



**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

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Imagine being so full of wisdom that you see something before others do. Or having such a close relationship with God that you receive insights that transform your life. Revelations from God are a curious thing in our scientific age, as it respects the laws of reason (often working within them) but is not limited by them.

Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of the beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information (such as those who use them as a means of navigation). Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wise men in today's Gospel.

If the stars can provide an external source of information, perhaps our dreams and reflection can be an internal source, if we take care that they are not misunderstood. Revelation should always lead us to acts of faith, mercy and love.

Let us be grateful today for the gift of our Saviour and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars.

*John O'Brien  
Oakville, ON*

**Scripture Readings for next weekend's Mass ~ Baptism of The Lord**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 29

**Second Reading:** Acts 10.34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3.13-17

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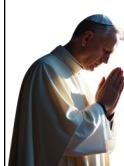
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*Our Vision Is: To be doing the will of the one who sent us.  
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Mass Intentions		KIMBERLY'S COLUMN
Tuesday January 6 Ferial 7:00 PM ~ OLMC	7:00 PM Lori Mariuz ~ Mike & Linda Polsinelli Marc Morneau ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe Home John Dubinski ~ Daughter & Family Brendon McCallion ~ Grandma & Grandpa Anna Perri ~ Judy & John Romeo Frank Kosa ~ Don, Margaret & Family	Come and celebrate the completion of our second Alpha series, and join us for an Alpha Celebration Dinner on Wednesday January 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner, hear inspiring testimonies, and get a sense of what Alpha is all about. Please register your name so we can prepare enough food.
Wednesday January 7 Ferial 8:30 AM ~ CC	8:30 AM Grace & Alberto Deluzio ~ David & Helen Deluzio Louis & Lillian Carver ~ G. & K. Marentette Kenneth Reaume & Family ~ Doug & Monique Reaume Vicki & Denis Ullyett ~ Roy & Virginia Brothers Int. for Maddy Chang ~ Mom & Dad Dante Santiago Piovezan	
Thursday January 8 Ferial 8:30 AM ~ OLMC	8:30 AM Int. of Denzil Vivek ~ Evon Maria & Family Ernest & Anagela Bezaire ~ Joe Bezaire Sing Chiu & Laic Hun ~ Chris Int. of Dan & Pat Thibert ~ Sharon Armando Correia ~ Sister & Family Ondina Sirianni ~ Gianna & Family	
Friday January 9 8:30 AM ~ CC	8:30 AM Gayle Gangnon ~ Jeff & Ashley Rivard & Family Kenneth Courtenay ~ Leslie Anne & Family Caroline Borbely & Int. of Cathy Comiskey ~ Doug & Monique Grace Deluzio ~ David & Helen Deluzio JoAnne Passa ~ Corpus Christi CWL Thomasina Wallace ~ Josie Pavan & Family	
Saturday January 10 Vigil	5:00 PM	
Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord	CC & OLMC 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	

Read the Kids' Bulletin here: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

Please pray for the following who are all ministering in our Diocese:  
Deacon Gaston Mabaya; Deacon Fary Flewelling; Sharon Hunt; Lucia Costa; Rev. Josef Denys; Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants



**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

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Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks as we share information about more ways to grow in your faith and help support you on your path of discipleship! Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, as we enter this new year, we ask You to please guide us with Your wisdom and strengthen our faith. Help us grow closer to You, serve others with kindness, and live according to Your will. Bless our families, our work, and our hearts, that we may bring Your light to the world.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes

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## KATIE'S COLUMN



### STEUBENVILLE INFORMATION NIGHT

25 | January 2026  
7 PM - 8:30 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
4401 Mount Royal Drive

### STEUBENVILLE 2026!

Registration is Open!  
Grades 8-12 only

Parent Information  
Night January 25 at  
OLMC Parish Hall

Register Here:



Youth Cafe



### Other Religions



Sunday January 18

Speaker: Father Danny Santos

Grades 8-12 only

Free Burrito Bar!

12-2 pm

Corpus Christi Parish

Register Online



Our sessions for First Reconciliation will begin on January 11 and 12.

We have 105 children registered.

Please join me in prayer:

Heavenly Father, with grateful hearts, We lift up to you these precious children and their families, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Open the hearts of these children to understand the depth of Your unconditional love. May they feel Your gentle embrace and know the joy of being reconciled with You and Your Church. Protect them from fear, and fill them with the courage to approach this sacrament with honesty and trust.

