

# Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



## St. John the Baptist

St Anthony of Padua

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November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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** Heather Morujo

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



#### Mass Time and Location

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

#### **Bulletin Notices**

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

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

#### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.



#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of <u>last week's parable</u> of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:00pm Harrow

† Maria Vieira by Marla & Tony Carreira

† Ross Shepley -

† Mary E. Dow by the Wed. Ladies Card Party

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9am Amherstburg

† Valentino DeThomasis by Lucas, Joshua, Savannah

† Domenic Donofrio by Diane & Paul Pouget

† Ulysse Parent by Madge & Wayne Moore

† Barbara Dow by Marilyn & Pat

† Sp. Int. Pat Mayville by Marilyn

Thursday, November 19, 2020 9am Harrow

† Lucia D'Alimonte by Wilma & Dante Capaldi

† Gabriel Rosati by Anna Rosso

Friday, November 20, 2020 Amherstburg

† Donato Iacovone by Lucia Conte

† Jack McGrail Jr. by Nancy & Mike McGral

† Angela Lucier by Madge & Wayne Moore

† Bob Burns by Marilyn & Pat

† Maggie Glass by Grandma

† Mary E. Dow by the Wed. Ladies Card Party

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



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





November 8, 2020

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### St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory \$6,067.25 eTransfers for October \$1,925.00

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory \$802.00 Diocesan Assessment \$30.00 November Rent for Rectory \$800.00

Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)

Regular Sunday Offertory \$1,654.33 Capital Account \$814.66 Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)

Regular Sunday Offertory \$440.00 Capital Account \$42.40







#### The World Day of the Poor

As we read in the attached letter from Bishop Fabbro, "The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrated this year on 15 November, marks the Fourth World Day of Prayer for the Poor. The theme chosen by Pope Francis, "Stretch out your hand to the poor" (Sirach 7:32), is meant to draw our attention to our brothers and sisters in need and to encourage us to be generous in serving them." With the COVID virus this year, perhaps reaching out to those in need has taken on a different meaning. Are there different "poverties" that we need to be aware of? Are there different ways that we need to reach out (see the announcement from our St. Vincent de Paul regarding our giving tree)? Have we become more aware of the poor due to our own challenges? Being concerned for the poor has always been a central teaching of the Catholic faith. As we celebrate this day the weekend before the Solemnity of the Christ the King, it is a vivid reminder of the type of King Jesus

came to be, and thus the type of followers we are called to be!

#### Confirmation

Last week we had our three information meetings for those who wished to be confirmed in the Spring of 2021. We had over 50 candidates attend this meeting! If for some reason you missed one of these meetings and desire to be confirmed this Spring, please contact Lisa at 519-736-5418. Confirmation preparation this year is for those students in Grade 8 or Grade 9. Confirmation is a big step in a young person's life and Lisa has put together an amazing program to help our young adults with the decision and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### **New Parish Pastoral Council**

With the activation of our Family of Parishes, all previous Parish Pastoral Councils (PPCs) were "dissolved" and a new Family PPC was to be created. With guidelines from the diocese, we have decided to have the new PPC to be comprised of representatives from the Transition Team, new designates, and some representatives from the previous PPCs. Any previous PPC members who would like to be part of this new PPC, should contact Karen to indicate your intention. Our first meeting is going to be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm in the Fr. Ware Meeting Room at St. John the Baptist. The new PPC will be creating a plan to fulfill the various goals that were created by the Transition Team at the conclusion of their mandate.

#### **Volunteers for Christmas**

As you can read in the announcement below, our Christmas schedule is going to be VERY busy. With the COVID restrictions, our worship space capacity is rather limited, thus the need for so many Masses. However, with so many Masses comes the need for so many volunteers. This is a tough request, because who wants to commit to volunteering on Christmas, right? Yet that is the reality we face. If we want to try to accommodate as many people as possible to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, then this is what we need to do. Just as Jesus gave of Himself to serve us, perhaps we need to consider giving of ourselves to serve Him this Christmas season. We will need Hospitality Ministers to help with greeting, registering, seating and sanitizing. If we get enough hands to help, the load will be lighter. We will be providing further details in the next couple of weeks, but maybe you can start pondering now how you can be of service to the Lord and your brothers and sisters in His name.

