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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent Solidarity Sunday

As we approach the final stretch of Lent and prepare for Holy Week, this Sunday's readings invite us to take an honest look at our lives and our relationship with God. There is a clear movement throughout the readings, from dryness and death to new life in the Spirit, to the powerful truth that in Jesus, life has the final word.

The image of the dry bones in Ezekiel speaks to moments of total lifelessness and despair, times when our faith feels distant, when we feel disconnected, worn down, or spiritually stuck. In those places, the reminder is that God does not wait for us to have everything together. He is the one who restores, who breathes His Spirit into what feels lifeless, and who brings renewal where we may not see a way forward. God promises to open what seems closed and to bring life where there appears to be none, showing that nothing in our lives is beyond His ability to restore.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this trust: "With the Lord there is steadfast love and great pow'r to redeem." Lent reminds us that God meets us where we are, offering mercy that is both constant and powerful enough to lift us up from the depths.

St. Paul reminds us that we belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is alive in us, shaping our choices, our attitudes, and the way we see and treat others.

In the Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus. He weeps with those who mourn, showing His closeness to human suffering, and then calls Lazarus by name: "Come out!" This moment reminds us that God knows us personally and meets us where we are. His call is not general but directed to each of us, inviting us out of our own "tombs" of sin, fear, exhaustion, or spiritual dryness, and into the new life and freedom He desires for us.

This Sunday is also Solidarity Sunday (Development and Peace), reminding us that our faith naturally extends outward. We are invited to consider how our trust in God is reflected in care for others, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. It challenges us to grow in awareness, generosity, and solidarity beyond our immediate circumstances.

As we near Holy Week, may we hear Jesus' call to come out and trust Him to lead us into new life.

Grateful to journey in faith with you,
Jessica
(LEM for Parish and Family)

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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 23rd at Noon at Holy Name of Jesus
Stations of the Cross and Confessions at 11:30 am**

+Virgie Oriet - Estate
+Phil Burton - Bill & Kathy Market

**Tuesday, March 24th at 7 pm at St. Clement
Adoration at 6 pm & Confessions at 6:15-6:45 pm
Stations of the Cross after Mass**

+Noel Meloche =- Family
+John Martin - Shirley, Tim & Jeff Dufour
+Eleanor Snider - Charette Family
+Gerald Boussey - Paul Drouillard
+Leonard O'Neil - Dale & Marcella Martin
+Jacob Meloche - Jason & Heather Toth

**Wednesday, March 25th at 9:30 am at St. John's
Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 9 am**

Ints. of Lou - Ted & Mary Ellen Lemire
+Souls in Purgatory - Ted & Donna Murawski
+Dec. Mem. of K of C - St. John's K of C
+Danielle Byrne - Dad & Mom
+Thomas Murawski - Family
+Angela Trepanier - Claire Renaud

Adoration at St. Clement from 2-4 pm

**Thursday, March 26th at 9:30 am at St. Mary's
Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 9 am**

Special Intentions - Friend
+Gerry Lavin - Agnes
+Norm Jobin - Flood Family
+Dec. Mem. of the Taiariol Family - Cesare

**Friday, March 27th at 9:45 am at Holy Name of Jesus
Adoration at 8:30 am & Stations of the Cross after Mass**

Ints. of Mary Lynn & the Cazabon Family - Mike & Lynn Cincurak
+Special Ints. of Alex & Diane Begin - Friend
+Armand Poulin - Gerry & Pat Belanger
+Faye Rocheleau - Eric & Michelle Rousseau
+Barbara McNeely - Mike & Lynn Cincurak

**Sat., March 28th at 8:30 am at Holy Name of Jesus
Confessions at 9 am & Stations of the Cross after Mass**

Ints. of Fr. Danny Santos & Fr. Steve Eckert - Joann Lavin
Ints. of Nick & Lisa and Sara Market - Mike & Lynn Cincurak
Ints. for Peace in the World - Holy Name of Jesus CWL
+Steve Namespetra - Irene
+Leonard O'Neil - Laura Pope
+Tonkin & Barrette Families - Marcel & Carol

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
Baskets are 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

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 25th 11am-8pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church. All are welcomed.

SPRING BASKETS 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 their charities.

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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S EASTER RETREAT

Friday, April 24th at 6 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church with Fr. Paul Kim. Hosted by the Essex CWL. All are welcome!

ESSEX K OF C FISH FRY

Friday, March 27 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!

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!

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. Thank you!

HOMEMADE CARROT CAKE FOR EASTER

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

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

Wednesday, March 25th at Noon at Christian Reform Church with lunch to follow. Free will offering appreciated. Everyone is welcome!



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QUEST - GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, April 8th at 7 pm

ROOTED - GRADES 6-8

Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm

THRIVE - GRADES 9-12

TONIGHT Sunday, March 22nd at 7 pm

"TOTUS TUUS" YOUNG ADULT MEN

Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm
for 19-35 years old

"SET APART" YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm
for 18- 40 years old

*All groups meet at
Holy Name of Jesus Church.
Bring a friend!*

RUN FR. DANNY RUN!

Fr. Danny's next ½ marathon takes place on Saturday, April 11th. He is raising money for our Youth Ministry especially for our youth attending the Conference in Stuebenville, Ohio this summer. Envelopes can be found at the back of each Church. Go Fr. Danny!

HOPE AND HEALING

Our Hope & Healing Ministry is offering Surviving Divorce, a 12-week series beginning April 6. Open to anyone separated or divorced – recently or years ago – this program offers hope and practical guidance grounded in Catholic teaching. For details or to register, visit: centralessexcatholic.dol.ca/hope-and-healing

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 respectfully removed and disposed of. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS

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



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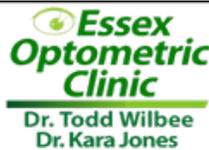
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