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September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

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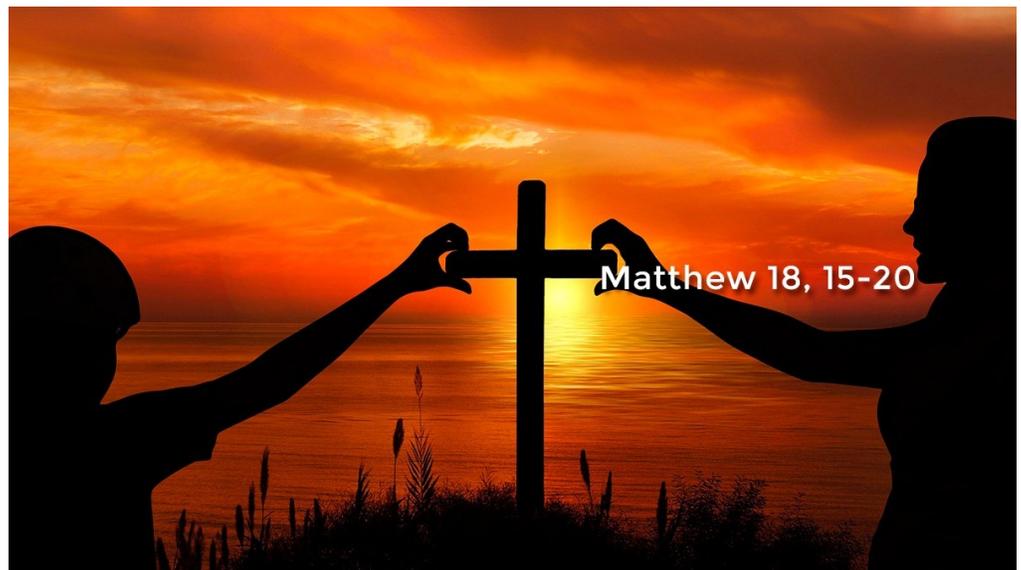
Contact Kim Bornais 519-736-5418
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Reconciliation

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
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Office Location & Hours

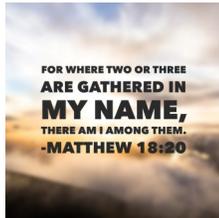
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Monday ~ Closed

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



Please join us every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm
and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm
For Adoration
at St John the Baptist Church

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Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:30pm Harrow

- † Goldie Jenner by Judy & Ted O'Gorman
- † James Jenner by Judy & Ted O'Gorman
- † Ronald Meloche by Judy & Ted O'Gorman
- † Claire O'Gorman by Judy & Ted O'Gorman
- † Marvin O'Gorman by Judy & Ted O'Gorman
- † Richard O'Gorman by Judy & Ted O'Gorman

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9am Amherstburg

- † Mary Louise Bezaire by the Bezaire Family
- † Annina DeAngelis by Dan DeAngelis
- † Emily Bernaur by Mom & Dad
- † Michael Pasco by Sharon & Richard Barron
- † Joyce Seguin by Sharon & Richard Barron

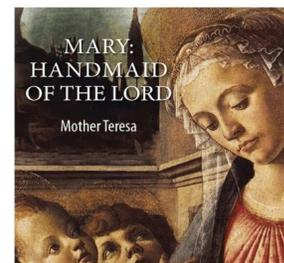
Thursday, September 10, 2020 9am Harrow

- † Maria & Isaura Vieira by Antonio Vieira

Friday, September 11, 2020 Amherstburg

- † Louis St. Louis by Anne St. Louis & Family
- † Theresa Simone by Veronica & Mike Green
- † John Wynands by Mien & Bill Reurink
- † Joanne Meyer by Mien & Bill Reurink
- † Barb & Joe Redding by Rose Marshall

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Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata

St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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A quick reminder that with Monday being Labour Day, our staff will be taking Tuesday as their statutory holiday so the Office will not be opened on September 8th.

Many of you have commented on our new air conditioning at St. John the Baptist. It has been a blessing on some of the very hot days we have experienced this summer, especially with the requirement to wear masks. Due to COVID-19, our revenue, especially our capital funds for building projects, declined over the last few months. However, our installation bill still needs to be paid. If you are able to show your "appreciation" for our "cool" church by offering an extra donation in an envelope marked "Air Conditioning", that would be helpful. Our total costs for both the new heating and cooling systems were nearly \$460,000 and of that we have less than 12% left to pay, so we have done very well.

