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## St Anthony of Padua

120 Munger Street, West, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

**August 9, 2020**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Times**

### Pastoral Team

#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Kucharski

**Deacon** Leonard Tetreault

**Deacon** Matthew Sutton

#### Pastoral Minister

Kim Bornais

#### Family and Youth Ministry

Lisa Mullins

### Parish Staff

#### Bookkeeper

Anita Walach

#### Secretary

Karen McGuire

#### Custodians

Matt Sutton - Amherstburg

Romy Mayea—Harrow

### Parish Organizations

#### Pastoral Council Chair

to be determined

#### Finance Committee Chair

To be determined

#### St. Vincent de Paul Help Line

Amherstburg - 519-984-7594

Harrow - 519-971-2095

### Sacraments

#### Baptism

Contact Kim Bornais 519-736-5418  
kbornais@dol.ca

#### Reconciliation

By appointment 519-736-5418

#### Holy Matrimony

Contact the rectory office one year prior  
to wedding



### Mass Time and Location

#### Weekday

Tuesday 6:30pm - Harrow

Wednesday 9am - Amherstburg

Thursday 9am - Harrow

Friday 9am - Amherstburg

#### Weekend

Saturday 5pm - Amherstburg

Sunday 9am - Harrow

Sunday 11am - Amherstburg

### Bulletin Notices

All submission must be in writing or  
email no later than Monday at 4:00 pm

### Office Hours

Monday ~ Closed

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.



## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

## Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:30pm Harrow**

† Patrick Parker (11th Ann.) by Elaine Parker

† Mario Rosati by Maria & Steve Simone

† Lucille Craig by Elaine Parker

† Betty DeBlois by Rita Beaudoin & Helen Bezaire

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9am Amherstburg**

† Pat Basiten by Todd Bastien

† Isabele Bastien by Betty Bezaire

† Anna Beneteau by Paula Bastien

† Valentino DeThomasis by Melissa & Mike Newman

† Betty DeBlois by Lynn & Dan Bellefleur

Sp. Int. the Goggin Family by Marilyn Goggin

**Thursday, August 13, 2020 9am Harrow**

† Donato Iacovone by Maria & Donato Menna

Sp. Int. the Ouellette Family by Diane & Madeleine Dupuis

**Friday, August 14, 2020 Amherstburg**

† Mary Louise Bezaire by the Bezaire Family

† Charles Duffy by Jean Duffy & Family

Sp. Int. Dan & Debbie Laing (50th Wedding Anniversary)

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### Life for Life

Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of kind-hearted people, he finds shelter. There Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.

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It is hard to believe we are heading to the mid-point of August already. I don't know, but time seems to be moving faster than normal (or is it just the effect of getting older, as many have told me the older they get the faster time flies!). This past week, our pastoral team participated in a Zoom meeting with people across the diocese sharing their experiences of ministry under COVID-19. These challenging times have required us to offer ministry in new and creative ways and it was encouraging listening to some of the ideas that were being tried. One fact that did surprise me was that many parishes do not seem to be getting very high numbers coming to Mass. There were some parishes that were larger than ours that were getting about two-thirds the numbers we are. As well, there were some issues of people following the COVID-19 protocols at different sites. I am pleased to say neither of these are issues here. Some people are becoming a little lax in following the protocols, but overall we are doing very well. All the rules and guidelines we have in place are for the safety of all our parishioners. If we cooperate and follow the directions with patience and understanding we keep everyone safe and confident. We do not want parishioners or guests feeling afraid in any way nor do we want them to think we do not care for their safety. Further, we want people to feel welcome and we want to show we are a Family that puts the needs of one another as a priority over our own personal wants.

Some of you attending St. Anthony's over the last month may have noticed that the landscaped areas in front of the rectory had become overgrown. My thanks to Joe, Maria, Colleen and Ted for their work in getting the area all cleaned up. There are still a few things to work on, but it is looking much better. Anyone with a green thumb or who is interested in helping with the on-going upkeep of this area, please call the Office 519-736-5418. Perhaps if we had a few teams of people, it would only require your assistance once every few weeks to keep it weed-free and trimmed nice.

Last week we started having Eucharistic Adoration again at St. John the Baptist. Due to size restrictions, we cannot use the Adoration Chapel so we set up Adoration in the main church. Initially we are only offering this devotion to those who had been previously signed up for this prayer ministry (to create and test a "system" that honours all the necessary COVID-19 protocols). We are trying two hours on Wednesday afternoon (1-3pm) and two hours Thursday evening (7-9pm). If this week goes as well as last week, we will open Adoration up for others to join in this beautiful prayer encounter with Jesus. More details next week.

Please remember, you need to pre-register to attend Mass every weekend you wish to come to Mass. Typically, pre-registration will open for the following week once pre-registration has closed for the previous week. As well, there is a new link for each week's registration. So please click on the link below or go to our website [www.ahcfop.ca](http://www.ahcfop.ca) and click on the link there. If you do not have access to online registration, you can register by calling 519-736-5418. If nobody is available to answer the phone, please leave a voicemail message at ext. 110 (Karen's). Your message should include your name, phone number, the Mass you are registering for and the number of people you are registering. Karen will give you a call to confirm your place(s) for Mass. Registration will close at 2:30pm the Friday before the weekend in question.

The pre-registration link for August 15/16: <https://amherstburgharrowcatholi.flocknote.com/signup/11048>

Confessions are each Saturday morning from 11am to noon at St. John the Baptist (due to the size of the sacristy, which is where I am hearing the confessions). When you arrive at the church enter through the side door, hand sanitize and then sit in a pew following our physical distancing rules (please remember to place an "I used this pew" card on the pew you sit in). If the sacristy door is open (off of the altar area to the right) that means I am available for the next person. If the door is closed then somebody is in there and you should not enter. Due to rules for sanitizing, we can only have "face-to-face" confession and each person should wear a mask. You do not have to make an appointment; it will be first come, first serve. If Saturday morning cannot work for you, calling the office to arrange another time is an option.



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