

**ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES
IMMACULATE HEART, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. MICHAEL'S
& Holy Trinity & St. Francis of Assisi**

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**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
December 14, 2025**

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: Register Online
First Communion & First Reconciliation:
Registration is open.

Confirmation - Registration is open..

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation: at St. Michael's on Sat.'s from 2- 3:00 pm.
2153 Parkwood Ave.

Reconciliation: at OLPH on Tuesday's from 5-5:45 pm.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance
Holy Orders: Contact the office

**WEEKDAY (DAILY) MASS SCHEDULE FOR
HOLY TRINITY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Holy Trinity- 1035 Ellis Street East, : Monday to Friday at 7:00 pm. in Polish & Saturday at 8:00 am.in English
St. Francis of Assisi—1701 Turner Road : Tuesday to Friday at 6:00 pm. in Croatian

**'ROSE CITY CENTRAL' CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES PRAYER**

Lord, please console and protect our 'Rose City Central' family of parishes. May we become a true Catholic family.

We come to You Holy Trinity and ask You to guide our path as we become witnesses of our faith.

To Immaculate Mary our Mother, we ask for your perpetual help; and we ask Saint Francis for peace and Saint Michael for protection.
Amen.

**PASTORAL TEAM FOR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

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sizdebski@dol.ca

Associate Pastor: Rev. Miro Grubišić

Priest in Residence: Rev. Bill Kornacker

Pastoral Minister: Sr. Elzbieta Mruczek
emruczek@dol.ca

Pastoral Minister: Christine Toffolon, 519-966-1953
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**ROSE CITY CENTRAL CATHOLIC
FAMILY OF PARISHES STAFF
IMMACULATE HEART, ST. MICHAEL & OLPH**

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olph@dol.ca

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Secretary: Miroslawa "Mirka" Rodzinka IH & OLPH

Musicians: Jim Dittmer (St. Michael & IH)

John Salalila (OLPH)

Jeff Gendron (OLPH)

Maintenance: Victor Piccolo (IH)

Paul Smith (OLPH)

**MASS TIMES FOR OUR ROSE CITY CENTRAL
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

SATURDAY EVENING:

5:00 pm. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH)

5:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

5:00 pm. at St. Francis of Assisi (in Croatian)

SUNDAY:

9:00 am. at Holy Trinity (in English)

9:00 am. at St. Francis (in English)

10:30 am. at OLPH

10:30 am. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

11:00 am. at St. Francis (in Croatian)

12:30 pm. at Immaculate Heart in St. Michael's

12:30 pm. at Holy Trinity (in Polish)

Mass schedule for St. Michael's—

Thursday, December 25 at 9:00 am.

**"BEING A MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH THAT
FORMS DISCIPLES OF JESUS."**

**MAIN FAMILY OF PARISHES' OFFICE HOURS: Immaculate Heart at St. Michael's Church—2153 Parkwood Avenue
Tues. to Fri. 9 am.—2 pm. Please call Shirl at 519-258-0910 Ext. 200
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—804 Grand Marais Rd. East**



BAPTISM FOR OLPH & IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

Once you have filled out the online baptism registration form from our website, Christine will email you with the available dates. Baptisms for OLPH and Immaculate Heart take place during our weekend Masses. Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. or Sunday morning at 10:30 am. at OLPH or at Immaculate Heart at 12:30 pm. Information about the one required baptismal prep night will be sent to you once the registration form has been received by Christine. Further information is found on our website. Please direct questions to Christine at 519-966-1953, Ext:226 or email her ctoffolon@dol.ca



To Everything there is a season... "a time to be healed..."

For our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or awaiting surgery.

There is "a time for everything under Heaven...."

For those who have died from our families and from our Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December: For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR IMMACULATE HEART/ST. MICHAEL & OLPH CHURCHES



Tues. Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Anna Aquino ... *by Family*
- + Tom Pllumbaj ... *by Family*
- + Dilë Pllumbaj ... *by Family*
- + Maria Filipina S. Mantala ... *by Family*
- + Fran Vushaj ... *by Family*
- + Dielle Grishaj ... *by Family*

Wed. Dec. 17 at 12:00 pm. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael

- Intentions of John Nabben ... *by Family*
- + James McInnes ... *by Nabben Family*
- + Frances Bellis ... *by Family*
- + All Souls in Purgatory- ... *by Parishioner*
- + Carl Fex ... *by Theresa Lazarus*
- + Edelmira Dela Rea ... *by Family*