The Amherstburg-Harrow Family of Parishes is looking for a new bookkeeper. This is a part-time position (15 -20 hours) that involves processing all A/R, A/P, payroll, and diocesan and government reports for both parishes of our Family. It also involves the oversight and maintenance of the gift card program at St. John the Baptist. Interested applicants should have experience in accounting practices, and in using Word and spreadsheets. Resumes can be sent to ahcfop@dol.ca. The application deadline is September 25, 2020. We wish Anita well going forward.

Next week, on September 11th at 6:00pm, will be the annual Mass at St. John the Baptist cemetery. As you may recall this is an open Mass, meaning anyone is invited to attend to remember their deceased loved ones, in particular those buried or interred there. Keep in mind that this is not the annual celebration of life that we have each November for those in our parish who have died over the last year (more details about that next month). Since it is outdoors, we are permitted to have up to one hundred people present. You must bring your own lawn chair and the wearing of masks is expected. Attendees must maintain physical distancing rules with those who are not part of their household or social circles. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot move the celebration indoors, so if it rains the Mass will be cancelled this year. Although pre-registration is not necessary, it is very helpful. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Kim 519-736-5418, x.115. If you have not pre-registered, registration will be necessary the day of the Mass.

A new trend is beginning to emerge for our weekend Masses – "late" arrivals. Due to the need for health checks, registration verification and assigning seats, we need people to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins. When you do not arrive early enough, people are being seated after Mass begins (which is disruptive and not respectful to your fellow parishioners) and that means the volunteers are late in going to their seats to be able to participate in the celebration of the Mass. As well, rather than entering into the celebration with a calm and proper disposition for Mass, the final minutes are a time of chaos. Unfortunately, If you do not arrive within the recommended time frame (15-30 minutes before Mass starts), we may have to release your seat for somebody who has shown up on time (even though they had not pre-registered). I don't believe any of us like all the "extra" things we have to do, but when we all do them things work much smoother and allow for a more meaningful celebration of the Eucharist.



Hello everyone! My name is Matthew Sawyer and I am going to be your Seminarian-in-Residence for the following year as I work with Fr. Matt and your pastoral team during my Pastoral Year. I come from a small family, with just my parents and a younger sister. I was raised in a small farming town called Mitchell, which is just down the road from Stratford, Ontario. Growing up, my parents passed on the faith to us, through reading scripture and prayers before bed. We attended Mass every Sunday and when I was old enough, they encouraged me to get involved in the parish. After getting involved in altar serving, volunteering to lead children's liturgy, and ushering, I quickly fell in love with altar serving and have dedicated the majority of my time to that. I grew up with a love of the theatre, drama class and the theatre club quickly became staples in my life during high school. Throughout high school, I attended many youth retreats with the local youth groups and began studying the faith with more intensity. The saints quickly became heroes to me, the Seers of Fatima, the Canadian Martyrs and Saint John Vianney becoming my favourites. Throughout that time the call to serve God as a priest became louder and louder until my senior year, where I contacted the Vocation Director at the time to start asking questions about discerning further, I entered St. Peter's Seminary and have been journeying in discernment towards the priesthood, ever since. I enjoy spending time outdoors, going to the theatre and spending time with friends, whether playing games, competing in sports or just sitting around a campfire. I look forward to spending the year with you all!



Family & Youth Ministry:

Praying for all who are returning to school over the next few weeks-however that may look for you and your family. Check out www.cheo.on.ca for tips and ideas about returning to school.

Lisa



Faith Formation

It is hard to believe that it is already September! For me, the month of September has always been about fresh starts and new beginnings. Ever since I could read and write, learning has been a passion of mine. I have always looked forward with great excitement, to a new school year, and even as a mom, I looked forward to it with my 4 sons. This year, because of Covid, September is unlike any other before. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families, whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, or a student yourself. May God bless you in the new school year ahead.

September also means the start of new opportunities to learn and experience our faith in different ways. Be assured that even though we are in the midst of Covid, plans are under way to minister to you in new and exciting ways. Please visit our website: www.ahcfop.ca and our Facebook page: "Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes" for up-to-date information.

On Tuesday September the 8th, the Church celebrates the Nativity (birthday) of Mary, our Blessed Mother. It is one of only three birthdays in the Church Calendar: the other two being Jesus (December 25) and St. John the Baptist (June 24).

