

Reflection with Father Matthew

In these final days of Advent we look to Mary and Joseph, whose trust in God made a home for the Saviour. Their story reminds us that holiness often hides in ordinary family life: in steady work, in prayer around the table, and in humble welcome. Their example invites us to prepare our homes as places for Emmanuel to dwell. Advent's last call is not frantic perfection but faithful readiness. For some this season brings joy; for others it brings fear or grief. Mary's fiat shows that trust can coexist with uncertainty—God's plan unfolds in unexpected ways, and our yes helps bring it to fruition.

This week, bless your door, light the Advent candle, or use the parish home blessing with someone who might appreciate a sign of hope. Let our homes become small shrines of welcome where Christ is waited for, received, and shared with the world.

Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Times

Corpus Christi

Dec. 24, 2025 - 5 pm & 9 pm

Dec. 25, 2025 - 10 am

Dec. 26, 2025 - 8:30 am -No Confession

or Adoration

Dec. 31, 2025 - 5 pm Jan. 1, 2026 - 10 am

Jan. 2, 2026 - 8:30am - No Confession

or Adoration

OLMC

Dec. 24, 2025 - 5 pm & 7 pm

Dec. 25, 2025 - 12 noon

Dec. 30, 2025 - 7 pm

Dec. 31, 2025 - 6 pm

Jan. 1, 2026 - 12 noon

Scripture Readings for next 2 weekend's Mass ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph & The Epiphany of The Lord.

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128
Second Reading: Colossians 3, 12-7

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First Reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 72.1-2,7-8, 10-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:Matthew 2.1-12

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: Closed to the public on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 12 noon. The office will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026.

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Tuesday 7:00 PM &Thursday 8:30 AM

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Weekly Calendar - Mass Intentions

DAY / DATE		DAY / DATE	
Tuesday December 23 Ferial 7:00 PM ~ OLMC No confessions	7:00 PM Giovanni & Teresa Costa ~ Adrianna Costa Bernard & Norine McGuire ~ Kulka Family Virginia Dufour ~ Kulka Family Dec'd Family & Friends of the Cappucci Family Marc Morneau ~ Bruno Flammia Jo-Anne Slaght ~ Mike & Cathy	Tuesday December 30 Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity 7:00 PM ~ OLMC	7:00 PM Eileen Smith (11th Ann.) ~ Peter & Mary Beth Mark Cruzmichael ~ Joseph Benher & Family Lori Ann Mariuz ~ The Colja Family Dec'd Members of the Anzianao &Formicola Families Robert Faroni ~ Flora Carlini Lorraine Martin ~ Rumfeldt Family
Wednesday December 24 Solemnity	5:00pm & 9:00 pm at CC 5:00pm & 7:00 pm at OLMC	Wednesday December 31 Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity 5:00 PM ~ CC 6:00 PM ~ OLMC	5:00 PM ~ CC 6:00 PM ~ OLMC
Thursday December 25 Christmas - The Nativity of The Lord.	12 Noon at OLMC 10:00 am at CC	Thursday January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God The Octave Day of The Nativity of The Lord Holy Day of Obligation. 10:00 AM ~ CC 12:00 Noon ~ OLMC	10:00 AM ~ CC 12:00 Noon ~ OLMC
Friday December 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr Feast 8:30 AM ~ CC	8:30 AM Int. of Leonardo & Sabrina Baguilat Gus Mac Isaac ~ G. & R. Marentette Frances Conway ~ Rose Salvatore, Pina & Rosa ~ Marrazzo Family John Dubinski ~ Daughter & Family Special Intention From a Parishioner	Friday January 2 St. Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors Memorial. 8:30 AM ~ CC	8:30 AM Ron Steer ~ Mary Lou, Brent & Nancy Eileen Smith (11th Ann.) ~Peter & Mary Beth Angus Gillis & Daughter Jaye Gillis ~ Barbara Mark Scraba ~ G.& R Marenette Int. of Louis Muzzin ~ Aileen Czerwieniec Special Intention ~ Sue Dent
Saturday December 27 Vigil	5:00 pm at OLMC 5:00 pm at CC	Saturday January 3 Vigil	5:00 pm at OLMC 5:00 pm at CC
Sunday December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9:00 am & 11:00 am at OLMC 9:00 am & 11:00 am at CC	Sunday January 4 The Epiphany Of The Lord	9:00 am & 11:00 am at OLMC 9:00 am & 11:00 am at CC

Mrs. Christa Mailloux; Deacon Joseph Manzara; Rev. Michael Bryan; Rev. Seejo John; Mrs. Julie de Gouw;

PRAY for the SICK

Doug Reaume, Anthony Mandato, Jeffrey Kavanaugh, Randa Istephan, Theresa Slack, Agatha Schulz, Ken Dagenais, Jean Morand, Grier Tovell, Matt Jones, Violet Katic, Maryanne Urbano, Randy Kettlewell, Anna Lenisa, Joe Macri, Paulette Kathrein, Suzanne D'Agnillo, Sandy Ebert, Michelina Urbano

TUESDAY, January 6th at 1:00 P.M. After a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner party, we were able to make generous donations to 3 charities because of the kindness of the ladies attending! Thank you so much! Hoping to see many of you in the New Year! Blessings to all!