Thurs. Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm. at OLPH

- + Renita Martins ... *by Mr. Signorelli (Guissepe)*
- + Maria Filipina S. Mantal ... *by Family*
- + Kole Grishaj ... *by Family*
- + Martin Grishaj ... *by Family*
- + Gjeto Gjerakaj ... *by Family*

Fri. Dec. 19 at 8:00 am. at Immaculate Heart/St. Michael

- Intentions of Ryan Lukacs ... *by Mary Lou Eden*
- Intentions of Marie Eden ... *by Mary Lou Eden*
- Intentions of Pat Eden ... *by Mary Lou Eden*
- + Joseph & Imelda Bonnici ... *by Katie & Maryann*
- + Michael Hardstone ... *by Rita & Chris Saur*
- + Roy Lazarus ... *by Theresa Lazarus*

Gospel Background: Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. *from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

REJOICE
AND BE GLAD

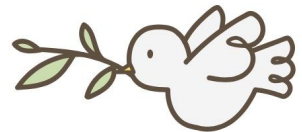


The CCCB has released the video for the Third Sunday of Advent in **THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT** video series. The videos are available in English and French and feature reflections by Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton (EN) and Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (FR). <https://www.cccb.ca/>



BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS

On **Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 am. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** we welcomed **Payton Elizabeth & Carter Allen Wilson** children of **Jessica Wilson** to the Christian Catholic Faith through the graced filled waters of Baptism. "God gives your children the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And what gifts these are! You are choosing these gifts for your children now in Baptism, and later they will make their own choice to strengthen those gifts in Confirmation."



"The first thing I recommend to you for Advent is to keep yourself in the presence of God deep within your heart, just as the Blessed Virgin, before the birth of our Lord, adored him within herself." *Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon*

BINGO & GAMING—OLPH CHURCH

We have not been assigned our next sessions at the **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd.

We purchased the 2026 Liturgical Calendars from our cbngo bank account at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



OLPH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the SSVP we offer the option for you to make an e-transfer to ssvpolph@hotmail.com in the memo line please put your name & address. The answer to the question is : SSVPOLPH or you may leave a donation in the offertory basket. The SSVP green envelopes are found next to the offertory basket. Calls to the SSVP can be reached at **519-966-1953 EXT. 236**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church & Immaculate Heart Church

FIRST CONFESSION FIRST COMMUNION

Register now for the First Confession & First Communion preparation program . We will begin in February 2026.

****Registration has been extended**
Register TODAY on our website

www.olph.dionet.org



Questions? email Christine at ctoffolon@dol.ca

SACRAMENTAL CATECHISTS

Please keep our 14 catechists from Immaculate Heart & OLPH Church in your prayers. They will gather on Sat. Jan. 10 for their Catechist's Retreat to spiritually prepare themselves to lead our children and youth in their faith journey.



LAUDATO SI': CHAPTER FIVE - LINES OF APPROACH AND ACTION

This month we explore Laudato Si' Charter 5: Lines of Approach and



LAUDATO SI':
On Care for Our Common Home

TAKING ACTION IN THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

Action. The way forward begins and is sustained by dialogue and thus Pope Francis outlines the major paths of dialogue which are so desperately needed. To read more about these paths of dialogue, go the Diocese of London's website. To see all previous chapter summaries and for more information about Laudato Si' follow this link <https://dol.ca/laudato-si>



Immaculate Heart Church & OLPH Church in the Rose City Central Catholic Family of Parishes

JOIN US FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES.

(YOUTH IN GR. 8 & UP)

OUR CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN FEB. 2026.

ON THURS. EVENINGS.

Registration has been extended - register now on our website at

olph.dionet.org

*There is a \$45.00 material fees- due at the first class.



Questions? email Christine at ctoffolon@dol.ca

What does **Gaudete** mean? Gaudete means "**rejoice**" in Latin. Why do we light a pink candle on **Gaudete Sunday**? The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Philippians 4:4-5



BINGO COMMITTEE AT IMMACULATE HEART

Please do not forget to support our Church Bingo's from Immaculate Heart Church. They are held at **All Star Gaming Centre** on Walker Rd. The Bingos are very important to Immaculate Heart parish. A big thank you to all the volunteers and participants who continually make the effort to support Immaculate Heart parish. Our next assigned date is **Wednesday December 17 from 2- 4:00 pm..**



DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH ASSEMBLING THE CHRISTMAS BOXES AT OLPH CHURCH?

