minister	<b>Intentions of the Parishioners</b>

**UPCOMING NURSING HOME MASSES 2 pm**  
**March 3 @ Riverside Place**  
**March 10 @ Heron Terrace**  
**March 17 @ Aspen Lake**  
 Volunteers should arrive by 1:30 pm in order to greet the residents. Please check the doors as you enter for any masking requirements.

 **Family of Parishes Youth Group**  
**Tuesdays** from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Atonement Family Centre. For ages Gr. 3-8. A warm welcome to all the kids of our Family of Parishes to join up and grow in discipleship.

**Our Lenten journey**  
**Works of Mercy & Love**

Suggested Lenten donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Cupboards:

**2nd Sunday of Lent: February 28/March 1:**  
 Toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, Kleenex & toilet paper

**LENTE DVD SERIES:**  
**COFFEE AND CONVERSION**  
 Wednesdays in Lent following the 9 am morning mass at OLA. Seven Deadly Sins: Seven Lively Virtues.  
 This week Feb. 25: Introduction and Pride & Humility  
 Each session will be about 45 minutes—hour.  
 Join us for coffee and conversion.

**FYI: Tax receipts not picked up this weekend will be mailed out on Monday, February 23rd.**

 **CWL-OLA:** The sale of chicken pot pies are on Mondays in the Atonement Family Centre. Sales take place 1-3 pm. There are no sales on holiday Mondays. The ladies are grateful for your continued support.

 **Confessions**  
 11 am-noon  
**Sat., Mar 7 @ SJV**  
**Sat., Mar 21 @ OLA**

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
**Hungarian Mass**  
**at 11:30 am at SJV**  
**March 15,**  
**April 19**  
**May 17**

**LITURGICAL REMINDER:** as soon as we have said **“Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof...”** the congregation is to rise in preparation for the communion procession.

***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:*  
***Fr. John Betkowski, Imelda Manning, Paul Rivard***  
*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.*

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are encouraged as days of fast and abstinence as a means of spiritual growth.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



### Annual Blues Buster-Rock & Soul Dinner Fundraiser Knights of Columbus #9528 Saturday, March 14th

Doors open at 6pm, Dinner 7pm  
At the Windsor Sportsmen Club  
2401 Dougall Avenue

*Dinner includes: Chicken, Pork Sliders, Baked Beans,  
Mac N' Cheese, Coleslaw, Roll, Coffee, Tea & Dessert*

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**For Tickets Contact:**

Kirt Scammell	519-791-7373	Lou Lafontaine	519-948-2599
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"The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is seeking input to its 2026-27 Budget Development through a budget survey which has been posted on the Board's website at [www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca). Interested stakeholders are invited to provide comments using the survey. Additional info & survey instructions are provided on the Board's website. Survey submissions to be done by Friday, February 27, 2026."

## LENT MINI MISSION: PEACE AND HOPE

**With Fr. Gary Goyeau**

Monday, March 9 at Our Lady of the Atonement:  
Mission Talk #1: Peace

Tuesday, March 10 at St. John Vianney Mission  
Talk #2: Hope

Join us for all day Eucharistic Adoration following the 9 am mass until Mission Talk at 7 pm concluding with Benediction.

Please join in praying with Fr. Gary as he prepares for the mission:

### Prayer of St. Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred,

let me show love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy."

**Please join us for this Lenten Mission**

Sign up sheets are available in the narthex of both churches. Consider taking a slot to ensure we have a minimum of 2 people in church all day long spending time in prayer.

### This Lent, let's move forward **On Track for Justice**

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." Pope Leo XIV

Development & Peace—Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How?

1. **By donating** online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).



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