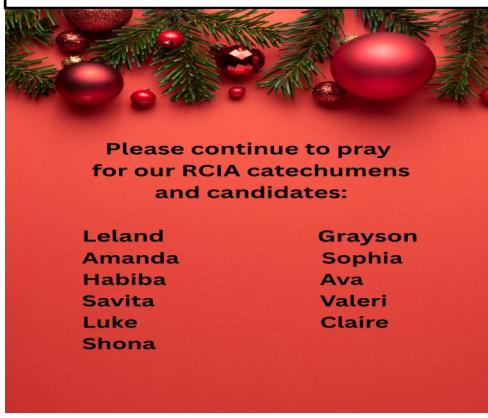
We pray for the parents and guardians guiding these children. Grant them patience, wisdom, and grace. May their own faith be rekindled as they teach the simple truths of sin, sorrow, and forgiveness. Help them to be living examples of Christ's love, building homes that are safe havens of mercy and understanding.

We pray for the catechists and teachers who dedicate their time and talent to religious education. Bless their efforts to share the Good News. May their words inspire wonder and their kindness reflect the compassion of Jesus, guiding each child tenderly toward the sacrament.

We pray for our family of parishes. As these children prepare for this sacrament, may we all be reminded of our need for ongoing conversion and reconciliation. Make us a community that is quick to forgive, slow to judge, and always ready to welcome the repentant heart, just as You welcome us.

We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Your support and prayers are appreciated!  
Kimberly Bornais



To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven...

A Time to be Born... Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Leo Joseph Aversa, son of Andrew Aversa and Nicolette (Santilli).



A Time to Die...We remember and pray for Eva Sirizzotti, Aida Busa and Virginia Villalta.

## OLMC MISSION GROUP NEWS

**Frozen pies** - To order please call: Kathy at 519 966-4838 Email: [olmcmissionpies@gmail.com](mailto: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 day.

**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.

## A Heartfelt Thank-you to Our Family of Parishes

As we conclude the Christmas season, we extend our deepest gratitude to all parishioners and ministries across our Family of Parishes. Your presence, prayer and joyful participation made our Christmas celebrations truly radiant.

We offer special thanks to everyone whose dedication shaped the beauty of our liturgies:

- Decorating teams, whose creativity and care transformed our worship spaces into places of wonder and reverence
- Music ministries, whose talents and commitment lifted our hearts in praise
- Hospitality ministers, who welcomed parishioners and visitors with warmth and generosity
- Technology volunteers, whose behind-the-scenes work ensured that our celebrations were accessible, prayerful, and seamless

Your service reflects the heart of our mission and the spirit of Christmas itself. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously and for helping our communities celebrate the birth of Christ with beauty, joy, and unity.

Sincerely,  
SWCFoP Staff

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## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Corpus Christi

We appreciate your food and financial donations. **This week we are in particular need of: Peanut butter, canned fruit, snack bars, and hamburger helper.**

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**CURSILLO ULTREYA**  
Friday, January 9th, 2026 at 7:30pm  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
4401 Mt Royal Dr, Windsor, ON  
All Cursillistas are Welcome!

**On behalf of**  
**South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes, we wish to thank**

**Windsor Chapel Funeral Homes**

**For providing us with the 2026 Calendars.**

## Share The Words with CWL

### LOVE

Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love. We can't wait to meet you! **Contact Jo-Anne Lortie at: 519-969-3980 or Kenlyn Bryant at: 519-965-0618 to join.**



**CWL General Meeting**  
**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!*

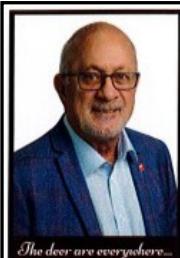
**2026 offertory envelopes** are available for pickup at both parishes. If you don't see your name on a box, simply send us an email ([sw@dol.ca](mailto:sw@dol.ca)) or leave your name at the Welcome Desk and we will have a box ready for you the following weekend.

Offertory		Dec. 21, 25 & 28, 2025
Sunday Offerings	CC	OLMC
Regular Offertory	\$12,488	\$15,258
Christmas	\$20,470	\$23,374
Special Collections	\$1,905	\$5,250
Monthly Pre-Authorized	\$10,609	\$15,365



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, January, 2026

Grace and peace to you in this holy season. I write to you with both gratitude and concern—gratitude for your presence and devotion, and concern for the way we, as a parish family, understand and live the rhythm of the Church’s liturgical life.

First, let me express my sincere joy at seeing so many of you gathered for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Your attendance on this holy day of obligation is a sign of faith, reverence, and love for the Blessed Mother. It is always a blessing to see our community come together to honour the mysteries of our salvation.

