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Patrimonio di Windsor

St. Alphonsus – St. Angela Merici – Our Lady of the Assumption
St. Benedict – St. Daniel Comboni

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Public Office Hours / Orario d'ufficio

Main Office at Assumption: Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm (Closed Fridays)
St. Angela Satellite Office / Ufficio satellitare Di Sant'Angela: Monday to Friday: 9:30am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Sunday Masses / Messe domenicali

Assumption
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
and 7:30pm (Student Mass)

St. Alphonsus
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm and 5:30pm

St. Angela
Saturday/Sabato: 4:30pm (Italian)
Sunday/Domenica: 9:30am (Italian)
and 11:30am (English)

St. Daniel
First Sunday: 2:00pm at St. Alphonsus

St. Benedict
First Sunday:
2:00pm at Holy Name
Second to last Sunday:
2:00pm at St Alphonsus

Weekday / Messe nei giorni feriali

Assumption
Monday to Friday
8:00am in Rosary Chapel

St. Alphonsus
Wednesday to Friday
12:00 noon

St. Angela
Monday and Tuesday
lunedì e martedì
7:00pm (English/Inglese)

Wednesday and Thursday
mercoledì e giovedì
7:00pm (Italian/Italiano)

St. Benedict
Tuesday
7:00pm at Holy Name of Mary

Confessions / Confessioni

Assumption – Rosary Chapel
Saturday: 11:00am to 12:00noon
Sunday: 6:30pm to 7:15pm

St. Alphonsus
Wednesday: 11:00am to 11:45am
Saturday: 3:45pm to 4:45pm

St. Angela
Wednesday/Mercoledì: 6:30pm to 6:55pm
Saturday/Sabato: 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Adoration / Adorazione

Rosary Chapel
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30am to 9:30am
(Chapel open until 4:00pm for prayer)
Wednesday: 8:30am to 8:00pm
Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm
St. Angela
Wednesdays / Mercoledì: 6:00pm to 7:00pm
St. Alphonsus
Wednesday: 11:00am to 12:00 noon

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Marilyn Morrison

BAPTISM:

Must take a preparation program. Contact the parish office at least two months ahead.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should be registered and active in the parish. Contact the parish office at least one year ahead.

RCIA:

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact Jean Beneteau at jbeneteau@dol.ca.

YOUTH:

Contact Lynne Tibor for sacrament and program information at ltibor@dol.ca.

FUNERALS:

Have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

CAMPUS MINISTRY:

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Visit our websites to see what community outreach programming is available for you!



DECEMBER 17, 2023 - third SUNDAY of ADVENT

3a DOMENICA D'AVVENTO — 17 DECEMBRE, 2023



From the Administrator's Desk...

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice, and on this Sunday, the theme of rejoicing is prevalent throughout our liturgy. We light the rose-coloured candle as a symbol of our joy that the celebration of Christmas is near. The Priest can also wear rose coloured vestments to share in that feeling of joy. This is one of only two Sundays when the rose vestments are worn, the other being in Lent. So enjoy them when you see them this weekend!

Our readings for this weekend are full of joy, and instruct us to rejoice in the Lord. The prophet Isaiah reminds us to rejoice in the Lord, because he has clothed us with salvation and justice. The Responsorial Cantic instructs us to rejoice in God, as we echo Mary's words of rejoicing found in the Magnificat. St. Paul reminds us to rejoice always, and to allow the Joy of knowing Christ to permeate all we do. Joy may not be explicitly present in the Gospel, but I have to imagine that John the Baptist was filled with joy as he carried out the work that had been entrusted to him by the Lord.

All of these readings remind us that true Christian joy is different from happiness. Happiness can be fleeting, and can fade when the initial excitement of a situation wears off, or when the circumstances of our lives change. Joy, on the other hand, is rooted in something far deeper than our temperament or well-being. True Christian joy is an attitude of the heart, determined by our confidence in God. This joy emerges when we have a strong relationship with Christ, and we experience his love and care in our day to day lives. Even when we face difficulties and struggles in our lives, we are not deterred, because joy reminds us of God's love for us, and helps us to keep our sights set on His promises.

When we possess this spirit of joy, people will be able to see it present in us, even if we don't always have a smile on our faces. This has been most evident to me in moments when I have been called to visit people who are facing a serious illness. I am amazed at how much their faith gives them strength to face the path ahead with courage and dignity, even if they don't know where it will lead. They know that God is with them, no matter what: And that is one of the greatest signs of Christian joy that we can possibly witness.

A question for this week: How is God calling you to cultivate a deeper sense of joy in your life?

