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## SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, we hear of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We enter the celebration on a high note; joining hundreds in Jerusalem welcoming our Lord with shouts of praise and the waving of palm branches.

But it doesn't take long for the celebration to take a somber turn. Many of the items that make our churches beautiful are gone: flowers removed, statues and images covered. The church feels bare and lifeless.

We continue the celebration hearing our first reading of standing firm in our faith amidst suffering; the psalm crying out to God in abandonment; the second reading speaking of Jesus's being brought low to join us in our humanity.

We reach our final reading from the Gospels and recall the Passion and Death of our Lord. The triumphant entry transitioned to the most sorrowful experience the world has ever known.

Leaving the church, we can't seem to be joyous. We feel low knowing that the King of the world has died.

As Holy Week progresses, I encourage you to take the time to process all that Jesus endures and allow yourself to be moved by it. It's uncomfortable to enter His suffering, but we cannot abandon our Lord in His hour of need. For we cannot welcome the joy of Easter without first embracing the bitter cross.

*Alaina  
LEM - Youth*

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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



**Tuesday, March 31st at 7 pm at  
St. Clement Adoration at 6 pm &  
Confessions at 6:15-6:45 pm  
Stations of the Cross after Mass**

In Thanksgiving - Parishioner  
+John Martin - Marilyn O'Neil  
+Rebecca Lafleur - Leanne Charette  
+Frank Charette - Family  
+Gerald Boussey - Gary & Joanne Heyrman

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am  
at St. John's Confessions at 9 am  
Stations of the Cross after Mass**

Special Ints. for those suffering addictions -  
Ted & Donna Murawski  
+Thomas Murawski - Family  
+Adam Fuerth (40A) - Family  
+Jim Fuerth - Family  
+Harry Szymanski - Ted & Donna Murawski  
+Josef & Helena Murawski - Ted & Donna

## Blessing of EASTER BASKETS

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm  
at St. John the Evangelist Church, Woodsee

This is a beautiful Easter tradition where families bring decorated baskets of food (eggs, bread, meat, butter, sweets, salt) to be blessed.

This food is shared at Easter and reminds us of  
Christ's Resurrection in our daily life.  
All are welcome!



*Palm Sunday*

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



*Please keep in your prayers:*

The Engaged Couples  
who are completing  
Marriage Preparation  
this weekend.

*and for*

The children who are  
participating in the  
Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation this week



**ROSARY WALK**

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30-7:30 pm  
at Sadler's Pond Nature  
Park in Essex.  
Parking at 144 Keown Street  
Rain or Shine.  
Everyone is welcome!



## GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY'S

- Pickerel dinner at Holy Name of Jesus parish hall from 4:30-7 pm. Tickets at the door with take out available.
- Perch, Pickerel, Haddock, or Shrimp at the McGregor Columbian Club hall from 3-6:30 pm. Tickets at the door with take out available.

## HOPE AND HEALING

Our Hope & Healing Ministry is offering Surviving Divorce, a 12-week series beginning April 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Meeting Room B. 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: [centralessexatholic.dol.ca/hope-and-healing](http://centralessexatholic.dol.ca/hope-and-healing)

## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all winter decorations by TODAY 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.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 pm at St. Clement Church with Adoration and Confessions. In preparation for Divine Mercy the Novena starts on Good Friday.

## HEALING MASS

April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St. Cecile Chapel on Cousineau Road in Windsor. Rosary at 7 pm. All are welcome.

## ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY SHOP

Will be open for business on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Great selection of gifts for all ages.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S EASTER RETREAT

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

## PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm at St. John's Hall in Woodslee \$15/person with take out available. For tickets call Monique at 519-300-3272 or at [kofc4555pasta@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4555pasta@gmail.com) Proceeds to St. John the Evangelist School Hosted by St. John's K of C Council #4555



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*Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

### QUEST - GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, April 8th at 7 pm

### ROOTED - GRADES 6-8

Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 pm

### THRIVE - GRADES 9-12

Sunday, April 12th at 7 pm

### "TOTUS TUUS" YOUNG ADULT MEN

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

### "SET APART" YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm  
for 18- 40 years old

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

### RUN FR. DANNY RUN!

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Danny will be running in a ½ marathon. He is raising money for our Family of Parishes Youth Ministry specifically for our teens who are attending the Youth Conference at the Franciscan University in Stuebenville, Ohio. Every summer, thousands of teens come together to learn more about their faith through talks from International Catholic speakers, times of prayer and community. This year, we have over 20 teens joining us for this life changing trip. Please support and donate generously by using the designated envelopes found at the back of each Church. Thank you!

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### NO HAIR, DON'T CARE FOR THE WINDSOR CANCER CENTRE Pasta Dinner Fundraiser in honour of Sara Market

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm  
at the Essex Legion. \$20/person  
Tickets available at Hometown Cookhouse  
or by calling 519-776-4157.



## McGregor

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**Everyone Welcome!**



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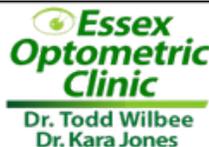


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