



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



St. John the Baptist

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Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office one year

prior to your wedding

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March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent



Mass times 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

Bulletin Notices

All submissions must be in writing or
emailed no later than Tuesday 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



Holy Week & Easter

Schedule

Tuesday	March 30	6pm St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday	March 31	9am St. John the Baptist

No registration required for Tuesday or Wednesday

For our Holy week and Easter Schedule there will be phone in registration available along with on-line registration links. The phone registration and the on-line registration will be available 9am Tuesday, March 23rd to 4pm Thursday, March 26

Holy Thursday	April 1	7pm St. John the Baptist
Good Friday	April 2	11am St. Anthony of Padua 3pm St. John the Baptist
Easter Vigil	April 3	8pm St. Anthony of Padua
Easter Sunday	April 4	9am St. Anthony of Padua 9am St. John the Baptist 11am St. John the Baptist

Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6pm St Anthony of Padua
 † **Maria Carreira by Marie & Jose Carreira**
 † **Gabriel Teves by Colleen Marcuzzi**
 † **Anselmo Carvalho by Laurinda Carvalho**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9am St John the Baptist
 † **Antonetta Scipione (Italy) by Anna & Gino Savo**
 † **Ernest Bezaire by Theresa Bezaire**
 † **Pietro DiPasquale by Gina & Frank Storino & Antoinetta Esposito**

Thursday, March 25, 2021 9am St Anthony of Padua
 † **Tokey Ryan by the Ryan Family**
 † **Gabriel Teves by Luciano Abreu**

Friday, March 26, 2021 9am St John the Baptist
 † **Yvonne Allen by AHCFOF**
 † **Delores Specht by the Order of Alhambra**
 † **Shirley, Bill, Chris LePain by the Lepain Family**
 Sp. Int. for Daniel Meens by Grandma Sue



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

For Adoration

St John the Baptist Church - 225 Brock Street
Amherstburg

Divine Mercy Hour at St John the Baptist Church
Every Friday afternoon at 3pm in the church proper
Come and pray for mercy on the whole world.



Parish Giving

March 14, 2021

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$4,172.00
Building Fund	\$3,872.00
eTransfer for February	\$2,210.00
Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)	
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,204.50
Capital Account	\$ 998.83
Fund Raiser Gift Card Profit YTD	\$ 278.00
On Going Profit to Date	\$313,810.74

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$ 807.00
eTransfer for February	\$ 45.00
Pre-Authorized Payments: (PAP)	
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$691.25
Capital Account	\$ 53.62

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

We read in this week's Gospel that some Greeks went up to Philip and said, "sir, we want to see Jesus." These Greeks would not have been Jewish, i.e. they were Gentiles, and yet they wanted to see the person that some were claiming was the Messiah of the Jews. Why would they be interested in a Jewish Messiah? ? What was it about Jesus that intrigued them? Why did they ask Philip rather than just going up to Jesus. As Catholics, we know who Jesus is... the Son of God, our Saviour. We have had nearly two thousand years of history to come to understand that. They would not have had that. Yet something was stirring in their hearts to seek out Jesus. This reminds us that before we even know Jesus, He is seeking us out. God desires us before we desire him. They also would have witnessed His words and actions which would have helped to draw them in. But even with that, they would have needed hearts that were open to embrace His message. They likely sought out Philip because that was a "safer" option than going directly to Jesus with the fear of being rejected or doing it "wrong". This request by the Greeks seems almost insignificant in the passage we read today. However, upon deeper reflection, perhaps it holds a challenge for us to contemplate during our remaining days of Lent. As we reflect on these Greeks, I wonder where we are at. With our knowledge, do we tend to take Jesus for granted? Do we pay attention to the stirring in our hearts by God to come to know Him better? Do we seek others to help us encounter Jesus more deeply? Do we recognize that sometimes we are the "Philip" for somebody else and should accept our role to evangelize?

Holy Week Celebration Modifications

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations will have to be modified. Normally, it is the "differences" in each of these liturgies that provide the richness for their celebration. However, that will not be so this year. We will not be having palms for Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday there will not be any procession of the Oils, washing of the feet nor will there be any time of vigil before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. On Good Friday we will not be having individual adoration of the cross but instead will be having communal adoration (i.e. everyone adoring the Cross at the same time from their pew). At the Easter Vigil, we will not be blessing the "new fire" and we will not be having the sprinkling with the "new water". This is disappointing but at least, at this point, we will still be able to celebrate these primary liturgies of our Catholic faith. And on a positive note, all of these celebrations will include music once again!

Registration for Holy Week Celebrations

Lent is quickly passing, which means that Holy Week is nearly upon us. As you can see in the bulletin, we have posted our Holy Week schedule. As we do for most of our parish liturgies, you must register ahead for each celebration to be able to attend. Registration will occur either by phone or online. Registration will be open March 23rd - 25th and then if spaces are still available, March 30th – 31st. We are still subject to capacity restrictions, so please be aware that when a particular celebration is full, we cannot allow any more people in. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Weekly Morning Smiles

Brother Raymond Pierce, CSSR, sends out Complementary Weekly Morning Smiles of Family Friendly Humour to help you start your Saturday. A few parishioners have recommended this to me and I thought some of you may appreciate these short stories. Especially during these times of pandemic crisis, we all could use a good laugh. If you are interested, email Brother Raymond at raymondcssr@gmail.com and he will add you to his list.