However, I must also share with you a pastoral concern that arose that day. As I greeted many of you with “Merry Christmas,” I was met—often jokingly—with responses such as, “Father, you’re too late,” or “You’re very early for next year.” While these comments were offered in good humour, they reveal a deeper misunderstanding of the Church’s liturgical calendar and the sacred seasons that shape our spiritual lives.

### We Are Still in the Christmas Season

In the secular world, Christmas ends on December 26. Decorations come down, music stops, and the world moves on to New Year’s celebrations. But the Church does not follow the secular calendar. The Church follows the rhythm of salvation history, not the rhythm of commercial culture.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, Christmas is not a single day—it is a season.

The liturgical year is the Church’s way of sanctifying time. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1168-1173]

According to the Church’s liturgical tradition, Christmas is not a day—it is a season, beginning on December 25 and continuing through the Feast of the Epiphany. The “Twelve Days of Christmas” are not a countdown to Christmas, but the celebration after it—the joyful period from December 25 through January 5, leading into Epiphany on January 6.

This is why the Church sings, prays, and celebrates Christmas long after the world has moved on to New Year’s festivities. In fact, the Church celebrates the Octave of Christmas, eight full days in which the joy of the Nativity is prolonged and intensified. Each day of the octave is celebrated as though it were Christmas Day itself. This is why, on January 1, it is still entirely appropriate—and indeed liturgically correct—to greet one another with “Merry Christmas.”

### What Is an Octave?

An octave is an ancient tradition of the Church in which a major feast is celebrated for eight consecutive days. The Church does this only for the most important mysteries of our faith: Christmas and Easter. The octave allows us to linger in the grace of the feast, to meditate more deeply on the mystery, and to rejoice in the fullness of what God has done for us.

So when I greet you with “Merry Christmas” on January 1, I am not being late or early—I am being faithful to the Church’s liturgical life. I am inviting you to remain in the joy of the Nativity, to continue contemplating the Incarnation, and to celebrate the gift of Christ who has come to dwell among us.

### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1 is not “New Year’s Day” in the Church. While the civil calendar marks the beginning of a new year, the Church celebrates something far more profound: the divine motherhood of Mary. This solemnity is one of the highest feasts of the Church, because it honours Mary’s unique role in salvation history. By calling her “Mother of God,” we affirm the truth that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, and that through Mary, God entered our world in the flesh.

This solemnity is not about fireworks, resolutions, or the turning of a calendar page. It is about the mystery of the Incarnation and the dignity of the woman who bore the Saviour. It is a day of deep theological significance, a day of grace, and a day of obligation for all Catholics.

### A Call to Renew Our Liturgical Awareness

My concern is not simply about greetings or jokes. It is about the deeper question of how we, as a parish, understand and live the liturgical life of the Church. The liturgical calendar is not a set of optional traditions—it is the heartbeat of our faith. It forms us, teaches us, and draws us into the mysteries of Christ.

When we allow secular culture to define our seasons, we risk losing sight of the sacred. When we treat Christmas as a single day rather than a season, we diminish the richness of the Incarnation. When we focus more on “Happy New Year” than on the Mother of God, we miss the grace the Church offers us.

I am not asking for perfection, but for awareness. I am not asking for rigidity, but for reverence. I am asking that we, as a community, strive to live more deeply in the rhythm of the Church, to celebrate her feasts with understanding, and to allow the liturgical seasons to shape our hearts.

### Moving Forward Together

Let us commit ourselves to celebrating Christmas fully and faithfully—not only on December 25, but throughout the entire season. Let us honour the octave as the Church intends. Let us celebrate the Solemnity of Mary with devotion and gratitude. And let us remember that our identity as Catholics is rooted not in the secular calendar, but in the mysteries of Christ.

I offer these reflections not as criticism, but as pastoral guidance. My desire is that our parish grow in understanding, unity, and holiness. Let us walk together, learn together, and celebrate together the beautiful traditions of our faith.

May the Blessed Mother intercede for us, and may the joy of the Christmas season continue to fill your hearts with peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Matthew

Pastor

Footnote: Blessed Chalk and Epiphany Blessings of Home.

In the bulletin and at the welcome desk you will see the availability of chalk and a blessing for families to pray at home.

Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (2001) - Issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship.

This document:

- Explicitly affirms Epiphany home blessings
- Encourages the sanctification of the home
- Praises customs that connect families to the liturgical year

Why we are re-introducing/supporting this tradition.

- To strengthen the domestic church, the family home
- To reconnect our parish to the liturgical year
- To reclaim a visible sign of Catholic identity
- To invite Christ’s blessing into our homes
- To unite our parish in a shared act of faith

The Catechism teaches: The Church encourages popular devotions that flow from the liturgy and sanctify daily life.  
[CCC 1674–1676]