



Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes



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Amherstburg - 519-984-7594

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Sacraments

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office

Reconciliation

Saturday - Amherstburg 9:45am - 10:30am
or by appointment 519-736-5418

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Parish Office one year
prior to your wedding

Our Mission Statement

*"Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a welcoming, Eucharistic community,
rooted in love and service, leading all to an encounter with Christ".*

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



Regular Mass Times and Location

Weekday

Tuesday 5pm - 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 - 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

For everything there is a season. . .

"a time to be healed. . ."

Please pray for those in our parish family who are sick and chronically ill.

"a time to die. . ."

Remember in prayer all deceased relatives and parishioners who have past away in the month of January especially, *Theresa Bellefleur, Dorothy Sinasac, Patricia Deslippe, Robert Dube, Garnet Jenner, Marilyn Thrasher & Carolyn Delmore.*



Congratulations to those
who have joined our parish family through
the Sacrament of Baptism during the Month
of January

Lily Charlotte Hindi

*May they always live out their call to
discipleship.*

Income Tax Receipts

The 2024 income tax receipts are ready for pick up at the main entrances of both churches. If you have requested your receipt to be emailed you should have received it. If you did not receive it, please check the boxes at the entrances and your **junk mail** or contact Sharon in the office.



Weekday Mass & Mass Intentions

Tues., February 4, 2025

5:00pm St. Anthony

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| † Durvalina Mare | by Carnita Marques |
| † Laura Gaspar | by Marlene Fernandes |
| † Antonio Nascimento | by Colleen Marcuzzi |
| † Maria Rosa Ribeiro | by Jose & Delfina Pereira |
| † Isaura Onete Vieira | by Tony Vieira |
| † Maria Do Rosario Carriera Vieira | by Tony Vieira |

Wed., February 5, 2025

9:00am St. John the Baptist

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| † Leo Beneteau | by Bernice & Lloyd Deslippe |
| † Blanche Beneteau | by Bernice & Lloyd Deslippe |
| † Mary Louise Rocheleau | by Bernice & Lloyd Deslippe |
| † Bernadette Lapos | by Bernice & Lloyd Deslippe |
| † Albert Simone | by Ralph & Denise Orsi |
| † Robert (Bob) Dube | by Marilyn & Don Jr. |

Thurs., February 6, 2025

9:00am St. Anthony

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| † Tony Teves | by Sandy & Cesar Medeiros
& Family |
| † Duarte Medeiros | by Elaine Hertel |
| † Maria Rocha | by John & Linda Rocha |
| † Antonia Gomes | by Theresa & Domingoes Pereira |
| † Antonio Nascimento | by Britaldo Romas |

Fri., February 7, 2025

9:00am St. John the Baptist

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| † Dorothy Lucier | by Jim Lucier |
| † David Jariett | by Brenda & Albert Jariett |
| † Barb & Bob Mayville | by The Family |
| † Fred Rocheleau | by Frank & Judith |
| † Albert Simone | by Theresa Cristofaro |
| † Antonello DiMillo | by The Iannucci Family |

Financial Report for the Week of January 26, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$2,785.45
Debits / e-transfers	\$3,601.47
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 130.39
Other: Memorial Offering	\$1,200.00
Other: Initial Offering	\$ 75.00
Other: Assessment	\$ 70.00
Other: New Years Day	\$ 20.00
Total	\$7,722.31
Average weekly budget 2025	\$10,105.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$ -2,382.69
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 231.93
Mass Intentions	\$ 480.00
Gift Card	
Sales	\$2,865.00
Profit	\$91.30
YTD	\$450.50

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,370.00
Debits / e-transfers	\$1,082.62
Dio. Assess (including Debits)	\$ 46.16
Total	\$2,498.78
Average weekly budget 2025	\$3,750.00
Shortfall / Surplus	\$-1,251.22
Capital Funds including Debits	\$ 53.08
Gift Card	
Sales	\$500.00
Profit	\$21.00
YTD	\$43.75



Sunday Reflection

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

The feast celebrates three main ideas. First, Jesus is recognized as the Light of the World, a light for all people. Second, it shows that Jesus came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. He and His family obeyed the customs of their people. Third, it honors the deep faith of Mary and Joseph, who followed God's will at every step.

The Feast of the Presentation teaches us important lessons about purity, obedience, and dedication to God. Mary and Joseph followed the law faithfully by bringing Jesus to the Temple, showing their commitment to God's will. This invites Catholics to seek the same in their own lives. Purity of heart and obedience are ways to show love for God. By striving for these virtues, Catholics can grow closer to God and live more fully as His children.

Simeon and Anna teach us about waiting for God's promises and trusting in His timing. They spent their lives in prayer and hope, watching for the Messiah. When Jesus arrived, they recognized Him immediately. Their story reminds us to be patient and faithful, even when God's plan seems slow. Simeon and Anna's faith shows us that God is always present, and He will fulfill His promises in His time.

(excerpts from young-catholics.com)

Change in Police Clearance Policy for Volunteers

In the past few years, Police Clearances have been required for all ministries in which you came in contact with any vulnerable person. They were good for 5 years and then had to be renewed. You will no longer have to do that. Once we have a valid police clearance for you on file (i.e. one issued in the last 5 years), you will only have to fill out a Declaration Form each year stating that there has not been an offence committed on your part since that last Police Clearance. This Declaration will have to be completed every year. Julie Gauthier, our Volunteer Management Coordinator of our Called, Gifted and Sent Program, has elected to help you fill out these forms the weekend of February 15/16. She will be at the back of the church to assist you. It is a very simple form which basically requires your name, address, and signature attesting to the fact you are "offence-free". Our intent is to do this process every year at this time. We appreciate your cooperation so that you may continue in the various ministries you are serving in.



