



# Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



## St. John the Baptist

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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

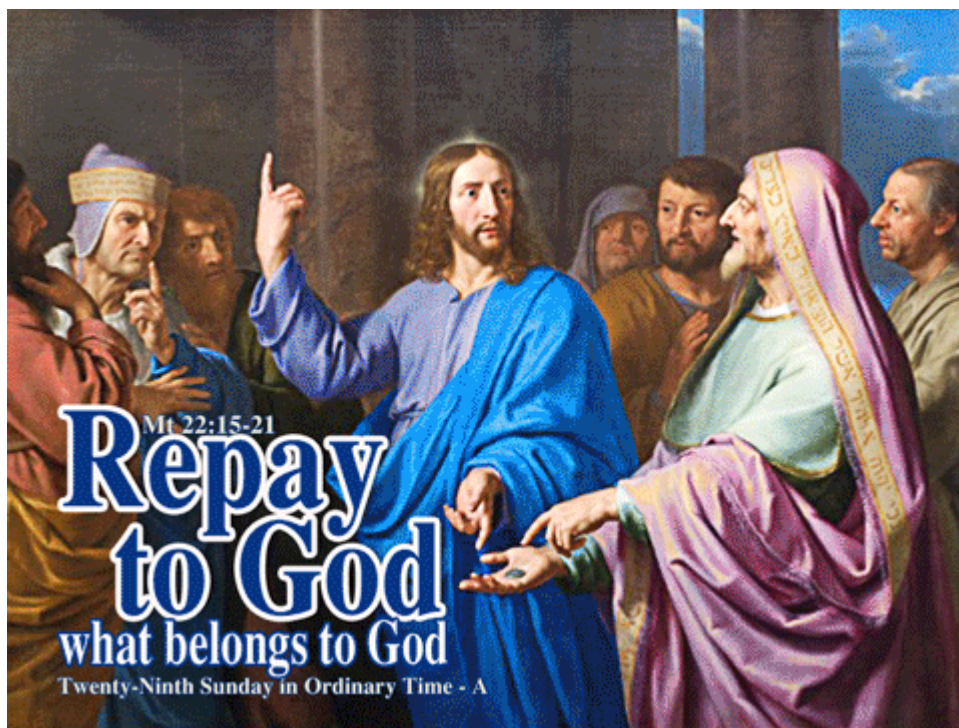
Saturday - Amherstburg 11am - 12noon  
or by appointment 519-736-5418

#### Holy Matrimony

Contact the rectory office one year  
prior to your wedding

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**October 18, 2020**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### Mass Time and Location

#### Weekday

Tuesday 6:00pm - Harrow  
Wednesday 9am - Amherstburg  
Thursday 9am - Harrow  
Friday 9am - Amherstburg

#### Weekend

Saturday 5pm - Amherstburg  
Sunday 9am - Harrow  
Sunday 11am - Amherstburg

### Office Hours

#### Monday ~ Closed

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

### Bulletin Notices

All submissions must be in writing or  
emailed no later than Tuesday at 4:00 pm

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.



### Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

## Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020 6:00pm Harrow**

† **Mario Rosati by Rita & Rocco Stella**  
† **Maria & Isaura Vieira by Antonio Vieira**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020 9am Amherstburg**

† **Angiolina Salvati by Carmela Danese**  
† **Frank Italiano by Mary & Paul Whittall**  
† **Bohdan Bryksa by Veronica Lulio**  
† **Rick Allard by Nancy, Dave, Keith & Family**

**Thursday, October 22, 2020 9am Harrow**

† **Lucia D'Alimonte by Rosa & Franca Pagliarella**  
† **Stephanie Melanson (1st Ann.) from the Family**  
**Sp. Int. Maria & Antonio Nascimento**  
**66th Wedding Anniversary**

**Friday, October 23, 2020 Amherstburg**

† **Valentino DeThomasis by Anna & Rocco Menna**  
† **Giulio Zaccagnini by Lola, Andre & Tony**  
† **Angelina DiDomenico by Lola, Andre & Tony**

Please join us every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm  
and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm

### For Adoration

at St John the Baptist Church  
225 Brock Street, Amherstburg



**Divine Mercy Hour** at St John the Baptist  
Every Friday afternoon at 3pm in the church proper

## FORMED

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October 18, 2020

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### POPE JOHN PAUL II

This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter. It explores his life behind the scenes: how he touched millions of people, changed the face of the Church and the world, and how he defended the dignity of mankind.



