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Feast of the Holy Family



DECEMBER 28TH 2025/JANUARY 4TH 2026



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Readings for January 4th 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Readings for January 11th 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

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:
<https://esscatholic.ca/bulletin>
(new bulletins are added on Fridays)

2026!

As we step into the New Year, we are invited to pause,
give thanks, and place the days ahead in God's
loving care. A new year brings fresh beginnings,
renewed hope, and countless opportunities to grow
in faith and love. Whatever this year may hold, we
trust that Christ walks with us – guiding,
strengthening, and calling us to live with purpose
and compassion.

Prayer

*Lord God, as we begin this New Year, we place our
lives in Your hands.*

*Bless our hopes and plans, and help us walk each
day in faith, trust, and love.*

May Your light guide us in all we do.

Amen.



Follow us on social media for updates, events, and
inspiration!



Facebook: @ErieShoresSouthCatholicFamilyofParishes

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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.

Happy New Year!

Our parish staff extends heartfelt New Year
blessings to you and your loved ones. As we begin a
new year together, may Christ's light continue to
guide your path and fill your homes with peace,
hope, and joy. Thank you for being a cherished part
of our parish family. May God's grace sustain and
strengthen you throughout the year ahead.



Please Pray for our Diocesan Family

Rev. Joseph Onome Oghenejabor

Deacon Tim Raaymakers

Rev. James Roche

Institute of Secular Missionaries

Deacon Rudy Pflanzner

Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski

Deacon Gaston Mabaya

Deacon Gary Flewelling

Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants

Sharon Hunt, Pastoral Minister

Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister

Rev. Josef Denys



Holiday Hours

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

Holiday Bulletins

This bulletin published on December 28th will be
a two week bulletin. No new bulletin will be
published on January 4th.

PARISH DEACONS: Deacon Anthony Rebkowec | Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky & Alex Litt (retired)
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DECEMBER 28TH 2025/JANUARY 4TH 2026



As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we are invited to recognize and rejoice in Christ revealed as the Light for all people. His presence guides us, draws us closer to God, and calls us to follow where His light leads. How will you let Christ's light shine through you this week? And who in your life might be seeking hope, direction, or God's love revealed 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. Please do not use them until 2026 (New Year's Day Masses) since some envelope numbers have changed.

For Income Tax Receipts for 2025, please have your donation received by the church no later than Sunday, December 28th to ensure it is credited to your 2025 Income Tax Receipt.

Holiday Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve
5pm- Kingsville



New Year's Day
10am- Leamington
11am- Wheatley
3pm- Leamington (Spanish)

Parish Fundrasier

These battery operated candles are available for purchase at the office and in the Narthex of St Michael's Parish for \$10. Proceeds to support our Family of Parishes.



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!

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.

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CWL Kingsville



Our members extend a very warm welcome to our new members.

God Bless you all

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

January 22, 2025 - CWL Winter Social 1:00 - 3:00 in the church hall - \$5.00 /per person - Please join us- ALL ARE WELCOME AND BRING A FRIEND

THE CWL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISHIONERS OF ERIE SHORES SOUTH

A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Grief Share

Our Grief Share program will continue starting January 7/8. The doors are always open and you may walk in at any time. Grief Share is held Wednesday morning from 10-12 pm at St. John de Brebeuf Church and on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 pm at St. Michael's Church. For more information on how to become involved, contact Veronica Costa at 519-324-6796.

Leamington SSV

Our foodbank will be closed from December 18 to January 7. If you require food, please contact the foodbank before then. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! 

Thank you

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who helped make our holiday Masses so meaningful, and to those who generously donated memorial flowers and helped decorate our church. Your time, talent, and generosity are deeply appreciated and truly enriched our celebration of the season. We are grateful for each of you.



*please send bulletin submissions to: esscatholic@dol.ca by Monday 4pm



Calendar – December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 4 th Week of Advent	22 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	23 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)	24 Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 9pm, 12am- Leamington 4pm- Kingsville 8pm- Wheatley Office closed 12pm until January 5 th @9am	25 Christmas 10am, 3pm (Spanish)- Leamington 10am- Kingsville	26	27
28	29 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM)	30	31 New Year's Eve Masses 5pm- Kingsville Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament 11pm with Benediction at Midnight (SM)			

Calendar – January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day Masses 10am- Leamington 11am- Wheatley 3pm- Leamington (Spanish)	2	3
4 Installation of the new 2026 Leamington CWL 10am mass	5 Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Prayer Cenacle 9:30am (SJB) Portuguese Prayer Group 1:30pm (SM) Office reopens 9am	6 Portuguese Rosary to End Abortion 2:30pm (SM) Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm (SJB), 7:00pm (SM)	7 GriefShare 10am-12pm (SJB)	8 GriefShare 6:30pm-8pm (SM)	9	10
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NO DAILY MASSES FROM Wednesday December 24, 2025, to Friday January 2, 2026

Daily Mass Schedule – Week of January 6th-9th 2026

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

<p>Tuesday January 6th 6:30pm Leamington</p>	<p>Olivia DeMelo Joao Rego, Louise Freitas, Antonio Forno Ben Ducharme, Ken McCarthy & Ken Damphousse Anibal & Lucilia Cardoso & All Souls in Purgatory Herminia, Carlos & Joao Borges David Obeid</p>	<p>Thursday January 8th 8:30am Leamington</p>	<p>Manuel Barros Graziella & Joe Chinnici Angelo Valeri Irene Amaral & Deceased Family Members Antonio Polaco Murracas & Maria Lucilia Carmo & Liv. & Dec. Family Members Maurice Julia & Living & Deceased Family Members</p>
<p>Wednesday January 7th 8:30am Leamington</p>	<p>Italia Testani Armando & Lurdes Rebelo & Dec Family Members Abel & Maria Resendes & Dec Family Members Edward B. Araujo & Deceased Family Members Mike & Sharma Peters Boutros & Marion Peters</p>	<p>Thursday January 8th 10:00am Leamington Mennonite Home</p>	<p>Mary Kay Poretta Maria & Gabriel Teves Emma Sousa & Deceased Family Members</p>
<p>Wednesday January 7th 6:30pm Kingsville</p>	<p>Lorenz Gartner & Lorie Gartner Wilhelm Wittine Lucrezia & Carlo Barraco & Living & Dec. Family Members</p>	<p>Friday January 9th 9:30am Kingsville</p>	<p>Cecile Noel Aziza Sleiman Maria & Gabriel Teves</p>
<p>Wednesday January 7th 6:30pm Wheatley</p>	<p>Florinda Baptista, Nicolina Rebelo & Antonio Moniz Pacheco Antonio & Filomena Marques & Dec. Family Members Hortencia Resendes Manuel & Florinda Baptista & Liv. & Dec. Family Members Antonio, Nicolina & Armando Rebelo Carl & Alice McCracken & Duarte DeMelo</p>		

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