Come join us on **Tues. Dec. 16 from 9:00 am. to 12—noon.** Meet us in the hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Pizza lunch at 11:00—12-noon. Come to the side door close to the driveway. (facing Grand Marais Rd.) It will be unlocked.



SSVP AT IMMACULATE HEART

We are always accepting "NON PERISHABLE" food donations. Just leave them on the ushers' bench. Monetary donations used to purchase groceries are always appreciated, and they can be dropped off in the collection basket, just mark your envelope "SSVP" or "SAINT VINCENT de PAUL". Your generosity allows us to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul food calls: 519-258-0910 Ext. 235 God Bless all of you.



*"Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in."
St. Clement of Alexandria*

Joy To The World

My greetings to you during this Advent season as we solemnly prepare for the joy-filled celebrations of the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Day. This is always a special time of year for the Church. While the days outside grow colder and shorter as winter descends upon us, we feel a special unity in the warmth and light of our community and our worship.

On Christmas Day, we recall the words of St. Athanasius, "He became as we are that we might become as He is." These words summarize the essence of the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus entered our world to minister to us and ultimately sacrifice himself to redeem us from our sins, so that we may live forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.

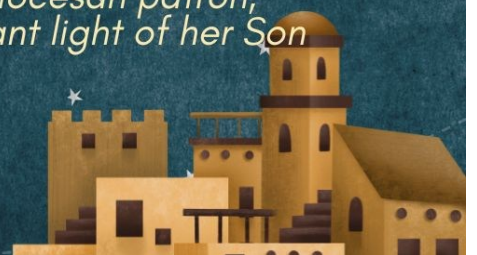
In addition to the normal celebrations this season, after Christmas we will have a special Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese. Pope Leo XIV and other bishops will do the same in Rome and around the world on Sunday, 28 December. The theme for the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". It is fitting to look back on the year at the many signs of hope we have seen as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the source of all hope.

In many of our Families of Parishes across the Diocese, I have heard that there has been of a amazing increase in the number of adults seeking to convert to Catholicism. Recently at the seminary, so many young men registered to visit for a "come and see" weekend to explore a calling to the priesthood that it was filled to capacity. Our youth ministry had strong responses to all of its events this year, from Theology on Tap, youth leadership camps and a sold out young adult Advent retreat at Holy Family Retreat House. What wonderful signs of hope that our prayers, our mission and our discipleship are yielding such abundant fruit! By our faith-filled presence in the world we are showing how our love for each other embodies Christ's love and its enduring meaning in the world. As he served us by his Incarnation and Passion, so we serve others. Reflecting on the Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV echoed this sentiment when he said to the youth gathered outside of Rome: "I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope...With her help, in every part of the world, continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Saviour, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet!"

Hope and joy are infectious. They bring strength to those already with us and will bring to us people who are searching for community, belonging and meaning in life beyond material possessions.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May your Advent and Christmas celebrations be full of hope and joy. I want to assure you of my prayers, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, our diocesan patron, intercede for all in our diocesan family. May the radiant light of her Son shine brightly on us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London



FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS

There are no Feast or memorial Days for the week of December 15- 20



READINGS OF THE WEEK



Monday— Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 25: Gospel, Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday— Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 34: Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday— Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Gospel, Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday— Jeremiah 23:5-8; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 72: Gospel, Matthew 1:18-24
Friday— Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 71: Gospel, Luke 1:5-25
Saturday— Isaiah 7:10-14; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 24: Gospel, Luke 1:26-38
Sunday— First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 24: Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7; Gospel, Matthew 1:18-24

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Central Essex Catholic Family of Parishes is hiring for two positions: a Parish & Family Minister and a Youth Minister. More information can be found at this link <https://dol.ca/youth-minister-central-essex>



Thank You

From the OLPH CWL

To all who attended the Pasta "Sauce Contest" Dinner & Paddle Auction...to those who cooked the pasta...to those who made a sauce...to the six teens who helped out in several ways...to those who donated gifts for the paddle auction.

Thank you!



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm. & 7:00 pm.
 Dec. 25 - 10:30 am.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



Would you like to help us wash our pews at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church? Meet us on Wed. Dec. 17 at 10:00 am. in the Church. All cleaning supplies will be provided.

Email Christine or just show up.

