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Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Rob,

Today we begin the Season of Advent. In this new liturgical year we are invited to make a new start. We build upon the progress we have made this past year, especially focusing on the graces we have received in the Jubilee of Hope and how we have grown in wisdom and knowledge of the Lord's plan for us.



Today we hear in the first reading "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." This is an invitation to experience the presence of the Lord in new and deeper ways. Advent provides us with the opportunity to be aware of the rapid pace of life, the uncertainty of the times humanity lives in and open our eyes in expectation of the Lord's coming. Be aware, be vigilant, be alert for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Over these next 4 weeks let us all seek to spend some time in silence, no easy feat mind you but so essential. Pick a time each day where you can quiet your heart and put aside distractions for a few moments to sit in the presence of the Lord. Breathe slowly and deeply and pray: Come Lord Jesus, Come.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

"To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

St. John Paul II

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...



SMass Intentions

Monday, December 1
8:30 am @ SJV

Fr. Louis Mousseau
O.F.M. Cap

Tuesday, December 2
9 am @ SJV

Ms. Rebecca Bondy
Pastoral Minister/Coord.
of Youth Ministry

Wednesday, December 3
9:15 am @ OLA

St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Robert Champagne

Thursday, December 4
9 am @ SJV

*Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical
Facilitator/Dir. Of Music*

Friday, December 5
8:45 am @ OLA followed
by Exposition of the
Eucharist till 11 am

Fr. Dwayne Adam

Saturday, December 6
5 pm @ SJV & OLA

Fr. Robert Weaver

Sunday, December 7
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA
9:30 am @ SJV

Den. Bryan Chevalier

Nursing Home Mass @ 2 pm
December 2, Riverside Place
December 9, Heron Terrace

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF MARY**

Join us for mass on **Monday, December 8th at 6 pm** at *Our Lady of the Atonement*. This special solemnity honours our Blessed Mother and the gift of God's grace which preserved her from the stain of original sin. This grace surrounded her and enabled her to say yes to God's plan. This feast is our Diocesan feast day and also the feast day of Our Lady of the Atonement.



ADVANCE NOTICE: We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John Vianney on Saturday, Dec. 13th.

The regular mass time will be changed to **4:30 pm (this day only)** to accommodate this sacrament. Please mark your calendar and plan to join in prayer with the youth and their families. Mass will be longer than usual because of confirmation. All are welcome to attend or you can make plans to attend the 5 pm at Our Lady of the Atonement. **Confirmation for OLA will be Sunday Dec. 14th at 12:30 pm.**



Pies!

The CWL (OLA) are selling their Tourtiere (Spiced Meat Pie). Small \$7 & Large \$15.

The pie selling schedule for the remainder of 2025:

Monday, December 1: 1 pm -3 pm
Monday, December 8: 9 am-2 pm

The ladies will take a Christmas Break and will resume Chicken Pot Pie making and sales on Monday, January 5th from 1-3 pm. Thank you for supporting our pie sales. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!



Prayer Group: JOIN US for Christmas carols, prayer, and a social with snacks and desserts on Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at OLA: St. Francis Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation
11 am-Noon
Sat. December 6 @ SJV
Sat. December 20 @ OLA & SJV

St. Anthony of Padua Hungarian
Sun. December 21 @ SJV @ 11:30 am

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:

Anne Beaton, Wendy Sylvestre & Joanne Whittle

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.

Advent Giving Tree for our Family of Parishes



An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to contribute to the 2025 Advent Giving Tree which gives welcome support to families in our community who are in dire need this Christmas.

Once again, we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger in \$25.00 increments and/or a financial donation to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

We ask that the gift cards and financial donations be returned to the parish office or placed in the Sunday offertory basket by the weekend of December 6/7th 2025. Please mark your envelopes clearly "Giving Tree" and specify which Parish Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) you wish to support.

If you would rather make a financial donation to this program, this is welcome as well. **Please make sure you make the cheque payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul- (conference name OLA, SJV or SVDP) as we have 3 distinct conferences. If you wish a tax receipt for your financial donation, provide your name and address on the outside of the envelope and clearly mark "Giving Tree and the conference name".**

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and donations of food throughout the year. God bless you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into our faith family:

*Katherine Bassingthwaighe
Dawson Gural
Raphael Russell
Logan & Lynden Synott
Landyn Valley*

May the Lord bless them and their families.

Please contact Fr. Mark now to discuss arrangements and upcoming dates for baptism for December and January.



Have you moved? Has your phone number changed?

Please contact the parish office to update your records for tax receipts and mailings.

Contact Robin at (519)735-6023 or atonement@dol.ca.

Young Adult Advent Retreat

Step away from the busyness of life and make this Advent truly meaningful. Join us for the Young Adult Advent Retreat, a weekend designed to help you grow deeper in your Catholic faith and embrace the beauty of the Advent season, both in the Church and in your daily life. Experience a weekend filled with prayerful reflection, inspiring conversations, quiet moments, joyful activities, new friendships, social time, and amazing food. Space is limited, so don't wait, secure your spot today! Retreat Details:

When: Friday, December 5 to Sunday, December 7, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m. | Retreat begins promptly at 7:15 p.m. on Friday | Ends at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday

Where: Holy Family Retreat House, 121 Victoria St RR#1, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

Who: Young Adults ages 18 - 35

Cost: \$275 (includes accommodations, meals & more)



Sunday Offertory Envelopes 2026

Next weekend in both parish halls the offertory envelopes for 2026 will be available for pick up. Please check your box 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 programme. This is a simple way of making your offertory donation.

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." The next weekend for communion from the cup will be December 20/21.

AED (Defibrillator) TRAINING

Last call for those interested in taking the training which will be on **Wednesday, December 10th in the Atonement Family Centre, 6 pm-9 pm.** The plan is to have volunteers trained so that realistically we would have our five weekend masses covered. Training is free. We have room to train 16 for the first class. You must be willing to jump into action should need arise and be physically able to perform the task. Phone Robin in the office to get on the list and you will be contacted with confirmation of a place in the training. This is a wonderful opportunity to be able to help here or wherever you may find yourself should need arise.

CWL MEMBERSHIP: It is time to renew memberships for the coming year. Please submit your renewal to the membership coordinators or put in the offertory and mark CWL membership.

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