Ontario Conscience Rights Campaign

Our government continues to move our country down a very dangerous road as it expands the options for Euthanasia and Medically Assisted Suicide. Unfortunately, in the province of Ontario, there is no legislation protecting the conscience rights of healthcare providers. Healthcare providers, of different religions and of no religion, are seriously questioning how they will practice in an environment without legislation that protects their conscience. Such legislation is in place in all other provinces in Canada except Ontario. Please read the letter included in our bulletin from the Bishop and participate in this campaign to protect conscience rights of our healthcare providers. Without such protection, we could see many of these healthcare providers forced to quit or to perform acts that they find morally unacceptable. No other provincial jurisdiction is requiring this difficult choice, so why is it only Ontario? Let us stand up for the voice of our healthcare providers with moral convictions that wish to uphold the dignity and sanctity of life.

Reminder: Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration

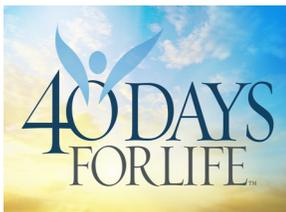
As we continue to re-instate our faith practices prior to lockdown, I want to make sure people are aware that I have started hearing individual confessions again. Our usual time is Saturday mornings from 11:00-noon at St. John the Baptist in the sacristy (to ensure we are using a space to maintain proper distancing). We are also adding some extra times for Lent. I will be hearing confessions at St. Anthony of Padua on March 25th from 9:45-10:45am and on March 30th from 6:45-7:45pm. As well, we will be having confessions at St. John the Baptist on March 24th from 1:00-2:30pm and from 7:00-8:30pm. During the times of confession we will also be having a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at both parishes. So even if you are not coming for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are invited to come and pray during Adoration.

Reminder: Need for Volunteers

With Holy Week approaching, we are in need of some extra volunteers to help us comply with the COVID restrictions. All "training" is provided and, in reality, the tasks are not all that difficult. Actually, we could really use some extra volunteers for our regular celebrations as well to help lighten the load for all those who have been serving so faithfully over these last number of months. Please contact Kim to offer your gift of service for our Parish Family.

Reminder: Stations of the Cross

A long-standing tradition during lent is the devotion of praying the Stations of the Cross. This Lent we will continue that practice by streaming on our Facebook page the Stations each Friday at 10:00am. Each week a different member of our pastoral team will lead the Stations and we invite you to follow. This year we will only be streaming them and we will not be praying them in the church as a community.



SPRING VIGIL 2021!

IN PERSON AT THE VIGIL SITE

in front of Metropolitan Hospital within the safety guidelines.

Please bring a mask, keep socially distant from people outside of your household, ensure your sign is disinfected before going to the vigil site.

from

Wednesday, February 17th - Sunday, March 28th, 2021

7 AM - 7 PM

visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/windsor/>
to sign up!

Reminder: Mandatory Masks

We would like to remind you that masks (not face shields) are required by provincial law in all public buildings, which includes churches. The exemption remains in place for those who have a medical condition and for children under the age of two. Those who refuse to wear masks without a proper exemption will be turned away for the sake of the health and safety of all who gather in our churches. If you are exempted for medical reasons, **we require written documentation from a medical professional**. Also, when registering for Mass, you must advise the secretary of your exemption, so that you can be seated in a designated area and advised on the protocols.

Reminder: Revised Guidelines for Registration for Weekend Masses

Learning from our past experiences, we are making a few changes to the process to register for Weekend Masses:

- An email will be sent out to all those who receive our bulletin electronically on Tuesday at 9:00am each week which will have the upcoming Weekend's Mass registration link. The link will also be posted on our webpage and Facebook. On-line registration will not be open until 9:00am each Tuesday.
 - Phone registration does not open until Tuesday at 9:00am. Calling the office before Tuesday and leaving a voicemail message will not result in you being registered for Mass.
 - All registration (on-line and phone) closes at 4:00pm on Thursday.
 - If you do not register to attend a Weekend Mass, you will not be permitted to enter into the church to wait. We will open the church to anyone who has not registered, providing there are seats available, no earlier than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of Mass.
 - If you register for Weekend Mass, you must be at the church no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of Mass. If you come later than that, your "registered" seat may be given up for somebody who is waiting for a seat.
 - It is imperative that you sit in the seats that you are assigned and that you follow the directions of our Ministers of Hospitality.
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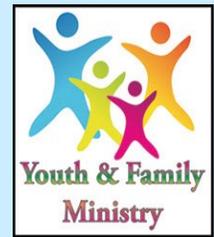
How can I Financially Support my Parish?