For some ideas on how you and your family can celebrate Mary's birthday, check out this link:

<https://cultureoflifestudies.com/blog/celebrating-the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

With gratitude and joy, during the last month, we have had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate baptisms once again. Our parish family welcomes: **Dean Joseph Greco, Gianluca Nello Perissinotti, David Robert McGuire, Luca Lombardo, Ellie Marie Goggin, and Everleigh Maria D'Amore.** Please keep these precious children and their families in your prayers.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

Blessings, Kim

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We are actively inviting your business to advertise in our church bulletin. If you would like more information regarding advertising please email ahcfop@dol.ca or phone the rectory office.. The ads will run from September 2020 through August 2021.

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Annual Cemetery Mass

—mark your calendar for this Friday, September 11th, at 6 p.m. (near the Mausoleum)

IMPORTANT: If there should be **RAIN**, the mass will be **CANCELLED** as we cannot move inside like our usual backup plan due to the 6ft distance required. Please everyone, extra prayers that no rain is forecasted for that day. Space is limited.

Pre-registration is recommended. Please call the office 519-736-5418 if you wish to attend.

Remember masks are required as well as 2 meter distancing. Do not forget to bring your lawn chairs.



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28 August 2020

Bishop Fabbro announces the following appointments of permanent deacons for the exercise of their ministries of Word and Sacrament, which will be effective on **1 September 2020**:

Deacon Leonard Joseph Tetreault has been appointed to the Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes which includes St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow and St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg.

Deacon Matthew Robert Sutton has been appointed to the Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes which includes St. Anthony of Padua, Harrow and St. John the Baptist, Amherstburg.

Deacon Leonardus Josef Gulikers has been appointed to the Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes which includes St. Joseph, Stratford, Immaculate Conception, Stratford, and Holy Name of Mary, St. Marys.

Deacon Gary Corbett Flewelling has been appointed to the Central Essex County Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Holy Names of Jesus, Essex, St. Clement, McGregor, St. John the Evangelist, Woodslee, and St. Mary, Maidstone.

Deacon Andrew Michael Labrosse has been appointed to the Central Essex County Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Holy Names of Jesus, Essex, St. Clement, McGregor, St. John the Evangelist, Woodslee, and St. Mary, Maidstone.

Deacon Andre Josef DeDecker has been appointed to the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Sacred Heart, Langton, St. Michael, Walsh, and St. Mary, Tillsonburg.

Deacon Jack Grim has been appointed to the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Sacred Heart, Langton, St. Michael, Walsh, and St. Mary, Tillsonburg.

Deacon Brian Karel Hanley has been appointed to the Erie Tri-County Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Sacred Heart, Langton, St. Michael, Walsh, and St. Mary, Tillsonburg.

Deacon John Peter Lammers has been appointed to the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mount Carmel, Precious Blood, Exeter, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend, St. Boniface, Zurich, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Peter, Goderich.

Deacon Brian J. McDonald has been appointed to the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mount Carmel, Precious Blood, Exeter, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend, St. Boniface, Zurich, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Peter, Goderich.

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Deacon Alfred (Fred) Truchon has been appointed to the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mount Carmel, Precious Blood, Exeter, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend, St. Boniface, Zurich, St. Peter, St. Joseph, and St. Peter, Goderich.

Deacon Henry D. Tomaszewski has been appointed to the West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes which includes All Saints, Strathroy, Sacred Heart, Delaware, St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe and Sacred Heart, Parkhill.

Deacon Paul L. Bezaire has been appointed to the Windsor Heritage Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Assumption, Windsor, St. Alphonsus, Windsor, St. Angela Merici, Windsor, St. Daniel Comboni African Catholic Community, Windsor, and St. Benedict Tridentine Catholic Community, Windsor.

Deacon Gerard Charette has been appointed to the Windsor Heritage Catholic Family of Parishes which includes Assumption, Windsor, St. Alphonsus, Windsor, St. Angela Merici, Windsor, St. Daniel Comboni African Catholic Community, Windsor, and St. Benedict Tridentine Catholic Community, Windsor.



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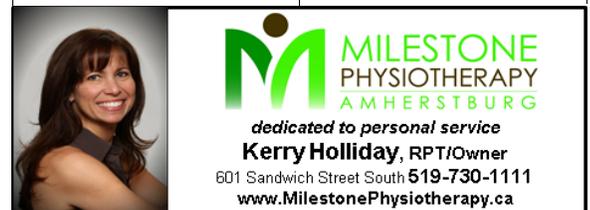
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