CONSIDER DONATING BLOOD THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

From Canadian Blood Services: "Donating blood or plasma is a profoundly meaningful way to help those in need. Every 60 seconds, someone in Canada receives a blood transfusion - often relying on more than one generous donor. Every donation truly makes a difference. Your gift can offer hope, create cherished memories, and even make dreams possible for individuals and families facing medical challenges. The Windsor location is 3015 Howard Ave, Unit 1



OLPH CWL



Paint Night

**February 10, 2025
 at 7:00 pm.**

The OLPH CWL invite all women from our Family of Parishes to a Paint night.

RSVP on our website

Cost for CWL members is \$20.00

For non CWL members \$35.00



Immaculate Heart / St. Michael's

DEC. 24 - 5:00 PM. MASS

DEC. 25 - 12:00 AM. (MIDNIGHT MASS)

9:00 AM.-BILINGUAL MASS -GERMAN & ENGLISH
 & 11:00 AM.

**PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at
IMMACULATE HEART
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**
Anna St. Antoine; President
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Pat Rondot; President
SACRISTAN
Vicky Masotti
HOMEBOUND
Paulette DesRosiers
SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Pat & Michelle Rondot
DECORATOR
Maricar Nicolas

PARISH COMMITTEES & GROUPS at OLPH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
Pat Power, Grand Knight
Steven Pellarin, Deputy Grand Knight
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:
Janis McIsaac; President
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
Phil Anderson; President
PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY
Dory Jimenez
SOCIAL JUSTICE



Welcome! We are glad you joined us! Registration forms are available online— on our website or in the narthex or back of the Church. If you need to update your information on record, please email or call the office .



**Mass Intentions at OLPH can be made with Christine by emailing her, or leaving an envelope in the offertory basket., Mass Intentions for Immaculate Heart or St. Michael's can be made by leaving an envelope in the offertory basket or calling Shirl at 519-258-0910 or by emailing her.
.Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.
**** Please note that if you are asking for a certain date please send in your request at least three weeks in advance. Thank you.**

Pastoral Family of Parishes Council

Father Glen Ball * Father Stanislaw Izdebski Holy Trinity * Father Miro St. Francis of Assisi * Sister Elzbieta Mruczek Holy Trinity * Christine Toffolon Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Chris Sak (Chair) Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Tony Blak Holy Trinity * Angie Mora St. Michael * Tina Papac St. Francis of Assisi * Steve Pellarin Our Lady of Perpetual Help * Michelle Rondot Immaculate Heart * Victor Wolanski Holy Trinity * Nancy Charron (recording secretary) Our Lady of Perpetual Help

AA meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am. in the small hall at Immaculate Heart Church.

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Benefits Of Playing Euchre at OLPH Church

Meet other seniors

Play every Thursday at 1:00 pm.

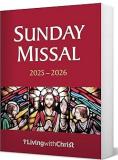
It only cost \$2.00

Contact Diane Miller for more information
519- 990- 1856

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament of the Sick should be celebrated not at the end of life, but when those who are seriously or terminally ill are conscious and able to participate in the prayers that ask for peace, strength, faith, courage, and love of God. All too often, family members will wait until the last possible minute and then are frustrated when their request cannot be immediately met. Please contact the Parish Office if an anointing is required. **However when in the hospital, the chaplain on call during the day should be requested to offer this Sacrament.** We no longer call this sacrament “Last Rites,” we call this sacrament the “Sacrament of the Sick.”

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Missals for 2025-2026 are available for purchase at both Churches. At OLPH they are at the Welcome Desk. Please leave the \$5.00 in the envelope provided and put the envelope in the Collection basket.
At Immaculate Heart the Missals are \$5.00. There is a jar at the back of the church on the usher's counter with a



IMMACULATE HEART CWL

Members your dues are being collected now for the 2026 year. They are \$35.00. You can put them in an envelope with your name on it and give the dues to Mary, put them into the Collection basket or drop them off to the office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY PACKAGES

Did you know that we have Children's Liturgy packages? When you attend Mass an Usher, Christine or Melissa (at OLPH) will give your child(ren) a Children's Liturgy zippered pouch. We offer this to our children at OLPH & Immaculate Heart Church. Just return the pouch to us after Mass. Your child keeps the handouts, so you may read them over at home as a family.



MEMORIAL LEAF

Forms found on the Welcome Desk

At OLPH Church

PURCHASE A MEMORIAL LEAF IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.