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## SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 4th Sunday of Lent

We have come to the Rose Sunday of Lent. The rose colour is connected to the optional entrance chant that opens with the word: Rejoice!

A theme comes out of the readings and it is seeing in a new light. A blind man receives the gift a sight. The prophet Samuel sees what others miss in young David before he becomes King David.

Even if our physical eyesight is 20/20, we can miss the deeper things that the eyes of the heart long to see.

In this time of Lent, may we live in the light of Christ, to see what the Lord wishes for us to see.

May this Rose colour Sunday be a time of rejoicing in God's loving grace.

God bless!  
Fr. Steve Eckert



### ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 25th

11am-8pm

Holy Name of Jesus Church

Everyone is Welcome

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### JOIN US FOR WEEKEND MASS AT

**St. John the Evangelist Church**, Woodslee  
Saturdays at 4:30 pm

**Holy Name of Jesus Church**, Essex  
Saturdays at 6 pm

**St. Mary Church**, Maidstone  
Sundays at 8:30 am

**St. Clement Church**, McGregor  
Sundays at 9:45 am with Adoration 2-4 pm

**Holy Name of Jesus**, Essex  
Sundays at 11 am



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**Monday, March 16th at Noon at St. John's  
Stations of the Cross and Confessions at 11:30 am**

Ints. of Ray & Bev Meyers - John & Theresa Tracey  
Ints. of Family of Parishes Staff - Elaine Blain  
+Thomas Murawski - Ken & Mary Lou Bezaire  
+Roy & Di Artiero - Ken & Mary Lou Bezaire  
+Sonja Aarssen - Ted & Donna Murawski  
+Laura Aylesworth - Ted & Donna Murawski

**Tuesday, March 17th at 7 pm at St. Clement  
Adoration at 6 pm & Confessions at 6:15-6:45 pm  
Stations of the Cross after Mass**

+Don Coyle - Pat & Diana  
+John Martin - Carey & Patricia Miller  
+Leonard O'Neil - Leanne Charette  
+Earl Markham - Len & Mary Ellen Collins  
+Chris Bergeron - Dale & Marcella Martin  
+Gerald Boussey - Charette Family

**Wednesday, March 18th at 9:30 am at St. John's  
Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 9 am**

Ints. of Bob & Marlene Schiller - St. John's 150th Anniversary  
Committee  
Ints. of Paul & Adelen Pehlman - St. John's 150th Anniversary  
Committee  
Ints. of Lou - Family  
+Dec. Members of Trudell Family - Armand  
+Mary Kempa - Ted & Donna Murawski  
+Shirley Lepain - Family

**Adoration at St. Clement from 2-4 pm**

**Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 am at St. Mary's  
Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 9 am  
St. Joseph**

Ints. of Landen Campeau - Roni Pinkney  
+Gerry Lavin - Agnes  
+Thomas Murawski - Dad & Mom  
+Morris & Betty Ford - Flood Family

**Friday, March 20th at 9:45 am at Holy Name of Jesus  
Adoration at 8:30 am & Stations of the Cross after Mass**

Ints. of Dan Hocaliuk - Mike & Jenny Fournier  
+Art & Helen Michael - Diane & Sandy Cameron  
+Frank Stratil - Irene  
+Antonio Spidalieri - Joanne  
+Leonard O'Neil - Mark & Debbie Marshall  
+Olivia Moesch - Dan Hocaliuk

**Sat., March 21st at 8:30 am at Holy Name of Jesus  
Confessions at 9 am & Stations of the Cross after Mass**

Ints. of Sara Market - Larry & Theresa Stiers  
+Leonard O'Neil - Richard Noel  
+Chuck McManus - Cy & Anna Bulcke  
+John Collins - Bob & Pam Baksi  
+Kathy Gloster - Bob & Pam Baksi

**Blessing of Easter Baskets**

A beautiful Easter tradition will take place this year at St. John the Evangelist Parish. All are invited to bring their Easter baskets to the church for a Blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday at 1:00 pm

This custom comes from Central and Eastern Europe, especially Poland, where families bring baskets of food to church on Holy Saturday to be blessed before the Easter celebration. The blessed foods are then shared as part of the family's Easter meal, reminding us that Christ's Resurrection sanctifies even the ordinary blessings of daily life. An Easter basket usually contains symbolic foods such as:

- Eggs – a sign of new life and the Resurrection
  - Bread – reminder of Christ, the Bread of Life
  - Meat or sausage – celebrating the end of the Lenten fast
  - Salt – symbolizing preservation and God's covenant
  - Butter or lamb-shaped butter – representing Christ, the Lamb of God
  - Sweets or cakes – celebrating the joy of Easter
  - Often decorated with cloth and greenery as a joyful sign of the new life Christ brings.
- Bring your Easter basket and celebrate this meaningful tradition as we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection.