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Steven Huber, CSB

Are you an immigrant student who will be away from family over the holidays?" We know we are no replacement for family and close friends from your home, but we hope to offer an evening of fun, food, and friendship to celebrate the holiday season with you. You are invited to attend the International Student Holiday Dinner on Wed., Dec. 27th, at the Assumption Parish McEwan Campus Hall (on McEwan Ave. just south of Wyandotte St.) Doors will open at 5:00pm for a shared time of fellowship and a complimentary festive meal (inclusive of halal and vegan dishes). The evening will end by 8:00pm so you are free to do other things later. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT. Each participant must register. REGISTER ON-LINE <https://windsorheritageparishes.ca/student-dinner> Attendance is capped at 200. Please register with us for some holiday fun!

Faithful parishioners, please consider helping us prepare for, host and serve, and clean-up for the International Student holiday Dinner on Dec. 27th. We will need volunteers to help set up the hall, meet and greet, serve the food, and help with clean-up. Consider this your gift to students who are far from family at this time of year. Please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet at the church entrances or email Jean Beneteau at jbeneteau@dol.ca. help us make this Christmas season just a little brighter for our students.

Christmas Schedules: Fourth Sunday of Advent:

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th. We have made some adjustments for this Sunday only.

Assumption: 9:00am Mass only. No 11:00 am Mass

St. Angela 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday 9:30am (bilingual). No 11:30am Mass.

St. Alphonsus: Saturday, 5:00pm and Sunday, 12:00. No 5:30pm Mass.

Family and Youth Ministry News

ADVENT "I SPY" WEEK THREE: Families - how are you doing? **Advent Week Three brings a new "colour"** to look for in church. **WHERE DO YOU SEE THE COLOUR "PINK"?** Look closely, the **VESTMENTS that Father wears and the ADVENT CANDLE ARE "ROSE" or "PINK"**. The Third Sunday of Advent is known as **"GAUDATE or JOYFUL" SUNDAY**. Come out to the **FAMILY ADVENT CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT** this weekend at **2 PM at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH**. A one-hour Christmas Caroling event in church. Hot chocolate and cookies after. All are welcome!

FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: "Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do - every gift I send, every gathering I attend, every meal I share - remind me to prepare space for You. Amen." (Source: Hallow.com).

Peaceful week Lynne

Assumption Catholic Women's League

Due to the many activities during December in our Family of Parishes, the C.W.L. meeting scheduled for December 17th is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2024, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. To all in our Family of Parishes we extend to you and your families a Christmas bright with celebration, wrapped in your favorite memories and warmed by the love of family and friends. The very best wishes for a blessed, healthy, and very "Happy New Year!"

Marilyn Morrison, President

LAST DATE FOR 2023 DONATIONS

The last day to drop off 2023 donations to the parish office is Friday, December 22nd by noon. The last day you can donate for the 2023 income tax receipt at Sunday Mass, by mail and online is Sunday, December 31st. **PLEASE NOTE:** The date of donation is the date the gift is actually received by the charity. When a charity receives a donation by mail, the Canada Revenue Agency considers the date of donation to be the date of the postmark on the envelope. An example of this is when a parishioner mails a donation in December to the Parish, but the Parish does not receive the donation until January with a January postmark. The donation would be posted to January, not December. This also applies to December donations dropped off to the office in January.



The 2024 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up at the main doors of each church building. All parishioners who currently have envelopes have been reassigned a new envelope number for 2024. Please put your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in 2024. If you do not see your envelopes, would like to begin to use envelopes, or there are changes to be made, please call Sally at the Family of Parishes main office at [519-253-2493](tel:519-253-2493), extension 221 or email at smcquaid@dol.ca.

Due to publishing deadlines, there will be NO collection information in this bulletin

Mass Intentions - Assumption

Monday, December 18th - 8:00 am

† Tess and Carlos Franco by Tony and Nanette Serrano
† Maria D'Alfonso by Marco, Yolanda and family
† Ollie O'Shea by Margaret, Helen & Irene
† Donald Badour by Margaret Badour
† Arthur Agorilla-1st anniversary by Gloria Ymana
Breanna and Jeremy Ascott by Sheila Johnston

Tuesday, December 19th - 8:00 am

In thanksgiving for all Assumption Staff & families
by Evangeline Franco
For all those struggling with addictions
by Lisa Marie Doig and Michael Jozwik
In thanksgiving for Gloria Ymana by a parishioner
Robert and Michelle Beneteau and family by Sheila Johnston
† Angela Lang by Helen Janisse
† Jerry and Shirley Van Lare by Carol Gaspar

Wednesday, December 20th - 8:00 am

† Dan Barron by family
† For the repose of the soul of Dora Marie Doig
by Lisa Marie Doig and Michael Jozwik
† Leela Doig by Lisa Marie Doig and Michael Jozwik
† Dr. and Mrs. Edward Ng by Mary Shinas
† Gerald Van Lare by Carol Gaspar
Danny and Rhiannon Beneteau by Sheila Johnston

Thursday December 21st - 8:00 am

† Father Daniel Chui, CSB
† Kerylin Hutchins by Patricia Lazarus
† Robert and Kathleen Stobbs by David Stobbs
† Joseph Tauro by Gretta Noronha
† Donato Vitarelli by Laura, Joseph and Camilla Mastrogiacomio
Ronald Johnston, Jr. and family by Sheila Johnston

Friday December 22nd - 8:00 am

† Lucille Caron by The Family
† For the repose of the soul of Piero Venditti by Venditti family
† For the repose of the souls of William Comartin and Alexandre Schiller by Rose Marie Ruston
† For the repose of the soul of Donato DeRubeis
by brother John, sister Lisa and families
† For the deceased members of the DeRubeis & Colarossi families
by Elizabeth and Nino DeRubeis
† Deceased members of the Iacono and Russo families
by Tony and Bridget Russo

Sunday, December 24th - 9:00 am - for all parishioners

5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

7:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Midnight - Christmas Eve Mass

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 17th - Rosary Chapel
Special intention for John Dollar by Glyn Conn

For the week of December 17th - Assumption Church
Gary Richard Conn by family



Kaego Abadom, Sage Hayes, Sapphire Hayes, Sebastian Ouellette-Hayes, Jaxon Pandolfo, Giulia Rovere, Giuseppe Serra, and Jack Thomson, were Baptized in Christ last weekend.

May their lives be a joyful journey with Jesus.

Mass Intentions - St. Angela Merici

Monday December 18th - 7:00 pm

† Onorio Iacobelli by family and friends
† Domenico Pappini by family
† Debra & Danilo Spadotto by mother and wife Maria
† Romano & Luigia Pegoraro by famiglia Pegoraro
† Maria D'Alfonso by D'Alfonso family
† Angelo Marra by wife Esterina

Tuesday December 19th - 7:00 pm

† Mario Mancini by Aldo Polidori
† Anna Maria Sansotta by Rosa Piscuneri
† Gilda Saroli by Mariano and Gina Costenaro
† Amelia Frangella by Sara Summer
† Danio and Amelia Frangella by family
† Maria D'Alfonso by family

Wednesday December 20th - 7:00 pm

† Alessandro De Marco by moglie e famiglia
† For the repose of the soul of Vincenzo Altobelli
by Viviana Altobelli and family
† Vincenza Malfara by Malfara family
† Alfonso, Angelina Rosa e Gary Bernardi by Marie Mifsed
† Vincenzo Liburdi by moglie e famiglia
† Luciano Sovran by Lucio and Anna Facchina

Thursday December 21st - 7:00 pm

† Antonio and Rufina Mucciaccio by famiglia
† Salvatore Gualtieri by moglie, figli e fam.
† Giuseppe and Margherita Liburdi by Maria Vincent e famiglia
† Tony Spadafora by Maria DeLuca
† Giuseppe Marrocco by Oliva Marrocco e famiglia
† Nicola DiSalvo by moglie e famiglia

Saturday, December 23rd - 4:30 pm - Per tutti i parrochiani

Sunday, December 24th - 9:30 am - Per tutti i parrochiani

4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass/Vigilia di Natale

Mass Intentions—St. Alphonsus

Wednesday, December 20th - 12:00 pm

† Karen Marchand by Claude Marchand
† Jean Cusinato by Carla and Joe Querin
Special intentions-for Leah and Amy Bonrosto-Villa
by Andrea Muana
Special intentions for Andrea Muana and family by Andrea Muana
Special intention for Norma Bastedo by Andrea Muana
A special intention by Gloria Romero-Lehe

Thursday, December 21st - 12:00pm

† Maggiorino and Mary Paniccia by Carla and Joe Querin
† Paul Morrissey by Reaume family
† For the Souls in Purgatory by Paul McAiney
† Tony Bagayawa and Consuelo Dancel
by Tony and Nanette Serrano
† Tony Serrano by Nanette and family

Friday, December 22nd - 12:00pm

† For the repose of the soul of Alex Rocha by Rocha family
† For the Souls in Purgatory by Paul McAiney
† Delimir Tomljanovich by Andrea Muana

2:00 pm - Berkshire no intentions for this Mass

Saturday, December 23rd - 5:00 pm

For all parishioners

Sunday, December 24th - 12:00 pm - For all parishioners

9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Mass



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