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## October 11, 2020

### St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory: \$2,435.25  
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Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)

Regular Sunday Offertory: \$1,998.41  
Capital Account: \$1,025.83

### St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory: \$ 697.00  
Special: Thanksgiving Appeal \$ 345.00

Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)

Regular Sunday Offertory: \$691.37  
Capital Account: \$ 53.62



### **"I Call You By Your Name"**

In our first reading this Sunday, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, "I call you by your name ... I am the Lord, and there is no other." With these few words we are reminded that God is God (the Lord) and that there are no other beings greater than Him. And despite Him being the almighty and powerful One, He still calls, and knows, each one of us by our name. Think of the billions of people currently alive and all those who have gone before us, and God calls each one by their name. He loves and cares for you so much as an individual and not just generically as "one of His many creatures." How awesome is that? I know sometimes we may not feel that personal presence all the time, but that does not mean He is not there. He never forces Himself upon us and most times He is diligently working in the background in ways that we are not aware of. Spiritual writers have told us that if He were ever to forget us, we would cease to exist. The fact that you are reading this proves He is still thinking about you. Make sure you remember to regularly think about Him too. What name do we call Him? Jesus suggested Abba ("daddy") – not very fancy, but pretty special!

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

Last Monday we celebrated Thanksgiving. It was nice to have nearly 70 people participate in our Family of Parishes Thanksgiving Mass. It is so easy to take for granted all that we have. We came together to give praise and thanks for all the blessings God has given us and to pray for the needs of our parishioners, especially those who were unable to attend.

### **New Bulletin Contributor**

This week we have a new contributor to the bulletin, our seminarian. Every so often Matthew will be writing a piece called, "Matthew's Musings". We look forward to what tidbits of information he will share with us.

### **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent Meeting**

This Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning at 6:45pm will be a meeting for the parents of children who would like their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist this school year. Typically, these sacraments are administered in Grade Two. If you feel your child is ready to receive these precious gifts from Jesus, please attend one of the two meetings. Tuesday's meeting will be at St. Anthony's Church in Harrow, Wednesday's meeting will be at St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg. The meeting is for the parents/guardians only. Lisa has provided further details in her column in the bulletin. It would be helpful if you could share this information with those who do not receive the bulletin. We tried to send a letter to all families from our parish with children in this age group, but our records may not be up-to-date.

### **Confirmation**

Some have been enquiring about the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a plan ready for that Sacrament too. Lisa has provided further details in her column in the bulletin.

### **Reminder to Pre-register On-line (if possible)**

Each week we remind you to pre-register for Mass on the weekend. Processing the information requires a lot of work and I have been very appreciative of all the effort Karen has invested week after week. Calling the office is one of the ways that we suggest that you can pre-register. For those who have difficulty with the computer or do not have a computer, please keep calling in your registration (pre-registration is critical for our weekend Masses). However, if you do have computer access, would it be possible to use the link that we provide instead of calling in? To make it easier to use the link, starting this week, we are going to be sending a separate email, that will only contain the "pre-registration link", to all those who receive our e-bulletin. Thus, all you will have to do is click on the link and then when it takes you to the flocknote site, just enter your information. This will eliminate any "cutting and pasting" or "retyping" the link that many of you are doing at the present time. If you can pre-register on-line it will make it easier for Karen to get ready for the weekend Masses. We may discover this may not help, but we would like to try and see how it works. Thanks for your cooperation and we would appreciate any feedback you can provide.

### **October, the Month of the Rosary**

In honour of Mother Mary and the tradition that October is the "month of the Rosary", Kim with the assistance of Matthew, has been praying the rosary online each day (typically at 6pm, except Tuesday and Saturday which is at noon). You can see the video each day by going to our Facebook page "Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes". You can join online at the same time the praying occurs, or you can watch it at another time. Or if you are not on Facebook, "join" us by praying at home or wherever you are at that time. There is great power in praying together and even more so when we are praying the rosary. Thanks to Kim and Matthew (and all those who they have invited to help in this prayer project).