South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes

KATIE'S CORNER

INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish 4401 Mount Royal Drive

2026!

Registration is Open! Grades 8-12 only

Parent Information Night January 25 at OLMC Parish Hall

Register Here:





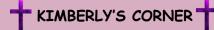


Sunday January 18

Speaker: Father Danny Santos Grades 8-12 only Free Burrito Bar!

12-2 pm

Corpus Christi Parish Register Online



We completed our second Alpha series on Wednesday evening. It was a joyful end to our series, as we explored the topic of The Church, and how we are members of Christ's body, the Church. We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and learned about ways to continue to grow in our discipleship.



I want to thank our dedicated Alpha team for all the love and support they showed to our guests: our table facilitators and our kitchen team. We could not have done this without you! I also want to thank Paul Boncardo, who served with me as co-host. I want to thank all of you who prayed for us each week. Your prayers made a difference! Please continue to pray for us!

Please see the bulletin insert for more information on what we have planned in the New Year for anyone who wants to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for everyone serving on our RCIA team as catechists and sponsors, and:



and candidates:

Leland **Amanda** Habiba Savita Luke Shona

Grayson Sophia Ava Valeri Claire

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The Corpus Christi St. Vincent de Paul conference was overwhelmed by your generosity! From the Christmas Giving Tree, you purchased 175 gifts for 32 very needy families.

\$4,485 was given in gift cards to add to the hampers and cash to enable us to do more for the poor - providing clothing, furniture, appliances, etc.

You also provided countless amounts of food to fill food hampers for 64 families with enough left over to fill our shelves into the new year.

One mother said it best: "I cannot thank you... enough for the generosity shown to my family. I truly appreciate it and pray God continues to bless you that you continue to be a blessing to others."

You are the blessing.



OLMC MISSION GROUP NEWS

Frozen pies -

To order please call: Kathy at 519 966-4838 Email: olmcmissionpies@gmail.com. The cost of the pies is \$6.00 each. Come join us and see what we do.

New workers are always welcomed!

Upcoming Pie Days:

January 2026: 12,13,14

February 23 to 25

March 16 to 18

April 20 to 22

May 25 to 27

June 15 to 17

All pie days start at 7:30am to 3pm each

Craft & Quilts - Every Wednesday 9:30am to 2:30pm, OLMC Parish Hall Bring a lunch if you wish to stay. Quilts are available for purchase year round.

Journey through Advent Video

Series - Fourth Sunday in Advent The CCCB has released the video for the fourth 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, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton (EN) and Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (FR). They are also posted on the diocesan homepage and the CCCB YouTube page.





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2026 Offertory Envelopes Now Available

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are now available for pickup at both parishes. If you do not see your name on a box, please email sw@dol.ca or leave your name at the Welcome Desk, and a box will be ready for you by the following weekend. Please note: Do not use the 2026 envelopes until January 1, 2026. We also invite you to consider automatic withdrawal. This simple monthly option allows donations to be processed efficiently without the need for envelopes or e Transfers.

Thank you for your generous support throughout the year, in whatever way you choose to give.

IMPORTANT

2025 Contribution Deadline

To receive a tax receipt for 2025, all donations must be received by Tuesday, December 30 at 10.00 am. Any envelopes received after this time will be credited to 2026.

Thank you for your generous and IMPORTANT continued support.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Corpus Christi appreciates your food and financial donations. This week we are in particular need of: Peanut butter, canned fruit, snack bars, and hamburger helper.

Thank you for your continued support. For further information or to assist, please contact Bruce at:519-966-5362.

A monthly Healing Mass will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Parkwood, just off Tecumseh, on Friday, January 2 at 7.00 p.m. Father Gilbert Simard will preside, and prayer teams will be available following the Mass. All are welcome.

Offertory	December 14, 2025	
Sunday Offerings	сс	OLMC
Regular Offertory	\$ 7884	\$ 9801
Special Collections	\$ 1320	\$ 320
Monthly eTransfers	\$2,245	\$3,230
Monthly Pre- Authorized	\$10,530	\$13,460
Monthly Credit Card	\$1,379	



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