Some have been asking how they can support their parish in 2021 with the continuing restrictions caused by COVID. One way is to **drop off a cheque** (preferred over cash) at either St. John the Baptist (225 Brock St., Amherstburg) or at St. Anthony of Padua (120 Munger St., Harrow). Both sites have a mail slot so your envelope goes into the "office" and is not left outside in an "open" mailbox. At St. John's, it is in the entrance area of the office in the wall and at St. Anthony's a mail slot has been installed in the office door. You can also **mail a cheque** for either parish to our Family of Parishes office at 225 Brock St., Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2H3. Clearly mark on your check which church you would like the donations to be applied to. Another option is to do an **E-Transfer**. This involves transferring electronically your donation from your bank account into the parish's bank account. You go to your online banking website or app and add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish donation email account. For St. John the Baptist donations, it is stjohnb@dol.ca and for St. Anthony of Padua donations, it is stanthonyp@dol.ca. No password is needed as the parishes are set up for auto-deposit. Lastly is the **use of PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)**. With PAD you never have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can't donate because you can't attend Mass. There is a form available on our website (ahcfop.ca) that you can print off and fill in. Then you bring, or send, the completed form to the Family of Parishes Office (225 Brock St.) with a void cheque. This will set up an automatic re-occurring withdrawal from your bank account to the parish of your choice each month (contact Karen, 519-736-5418, for further details of the frequency options for your donation(s) and the various donations, i.e. Sunday offertory, Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc. that you can make).



First Eucharist:

The families of the children who are registered for our spring First Eucharist celebrations have been emailed the dates and instructions on how to sign up for a particular celebration. If you have not received an email, please contact Lisa in the parish office.



Confirmation:

The registration deadline for the Sacrament of Confirmation for this Spring has now passed. If you wish to be put on the list for the Fall 2021 session please contact Lisa in the parish office.

For those who currently have children in the program please make sure you sign up for one of the confirmation masses if you haven't already done so.

Family & Youth Ministry Committee:

I am looking to put together a committee of parishioners who are interested in helping assess the needs of our Families and Young people and can help formulate a plan to move forward. Meetings would be held monthly, and I am asking for a year commitment. If you think you might be interested please contact Lisa in the parish office for further details.

Lisa Mullins
lmullins@dol.ca

St. Joseph be our Guide!



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

To celebrate the year of St. Joseph, Seminarian Matthew is inviting everyone to join him in a 33 day consecration to St. Joseph, beginning on **March 30th** and ending on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on **May 1st**. Parishioners are invited

to email Matthew at msawyer@dol.ca and give him your **name and email address** and once a day you will receive the reading for the day and a link to a short reflection video that will help us enter into a deeper relationship with Christ through St. Joseph. We will also meet once a week on zoom as a group to discuss insights and have a check in. St. Joseph, be our guide!

Sunday Chuckle

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused she asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



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Pastoral Minister

Just a quick reminder the fourth and final night in our 4 part series on Prayer with Fr Matt is this Thursday, March 25th at 7pm!

If you have not joined in and would like to join the last session please contact me, Kim Bornais at kbornais@dol.ca, or call the office 519-736-5418 to get the zoom invitation. See you on Zoom Thursday!

Prayer Series



“Thirsting for God?”

Do you know someone non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Please contact me for more information:
kbornais@dol.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

It is such a joy to be back at Mass with everyone. I am very grateful to our wonderful Ministers of hospitality. Please remember that in order for us to be able to celebrate Mass in person, volunteers are essential! If you are interested in helping out, please contact me.



Have a blessed week!

Kim



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15 March 2021

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Healthcare professionals need our prayers and support. Parliament has passed Bill C-7 and expanded access to assisted suicide across Canada. People with disabilities, those with mental illness and those with chronic conditions will qualify, even if they are not dying. This law will put vulnerable people at risk.

The federal legislation will have implications for healthcare in the provinces. Now, more than ever, we need doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who will ensure vulnerable patients have caring alternatives to lethal injections. But many healthcare professionals with moral convictions are being pushed out of their profession by provincial health regulators. Here in Ontario, you can support vulnerable patients by contacting the Ontario government and asking that legislation be introduced to protect the conscience rights of healthcare workers.

I invite you to visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario where you can send an email directly to the Ontario government and learn more about this critically important issue. If your MPP is Conservative it will be sent to him or her, and if you are represented by an MPP of another party it will be sent to the Premier and the Health Minister. To view a video with testimonies from healthcare providers, please click here: bit.ly/2021ConscienceVideo

No one should ever be forced to participate by immoral means, for example, by making an effective referral, in ending the lives of patients. We need legislation in Ontario to protect the conscience rights of healthcare workers.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick, vulnerable and alone. Thank you for all that you do to strengthen our faith community, especially during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Solidarity Sunday

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Lent, parishioners across Canada will be celebrating Solidarity Sunday. This day is part of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's annual Share Lent campaign, whose theme this year is Share Love, Share Lent. In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis reminds us that "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights". Please support the Share Lent campaign by contributing through your parish or online at <https://www.devp.org/en>. On Sunday March 21st at 1 pm, Development and Peace working with Salt + Light Media, will air a special program on the work of Development and Peace followed by the celebration of bilingual Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Desrochers (Diocese of Pembroke). To tune in please visit <https://www.devp.org/en/sharelent2021/mass>.

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