## Reminder about Masks

We have been informed that there has been a change in the provincial COVID rules. Places of worship are no longer exempt from the Mandatory Mask Requirement, so each participant for Mass must wear a Mask. If you do not wear a mask, you will not be permitted entry into the church. If, due to health reasons, you cannot wear a mask, then you are exempt (if you can wear a face shield, that would be appreciated). As well, the mask needs to be worn throughout the celebration of the Mass. It can be removed to consume the Host and does not need to be worn by those who have a liturgical role, ie. presider or lector, while fulfilling that role. COVID is presenting us with many challenges, some of which we may not find comfortable or we may not agree with. However, we are called to be good citizens and should follow the rules of our province. As well, it has been proven that the wearing of masks helps prevent the spread of COVID, so for your protection and the protection of your fellow parishioners let's all do our part! Thanks for your cooperation.

## Weekend Mass Pre-registration Reminder

Here is your weekly reminder to pre-register in order to avoid disappointment and to help Karen in the office with her weekly seating plan. **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 enter 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 **October 24/25:** <https://amherstburgharrowcatholi.flocknote.com/signup/21903>  
**You must copy and paste this link onto your web browser**

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## Matthew's Musings.

This past week has been an exciting time for the Church. Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian boy was beatified on October 10, 2020. He passed away from Leukemia in 2006. He owned a PlayStation, he listened to music and he surfed the internet. He was one of us. The things that made Blessed Carlo special weren't larger than life actions. He received the Sacraments regularly, going to Mass and Reconciliation as often as he could. He defended the physically vulnerable, and when he was diagnosed with cancer, he offered his suffering up for the good of the Church and for Pope Benedict XVI. He spent his last few months alive making a website that catalogued the Eucharistic miracles that had taken place throughout history. Sainthood isn't about moving mountains; it is about living your life with God as the center of it. We can all learn something from this future saint. Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.



Sacraments: There is an important **Parent Only** information and registration meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** on Tuesday October 20th at 6:45pm at St. Anthony of Padua church and on Wednesday October 21st at 6:45pm at St. John the Baptist church. Parents are only required to attend one of these meetings. **Masks are required.** Registration and information forms were sent out this week. Please bring forms to the meeting. If you haven't received the forms please contact Lisa in the office.

**Confirmation:** There will be an important **Parent & Child** information and registration meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday November 10th @6:45pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church and on Wednesday November 11th @6:45pm & 7:45pm at St. John the Baptist Church. You are only required to attend one of the meetings. However, if you are planning on attending SJB you must pre-register due to Covid restrictions. Please email [lmullins@dol.ca](mailto:lmullins@dol.ca) to pre-register you and your child. **Masks are required.**



**The Bible Study: Genesis to Jesus with Deacon Matt Sutton**, begins this **Monday October 19 at 7:00pm**, and will run every Monday for 7 weeks. It is not too late to sign up! Call the office or email Kim at [kbornais@dol.ca](mailto:kbornais@dol.ca) so that you can receive the links to attend each week. There is no cost for this study, all you need is a Bible and a pen and paper. All are welcome to join.



We are continuing to pray the **rosary online every day** during the month of October. Please "like" our Facebook page: "Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes": <https://www.facebook.com/amherstburgharrow> for the daily videos. The rosary is prayed at 6:00pm Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 12:00 noon on Tuesday and Saturday.

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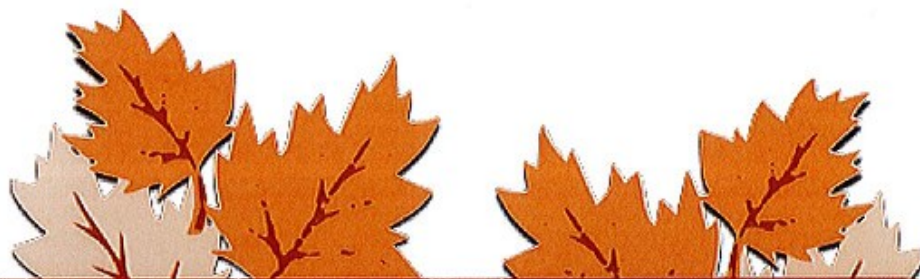
## Sunday Chuckle

It was autumn and the leaves were at their colourful best. My four year old son looked out the window and said, "Look mom, the trees have their pajamas on".



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