

# Welcome to

## Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes

St. Anthony of Padua | 120 Munger St. Harrow, ON N0R 1G0

St. John the Baptist Church | 225 Brock St. Amherstburg, ON N9V 2H3



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

## MASS TIMES & LOCATIONS

### WEEKDAY

Tuesday.....6:00pm at St. Anthony of Padua  
Wednesday.....9:00am at St. John the Baptist  
Thursday.....9:00am at St. Anthony of Padua  
Friday.....9:00am at St. John the Baptist

### WEEKEND

Saturday.....5:00pm at St. John the Baptist  
Sunday.....9:00am at St. Anthony of Padua  
Sunday.....11:00am at St. John the Baptist

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....9:45 - 10:30am at St. John the Baptist

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

### PASTORAL TEAM

#### PASTOR:

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### PARISH STAFF

**BOOKKEEPER:** Gabrielle Lauzon

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### COMMITTEES

**PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
Marc Praill

**FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
Ted Gorski

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday | Closed

Tuesday - Friday | 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Closed for lunch Noon - 1:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 2	6:00pm St. Anthony of Padua
Antonio Faria Pereira	Teresa & Domingoes Pereira
Carlos Teves	Olenda Silva
Antonio Nascimento	AHCFOP
Gary Lee Gilhuly	Deb & Ron Tofflemire
Frank Montello	The Family
William Bonyai	Helen Bonyai
Wednesday, Dec. 3	9:00am St. John the Baptist
Sue Prieur	Joe & Connie McGuire
Mary Jane Jenner	Doug Jenner
Luigi Cristofaro	Michelena Cristofaro
Antonio & Antoinetta Leardi	Daughter Gabriella
Barbara Schenden	Marilyn Faria
Camillo Dipasquale	Marilyn Faria
Thursday, Dec. 4	9:00am St. Anthony of Padua
Laura Gaspar	Regina Carreira
Frank Montello	The Family
Michael Laporte	Ted & Judy
Ronnie McDonald	Theresa McDonald
Antonio Nascimento	Helena Pereira
Special Ints. of the Laporte Family	Deb & Ron Tofflemire
Friday, Dec. 5	9:00am St. John the Baptist
Julie Probyn	Mom & Dad
Barb & Bob Mayville	The Family
Donald Davidson	Nigel & Lynette Davidson
Edgar Morrison	Gina Morrison
Dominico Gabales Jr.	Gina Morrison
Giulio & Rosalina Dipasquale	Shelley & Dominic Dipasquale & Family
Madeline & Herbert Hamelin	Shelley & Dominic Dipasquale & Family
Saturday, Dec. 6	9:00am St. John the Baptist
Jacques Bellefleur	The Family
Loreen Hackett	Her Mom, Joan & Brother, Roy
Michael Payne	Brian & Janet
Linda Doorno	The Family
Philip & Paula Coleieilo	Carmela Muscat
Grace Muscat	Mom
Gregorio Llorca	Ofelia Llorca

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING

 Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm at St. John the Baptist. