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**OFFICE HOURS** (Closed 12PM-1PM)  
Leamington: 9AM-4PM Mon-Thurs  
9AM-2PM Fri

**Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday)**

<i>St. Michael</i>	4:30 pm Confession
	5:00 pm Vigil Mass
<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	4:30 pm Confession
	5:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday Mass**

<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	8:00 am Confession
	8:30 am Sunday Mass
<i>St. Michael</i>	9:30 am Confession
	10:00 am Sunday Mass
<i>Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	10:30 am Confession
	11:00 am Sunday Mass
<i>San Miguel</i>	2:30 pm Confesión
	3:00 pm Misa Dominical (Español)
<i>St. Michael</i>	6:00 pm Confession
	6:30 pm Sunday Mass

**Weekdays - Mornings**

Wednesday & Thursday		Friday	
<i>St. Michael</i>		<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	
8:00 am	Confession	9:00 am	Confession
8:30 am	Daily Mass	9:30 am	Daily Mass
9:00 am	Holy Hour	10:00 am	Holy Hour

**Weekdays - Evenings**

Tuesday		Wednesday	
<i>St. Michael</i>		<i>St. John de Brebeuf</i>	
6:00 pm	Confession	6:00 pm	Confession
6:30 pm	Daily Mass	6:30 pm	Daily Mass
7:00 pm	Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Holy Hour
<b>1st Wednesday of the Month:</b>		6:00 pm	Confession
<i>Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		6:30 pm	Daily Mass
<b>Every 2nd Thursday (seasonal):</b>		6:00 pm	Confession
<i>Our Lady, Star of the Sea</i>		6:30 pm	Daily Mass



# DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025-3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT



## Information



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## Readings for December 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 7: 10-14  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 1: 1-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-24

## Subscribe to our Calendar!



There are so many amazing things happening at all of our parishes. Subscribe to our calendar at <https://esscatholic.ca/esscalendar> to see all the events, sacraments and more!

**Weekly Bulletins**  
Please bookmark this page to view our current weekly bulletin and an archive of past bulletins:  
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## 3rd Week of Advent

This weekend we continue our Advent journey with the Third Sunday of Advent, a season that invites us to open our hearts to the joy Christ brings. As we light the third candle, the Candle of Joy, we remember that true joy is not found in busyness or perfection, but in welcoming Christ into our lives with trust and gratitude. Advent encourages us to notice God's goodness, even in ordinary days, and to let His joy lift our spirits and brighten the world around us. In moments of waiting or worry, Christ, our source of lasting joy, draws near to renew us and strengthen our hope.

### *Prayer*

*Lord Jesus, our source of Joy, fill our hearts with gladness as we seek You.  
Let Your presence bring light to our days, and help us share joy with others.  
Teach us to trust in Your love as we walk through this Advent season.  
Amen.*



## Mass Intentions for January-June 2026

We are now accepting Mass intentions for the first six months of 2026. Please contact the office to book an intention. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Change in Office Hours

Please note there has been a change in our office



hours in Leamington:  
Sunday-- Closed  
Monday-- 9am-4pm  
Tuesday--9am-4pm  
Wednesday--9am-4pm  
Thursday--9am-4pm  
Friday--9am-2pm\*\*

Saturday--Closed  
Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm



## Christmas Hours

Please note our office hours for Christmas: The office will close on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm noon and will remain closed until January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

## Holiday Bulletins

The bulletin published on December 28<sup>th</sup> will be a two week bulletin. No new bulletin will be published on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Please Pray for our Diocesan Family



Catholic Elementary School Teachers  
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# DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025



As we enter the Third Week of Advent, we're invited to welcome Christ's gift of joy into our lives. Even in ordinary or challenging days, His presence lifts our hearts and renews our hope. Where have you noticed moments of joy this week? And who around you might need a spark of Christ's joy through your kindness and compassion?

## **2026 Offertory Envelopes**

2026 Offertory Envelope boxes are available to pick up at the entrance of the church. Please pick them up ASAP.

If you did not get a box and would like one, please contact Janet at the church office 519-326-2643 or [esscatholic@dol.ca](mailto:esscatholic@dol.ca).

Please do not use them until 2026 since some envelope numbers have changed.



## **Christmas Mass Schedule**



Christmas Eve- December 24th  
4pm- Leamington  
4pm- Kingsville  
8pm- Wheatley  
9pm- Leamington  
12pm- Leamington

Christmas Day- December 25th  
10am- Leamington  
10am-Kingsville  
3pm- Leamington (Spanish)



## **Lectors**

We will be recruiting for more Lectors for all of our Masses in our Family of Parishes in the new year. We will be having a workshop early in 2026, so if you feel you are being called to this very important Ministry, please call Sandy at the church office (519)326-2643 ext. 229. It is through the Lector that the Word of God is proclaimed to the people!



## **CWL Kingsville**

We would like to thank the Knights for all their hard work to make our 75th Anniversary Party a big success.

Thank you also to our committee for a lovely evening.

God Bless you all

## **Online Fundraising Store**

Our Erie Shores South Catholic Family of Parishes Online Fundraising Shop is live! All designs were created locally and made for our ESSCatholic community.

Browse, shop, and share the spirit with family and friends. Every purchase supports our parish activities and ministries—so you're not just gifting something great, you're giving back.

Grab your favourites at [esscatholic.ca/shop](http://esscatholic.ca/shop)

December 14, 2025 - CHRISTMAS TEA - 2:00-4:00 - Church Hall

AN INVITATION TO ALL THE LADIES TO PLEASE JOIN US

TREAT YOURSELF TO A COUPLE OF HOURS OF RELAXATION, ASSORTED TEAS, SANDWICHES & DESSERTS

January 7, 2025 - CWL Meeting - 1:00 - Father Doll room -- ALL ARE WELCOME

THE CWL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS OF ERIE SHORES SOUTH A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



## **Memorial Flowers**

Christmas flower donations are now being accepted. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked Flower Donation, noting the parish, who it's in memory of, and your name and address for a tax receipt.

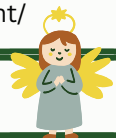
Envelopes are available at the church entrances.

Names will be printed in the bulletin after the New Year. Donations may be placed in the locked mailboxes, brought to either parish office, or added to the Sunday collection.

## **Journey through Advent Video Series**

The CCCB has released a video series called Journey through Advent video series. The videos are available in [English](http://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/) @ <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

*\*please send bulletin submissions to: [esscatholic@dol.ca](mailto:esscatholic@dol.ca) by Monday 4pm*



**Calendar – December 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB)</p> <p>Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)</p>	<p>2 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM)</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)</p>	<p>3 CWL Ladies Paint Night 6:30pm-8:30pm</p> <p>CWL Potluck/Meeting 12pm (SJB)</p>	<p>4 Men’s Rosary 7pm (SJB)</p>	5	<p>6 GriefShare- Surviving the Holidays 9:30am-12pm (SM)</p>
<p>7 Parish Advent Mission- 11am Homily (OLBS)</p> <p>Parish Advent Mission- 3pm Homily-(SM)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent</p>	<p>8 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB)</p> <p>Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)</p> <p>Parish Advent Mission after 6:30pm Mass (SJB)</p>	<p>9 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM)</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)</p> <p>Parish Advent Mission after 6:30pm Mass (SJB)</p>	<p>10 All Day Confessions SM- 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm, 6pm-8pm SJB- 2pm-4pm</p>	<p>11 Men’s Rosary 7pm (SJB)</p>	12	<p>13 GriefShare- Surviving the Holidays 9:30am-12pm (SJB)</p>
<p>14 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</p> <p>K of C Kingsville Breakfast with Santa 9:30am</p>	<p>15 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB)</p> <p>Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)</p>	<p>16 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM)</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)</p>	17	<p>18 Men’s Rosary 7pm (SJB)</p>	<p>19 Teen Christmas Social 6pm-8pm (SM)</p>	20
<p>21 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent</p>	<p>22 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB)</p> <p>Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)</p>	<p>23 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM)</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 9pm, 12am- Leamington 4pm- Kingsville 8pm- Wheatley</p> <p>Office closed 12pm until January 5<sup>th</sup> @9am</p>	<p>25 Christmas 10am, 3pm (Spanish)- Leamington 10am- Kingsville</p>	26	27
28	<p>29 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB)</p> <p>Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)</p>	30	31			

## Daily Mass Schedule – Week of December 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2025

*Confession 30 min. prior to daily Mass - Holy Hour for 1 hour following Mass*

Monday December 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Leamington	John Anthony Dainter & Ann Tannous Ghidsar & Linda Tannous & Fouad “Eddie” Tannous Antonino, Jeffrey & Sara Orlando Elvira & Pasquale Serafini Maurice (Mike) Martin Maurice Julio & Living & Deceased Family Members	Thursday December 18 <sup>th</sup> 10:00am Franklin Garden Leamington	Jaime Linhares Maria Donatilde, Jose & Danny Rebelo Giuseppina Fratarcangeli
Wednesday December 17 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am Leamington	Frank & Ida Moauro John & Polly Fast Angelina Guilherme & Fernando De Sousa Celestino & Ercolina Vernaroli Ilda & Jose Carreiro & Jose Cardoso Special Intentions of Cuquita Acampo & Persecuted Roman Catholic Church in China	Friday December 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am Kingsville	Sister Emmaculate & Varghese Paul George Leferman Dick Jones
Wednesday December 17 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Kingsville	Warren Wilson, Minnie & Fred DeSantis Helen, Robert & Maria Gaffan Carlos & Gueslhermina Rodrigues	Friday December 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:15pm Sun Parlor Home Leamington	Jose DeMelo Maria & Gabriel Teves Manuel Santos
Thursday December 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am Leamington	John Cabral & Irene Amaral & Dec. Family Members Manuel & Maria Freitas & All Souls in Purgatory Aurelio Cahoy Sr., Belmiro Nogueira & Virginia Mediante Anacuta & Demerio Cahoy & Deogracias Mediante Permitivo, Teodoro & Princess Angel Cahoy Jamie Gaspar & Special Intentions of Dalia & Family		



# A Christmas Message from Bishop Fabbro

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My greetings to you during this Advent season as we solemnly prepare for the joy-filled celebrations of the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Day. This is always a special time of year for the Church. While the days outside grow colder and shorter as winter descends upon us, we feel a special unity in the warmth and light of our community and our worship.

On Christmas Day, we recall the words of St. Athanasius, "He became as we are that we might become as He is." These words summarize the essence of the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus entered our world to minister to us and ultimately sacrifice himself to redeem us from our sins, so that we may live forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

In addition to the normal celebrations this season, after Christmas we will have a special Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese. Pope Leo XIV and other bishops will do the same in Rome and around the world on Sunday, 28 December. The theme for the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". It is fitting to look back on the year at the many signs of hope we have seen as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the source of all hope.

In many of our Families of Parishes across the Diocese, I have heard that there has been an amazing increase in the number of adults seeking to convert to Catholicism. Recently at the seminary, so many young men registered to visit for a "come and see" weekend to explore a calling to the priesthood that it was filled to capacity. Our youth ministry had strong responses to all of its events this year, from Theology on Tap, youth leadership camps and a sold out young

adult Advent retreat at Holy Family Retreat House. What wonderful signs of hope that our prayers, our mission and our discipleship are yielding such abundant fruit! By our faith-filled presence in the world we are showing how our love for each other embodies Christ's love and its enduring meaning in the world. As he served us by his Incarnation and Passion, so we serve others.



Reflecting on the Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV echoed this sentiment when he said to the youth gathered outside of Rome: "I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope...With her help, in every part of the world, continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Saviour, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet!"

Hope and joy are infectious. They bring strength to those already with us and will bring to us people who are searching for community, belonging and meaning in life beyond material possessions.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May your Advent and Christmas celebrations be full of hope and joy. I want to assure you of my prayers, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, our diocesan patron, intercede for all in our diocesan family. May the radiant light of her Son shine brightly on us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald Fabbro, CSB*

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