All are welcome!

Join us for  
**HOLY WEEK**  
**Holy Thursday, Apr 2**  
(incense used)

7pm at St John the Evangelist  
followed by Adoration until 11pm

**Good Friday, Apr 3**

1pm at St John the Evangelist  
1pm at St Mary's  
3pm at St Clement's  
3pm at Holy Name of Jesus

**Easter Vigil, Apr 4**  
(incense used)

8pm at Holy Name of Jesus

**Easter Sunday, Apr 5**

8:30am at St Mary's  
9am at St John the Evangelist  
10:30am at St Clement's  
11am at Holy Name of Jesus



## STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



Our youth are hosting a Parish Breakfast  
**TODAY, Sunday, March 15th after  
the 11am Mass** to fundraise for their trip  
to Steubenville Youth Conferences in July.

Come along to help our teens.

Free-will offering greatly appreciated.

## ST. MARY'S LENTEN CARD PARTY

Every Sunday during Lent at 7 pm  
at St. Mary's Hall. \$7/person.

Hosted by the St. Mary's Altar Society.

All are welcome!

## ROLL UP THE RIM FOR LENT

The Essex CWL is collecting

Tim Horton's tabs for free  
coffee/tea/donuts/muffins

for the Homeless Hub in Leamington.

Please drop off tabs in the Tim Horton's  
box in the Gather Space. Thank you!

## MISSION GROUP SPRING RAFFLE

Holy Name of Jesus Mission Group is  
having their annual spring baskets raffle  
on March 21/22 and 28/29  
after Mass in the Gather Space.

Please help support them  
and their charities. Thank you!

## ESSEX K OF C FISH FRY

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7 pm  
at Holy Name of Jesus parish hall.  
Tickets at the door. Cash or Debit.

Take out available. Cash bar.

All are welcome!

## LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
at Bethel Maidstone Church with  
Lunch to follow for a free will offering.

## HEALING MASS

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
at Ste. Cecile Chapel  
on Cousineau Road in Windsor.  
Rosary at 7 pm. All are welcome.

## EASTER FLOWERS

If you like to donate towards Easter flowers  
for your Church, please drop an envelop  
marked Flowers in the collection basket.



CENTRAL ESSEX COUNTY  
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

*Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

## QUEST - GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, April 8th at 7 pm

## ROOTED - GRADES 6-8

Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm

## THRIVE - GRADES 9-12

Sunday, March 22nd at 7 pm

## "TOTUS TUUS" YOUNG ADULT MEN

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm  
for 19-35 years old

## "SET APART" YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 pm  
for 18- 40 years old

All groups meet at Holy Name of Jesus.  
Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome!

## TAKE OUT HOMEMADE DINNERS

Order a homemade dinner from St. John's Hall  
kitchen for take out on Saturday, March 28th.  
Chicken & Sliders with salad, bun and dessert.  
\$20/person. Contact Elaine BEFORE March 25th  
519-995-4928. Pick up your order after 5:30 pm  
on March 28th at the hall. Pre-orders only.

## HOMEMADE CARROT CAKE FOR EASTER

Order a delicious homemade 8" x 8" carrot cake  
for \$20. Contact Elaine BEFORE March 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 519-995-4928 and pick up on Friday, April 3rd  
at 2 pm from St. John's Hall. Pre-orders only.

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all winter decorations by  
Palm Sunday, March 29th from your loved  
one's graves at St. Mary's, St. Clement, and  
St. John's cemeteries. After then they will  
be removed and disposed of. Thank you!

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

This year's campaign theme is  
"On Track for Justice" Let's walk hand in  
hand with communities in the Global South  
who are working for justice, peace and  
dignity by donating online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give).



## McGregor

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St. Clement Council 2844  
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FISH FRY - Every Friday 5pm - 7pm

BINGO - Every Tuesday 7pm

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**SEPTEMBER TO MAY**

**FISH FRIES & EVENTS**

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