Reminder about Confirmation



As a Family of Parishes, we are very excited that over the next two weekends, February 1st/2nd and 8th/9th, a number of our young adults will be confirmed. This year we have chosen to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation similar to what we do with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and have it part of the normal life of the parish. Many times when we do the celebration as a separate event it takes it away from the community. The Sacraments are meant to be communal events that affect the life of the parish and it is important that the whole family has an opportunity to be part of it. It is also a wonderful reminder of our own reception of the Holy Spirit from our Confirmation. Recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Family of Parishes and witnessing our youth embracing that presence is a very powerful experience. Please pray for our youth and their sponsors as they enter into the final days of their preparation or as they receive this sacrament.

Reminder about Griefshare?

Dealing with the death of a loved one can be very hard. If you are struggling over the death of a loved one or believe that you "just don't feel right", consider joining our GriefShare Group. We have decided to host an "afternoon" session to better accommodate our senior population that often is uncomfortable coming out at night during the winter. So, beginning Wed. February 5th through Wed. May 7th, 2024 from 1:00pm – 2:30pm at our Parish Centre (225 Brock Street – Amherstburg) we are facilitating another session of Griefshare. We will share a snack, a short video and small group conversation. This is a program for those who are grieving to come together, knowing that the person at your table is going through similar feelings as you – you are not alone. What are some ways to manage our grief? What are some ways to try to cope with our losses? If you are experiencing any difficulties in life due to the death of a loved one, please register and come out to the first session. Perhaps this program is not for you at this time. However, you will not know unless you come check it out. Let us journey together, sharing our grief, sharing our memories, sharing ways to help us get by. To register or for more information please call Sharon at 519-736-5418 or Email ahcfop@dol.ca



Grade 7/8 Youth Group



Only 2 weeks away! You know you wanna be there!! Thursday, February 13th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Stella Maris Catholic School. Join us for 8 Thursdays full of awesome faith-filled fun activities, snacks and opportunities to make new friends! Registration will take place the first time you attend. All are welcome!

****There will be a meeting for all teens and young adults who want to be a part of the leadership team for youth group will be on Thursday, February 6th at 6:30pm at St. John the Baptist church. Sundae Bar to start the meeting! If you are able to attend please let Lisa know! (lmullins@dol.ca)****



Join Our Altar Server Team!

We're thrilled to extend an invitation to young individuals, grade 3 and above, who have received their First Communion, to become altar servers.

What Does It Involve?

- Assisting during Mass and special liturgical celebrations
- Deepening your understanding of the Mass and your spiritual life
- Forming new friendships within our church community

Why Should You Serve?

- Develop important leadership Abilities
- Enhance the beauty of our worship services
- Discover the fulfillment of serving God and the Community



Interested?

- There will be a training session for all new servers on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00am-11:00am at St. John the Baptist Church

Faith Bingo



For all youth aged 2 - grade 4. Bingo cards are available at the back of the Church (St. John the Baptist) and the elevator entrance (St. Anthony). Every line you get - gets you a bingo prize. A full card is a huge prize! Remember to find **Fr. Matt** this weekend to get your sticker! Lots of new prizes!

Confirmation

We welcome the teens, their sponsors, families and friends this weekend.



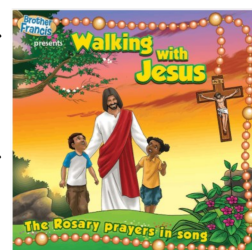
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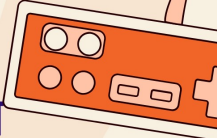
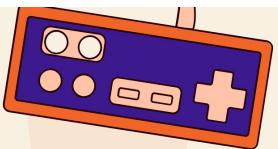
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"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan" Blessed Carlo

To mark this joyous occasion, the YYAFM Office, along with several Families of Parishes, will be hosting a special Family Celebration—and you're invited!

VIDEO GAMES, FAMILY PRAYER, FOOD, FUN & MORE!!

 Sunday, April 27 from 3-5:30PM

 **4 Church locations:**

- 1) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Windsor
- 2) Holy Family, London
- 3) Our Lady of Help Christians, Wallaceburg
- 4) St. George, London

REGISTER NOW AT:
BlessedCarloFamilyDay



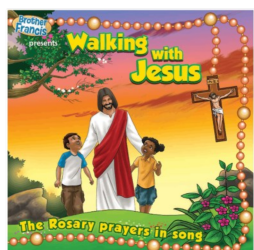
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National Catholic Health Care Week

From February 2 to 8, 2025 we mark National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada, recognizing the important work of Catholic health organizations in our province and across Canada. The week leads into the World Day of the Sick, February 11, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers and reflections for those who are ill and for those who care for them.

At the heart of Catholic health is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and a commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths - especially those impacted by trauma, stigma, poverty, and isolation.

We pray for care teams who have given much over the past years and continue to walk with all those who are ill, deeply troubled, weary and struggling. We are grateful for our Catholic health ministries as partners in the healing ministry of Jesus, fostering trust, promoting justice and respecting the dignity of every human person - body, mind and soul.

Holding all those who are hurting in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who serve with compassion and courage.

You are encouraged to mark National Catholic Health Care Week with daily reflections and prayers. Please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at www.chac.ca

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