#### Reminder about the Christmas Schedule

It is still early yet, but with all the challenges of COVID, we thought it may be helpful for you to already know the schedule we will be attempting for this Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we will be having two Masses at 4:00pm (St. Anthony's and St. John's), two Masses at 6:00pm (St. Anthony's and St. John's), one Mass at 9:00pm (St. John's) and one Mass at midnight (St. John's). On Christmas Day, we will be having Mass at 8:00am (St. John's), at 9:30am (St. Anthony's) and at 11:00am (St. John's). I am grateful for the assistance of Fr. Dave Boutette and Fr. Jim Roche to help me. There will be MANY instructions on how to register, when to register, rules for attending, etc. in the weeks to come. Please do not contact Karen with too many questions as this time. We will be communicating all the necessary information over the next few weeks. Please wait until then with all your questions and concerns.

#### **Reminder About New Keys**

Shortly after my arrival, I was informed that the distribution of keys within St. John the Baptist had, over the years, become out of control. People had been given keys for their ministry and they never returned them when their ministry was finished. Other people had chosen to copy keys and distribute them to others without permission. People had been mistakenly given keys that were master keys and thus had access to areas that contained confidential information. Overall, nobody had any idea of how many keys to our facilities were out in the community. I could go on, but I believe you get an idea of the seriousness of the issue and the insurance liability that this causes. As a result, our finance committee decided it was necessary to re-key all of our locks. This means that anyone who currently has a key to any door of our facility – rectory, church, offices, meeting spaces, St. Vincent de Paul, Heritage Area, garage, etc. – those keys no longer work. If you need a key to fulfill your ministry, you will have to request one through the office. As required by our insurance, all keys must be signed for before they can be distributed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office.

#### **Weekly Weekend Mass Pre-registration Reminder**

Here is your weekly reminder to avoid disappointment and to help Karen in the office with her weekly seating plan, to preregister. Please remember, you need to pre- register to attend Mass every weekend you wish to come to Mass. Typically, preregistration 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 <a href="https://www.ahcfop.ca">www.ahcfop.ca</a> 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 12noon the Friday before the weekend in question.

The pre-registration link for November 21/22: https://amherstburgharrowcatholi.flocknote.com/signup/26745



**Sacraments:** This past week we had Information/Registration meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your child is in grade 8 or 9 and you missed the meeting please contact Lisa in the parish office (519) 736-5418 or Imullins@dol.ca



**First Reconciliation/Eucharist:** Our preparation for these 2 sacraments has begun. If you have yet to register your child please contact Lisa in the parish office as soon as possible.

(519)736-5418 or lmullins@dol.ca

**Family Fun:** Consider Looking for something fun to watch with the kids? Go to Formed.org, scroll to movies, scroll to kids and check out Lukas Story Teller. There are several options to choose.



Matthew's Musings

A popular phrase that is familiar to the majority of us is to "count your blessings," but how often do we actually do that? This past Wednesday I reflected on Jesus healing the ten lepers during Mass, and the importance of recognizing God working in our lives and to offer him proper thanks and gratitude. Our lives are busy, even in the midst of these pandemic times. Looking for God isn't always on the forefront of our minds. A practice I find helpful is to spend a few moments at the end of my day and pause. I sit in silence and reflect on the many good things throughout my day, to see God's presence in it. I believe that this is a good practice to enter into, especially when

we may be having a rough day and feel particularly alone or abandoned by him. Realizing that, yes, he is with us and to offer him proper gratitude and thanksgiving will help us enter into our daily lives with our gaze set more firmly on him and we will all be better off for it

#### World Day of the Poor

With the cold weather approaching, charities all across Canada prepare for the busiest time of the year. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in Canada is using November 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, which Pope Francis declared The World Day of the Poor, as a day in which we are encouraged to consider those less fortunate than ourselves and to give generously what we can.



It is just a few weeks before we celebrate what promises to be a Christmas like none of us have ever experienced – celebrated while separated from friends and family and shrouded by concern about an uncertain future. The uncertainty we all feel is magnified for the marginalized we serve for whom uncertainty is a normal condition. The persistence of the Covid 19 virus has claimed yet another of our favourite traditions – The SSVP Giving Tree. To limit the spread of the virus, our membership has decided to eliminate the handling of the large number of gifts we normally receive from our parishioners. Therefore, in lieu of purchasing specific gifts for each of the 70 children on our Christmas list so far, we will be purchasing Walmart gift cards from the Church, along with No Frills gift cards for Christmas dinners for their 32 families. The parents of the children will be presented with these gift cards in early December to do the Christmas shopping.

