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## St Anthony of Padua

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### Pastoral Team

#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Kucharski

**Deacon** Leonard Tetreault

**Deacon** Matthew Sutton

**Seminarian** Matthew Sawyer

#### Pastoral Minister

Kim Bornais

**Family and Youth Ministry**

Lisa Mullins

### Parish Staff

#### Bookkeeper

TBA

#### 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

Saturday - Amherstburg 11am - 12noon  
or by appointment 519-736-5418

#### Holy Matrimony

Contact the rectory office one year prior  
to wedding

September 20, 2020  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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

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### Office Hours

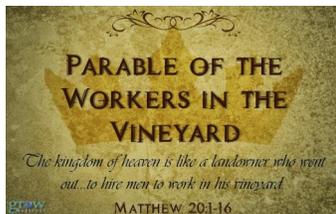
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Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.



## Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

## Sunday Chuckle



## Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:30pm Harrow**

† **Helen Robinson by Gino & Elizabeth Gardin**  
Sp. Int. **Joshua Moore by Meme & Papa**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9am Amherstburg**

† **Rosalina DiPasquale by Rosa Cipparrone**  
† **Mario Rosati by Domenica D'Alimonte**  
† **Jim O'Brien by Nina O'Brien**  
† **Domenic Donofrio by Karen and Keith McGuire**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020 9am Harrow**

† **Eileen Beneteau by Delores & Mike Specht**  
† **Gabriel Rosati by Domenica D'Alimonte**  
† **Maria & Isaura Vieira by Antonio Vieira**

**Friday, September 25, 2020 Amherstburg**

† **Barb Mayville by Bob Mayville**  
† **Lucia D'Alimonte by Vicky & Camillo DiPasquale**  
† **Valentino DeThomas by Elisa & Frank Butera & Family**



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The pace in the parish has certainly picked up since the beginning of September. Perhaps some of that “busyness” is having to adjust to having somebody live with me (I have not lived in a rectory with two people in it for over 14 years). It has been a joy to have Seminarian Matthew around, but it has been a time of learning for both of us. As Matthew shared last week from the pulpit, his primary function over the next few months is to “shadow” me (no doubt, not any easy task). This way he will get a feel of what it is like to be a parish priest. Over time he will gradually start taking on more of his own projects. He has appreciated the warm welcome that everyone has been giving him.

This weekend we continue with our First Eucharist celebrations. Each Sunday afternoon for the next few weeks a group of our children will be having the privilege of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, the children are only allowed a limited number of guests, but it is still an awesome moment for each of them. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they partake in this great gift that Jesus left His Church.

I have a new email address if anyone wishes to contact me: [ahcfoppastor@dol.ca](mailto:ahcfoppastor@dol.ca) (which comes from Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes Pastor). If you have any ideas for the Family or wish to share with me any concerns, please feel free to drop me a line.

After speaking with the Historical Society Committee, some of you may have noticed that the candles by the baptistery have moved to the front entrance area. As well, we have hung the image of the Divine Mercy above them. This way we have created a permanent special prayer place for this precious devotion. Unfortunately at this time we cannot offer the lighting of the daily candles. This also will allow us to use the baptismal font for baptisms. Liturgically, using a bowl and table was not the best way to baptize a child when a proper baptismal font was available. We will try this to see if it works okay.

Speaking of the Divine Mercy Devotion, we will re-institute the praying of this devotion each Friday beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come to St. John the Baptist Church at 3:00pm to enter into the mystery and gift of the Lord’s Divine Mercy. It is a beautiful devotion that was given to Sr. Faustina. We all need, or know somebody who needs, the Divine Mercy of Jesus in their life. If you are seeking peace, forgiveness, or strength, then come out to pray on Friday afternoons. You do not need to pre-register, just come join your fellow parishioners for an “hour” of prayer.

The Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic 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](mailto:ahcfop@dol.ca). The application deadline is October 2, 2020. If you would like some further information, go the diocesan website [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca) and click on the “Employment and Volunteering” under the “Contact Us” option in the main menu bar.

Here is your weekly reminder to avoid disappointment and to help Karen in the office with her weekly seating plan, to pre-register. **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. Registration will close at 2:30pm the Friday before the weekend in question.

The pre-registration link for **September 26 / 27**: <https://amherstburgharrowcatholi.flocknote.com/signup/17252>

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On Tuesday, September 22nd, Fr Patrick Beneteau will be offering evening  
**Mass for the victims of abortion** at 7pm at Good Shepherd Church in Lakeshore,  
462 Advance Blvd, Tecumseh, ON N8N 5G8

Due to Covid 19 restrictions attendance numbers at the Church is limited to 30% capacity. If you wish to attend Mass in person please arrive early enough to go through the short screening process. You don't have to register ahead for the weekday Mass but attendance will be limited to the set number of allowed participants. For this reason, Fr Patrick has arranged to live stream this Mass, visit Good Shepherd Facebook page to attend virtually.



The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from September 23 to November 1.  
For more information, visit: [40daysforlife.com/windsor](http://40daysforlife.com/windsor)



**Family & Youth Ministry:**

Please continue to pray for the children who are making their first Communion.

Family Fun: Why not have a Family Movie Night? Check out Formed.org, go to movies, select kids and the Saints and Heroes Collection. Enjoy great animated short movies that teach the whole family about the Saints!



Dear parishioners,

It has been a pleasure and joy seeing some of you at Mass each week. For us to remain open during Covid, we need the help of volunteers.

**Our ministry of hospitality is a ministry of service.** It is a vital and important ministry whose primary goal is to serve God by making everyone who enters our Church doors feel welcomed and important.



These volunteers are the first impression of our Parish family. Some of the jobs of our ministers of hospitality include greeting, registration, seating and cleaning. If you feel called or interested to serve God and others in this way, please contact me! We will be having an information and training meeting this **Tuesday September 22 at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 7:00 pm, and/or Wednesday September 23 at 7:00 pm, at St. John the Baptist Church.**

Come and find out what this vital Ministry is all about! Thank you to all our current volunteers who have faithfully been assisting us each week. I hope to see you there!

I am happy to announce that there are a couple of new events/opportunities coming up:

- 1) We will be starting a new online Bible Study, hosted by Deacon Matt Sutton, on Zoom. Join him as he leads us through **GENESIS TO JESUS**. This is a 7-week Bible Study from Scott Hahn and the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology. This series will give you a big picture overview of Salvation History. It will show how Jesus and the Church are the fulfillment of God's Fatherly plan for the world from the very beginning of time. Come and share your Catholic faith from the Bible. The study will begin on Monday October 19, at 7pm to 9pm and will carry us to November 30. For more information and to sign up, please call me at 519-736-5418 (519-816-8154) or E-mail at [kbornais@dol.ca](mailto:kbornais@dol.ca)
- 2) October is traditionally the month dedicated to praying the rosary. Beginning October 1, we will have the opportunity to pray the rosary online together. More details will be available next week.

Have a blessed week,  
Kim Bornais

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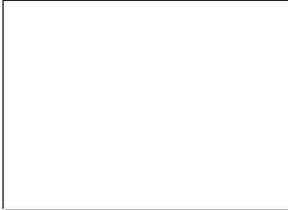
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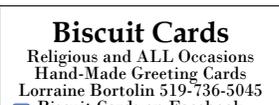
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