We hope that you will continue to support this parish tradition by making a monetary donation this year, designated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, at some time between now and Christmas, so that we may continue assisting the families in need in the Amherstburg community.

If you are unable to give at this time, the Society, its members and the people we serve are always in need of your prayers.

We thank you for your generosity and support over the past 21 years of the Giving Tree and hope that 2021 will bring a return of this parish tradition.

#### Dear parishioners,

Are you looking for a way to enter more deeply into the Advent season? Would you like to grow closer to Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary? Beginning on **Sunday November 29 (the first Sunday of Advent)**, join us in 33 days of preparation to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary.





Withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter a peaceful interior reflection on your relationship with Christ in the context of **Marian devotion**. Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By learning to entrust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a renewed trust in Jesus himself.

Mary's role is to lead us to the Heart of Jesus. Consecration to Mary enhances our commitment to Christ. When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we are really consecrating ourselves to Jesus *through* Mary. What better way to grow closer to Jesus than to fall in love with His mother and ours: Mary!!

Through the book, 33 Days to Morning Glory by Father Michael Gaitley, we will explore the four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Saint Pope John Paul II. Father Michael expertly summarizes their teaching, making it easy to understand and to put into practice. There is a private Facebook group called: "33 Days To Morning Glory: Marian Consecration (Nov 29 to Jan 1), that you can join. The link to the group can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/770567673504701

You do **not** need to be on Facebook to participate. We will begin **on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, and end on January 1, which is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**. Daily readings and meditations will be posted each day in the group, so you can look at them when it is convenient for you. You will be invited to join in a weekly zoom discussion as well, dates to be announced. Books are \$20 and can be ordered through myself, or Amazon, but you do **not** need the book to participate. If you have any questions, please contact me at <a href="kbornais@dol.ca">kbornais@dol.ca</a> or 519-816-8154.

Coming in January....join us in a new adventure....details coming soon!







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3 November 2020

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrated this year on 15 November, marks the **Fourth World Day of Prayer for the Poor**. The theme chosen by Pope Francis, "Stretch out your hand to the poor" (Sirach 7:32), is meant to draw our attention to our brothers and sisters in need and to encourage us to be generous in serving them. At the same time, the pope reminds us that we must address the structural causes of poverty, otherwise the cycle of poverty not only continues, it grows claiming more and more victims.

By washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus teaches us that loving service is a criterion for discipleship: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Moved by Jesus' example, the early Christians gave a powerful witness that faith, prayer and loving service are inseparable (Acts 2:42-47).

Throughout our diocese, I see many examples of hands stretched out in service of our brothers and sisters. To name a few, we have parishes that work closely with the local soup kitchen, that host meals, that sponsor refugees, that support women's shelters, that are advocating for the poor and supporting them in their cries for justice.

The service offered by parishioners through their membership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an expression of faith and love: "The Church's love for the poor ... is a part of her constant tradition" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2444). We have in our diocese over 1300 Vincentians in 62 SSVP conferences. They visit people, coming not as an agency but as disciples of Jesus who bring assistance and bear witness to his presence among us. They pray with and for the people they serve. They host community meals and operate St. Vincent de Paul stores. It is good for us to recognize that this outreach is being done without fanfare and with great generosity.

We should be grateful for all these acts of service that are being done in our diocese. They offer us an opportunity to welcome Christ's presence into our lives (Matthew 25:37-40).

I encourage you to "stretch out your hand to the poor", and I thank you for your support and your donations of time, treasure and talent which are enabling much good work to be done. May God bless us as we seek to live as disciples of Jesus.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.

Bishop of London

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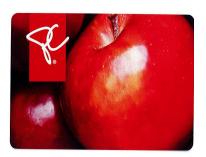
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All pre-orders will be accepted until Sunday, December 6. Orders will be available for you to pick up Starting Tuesday, December 15 Check out our pre- order form!!



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	\$20			**Cineplex Odeon	\$10		
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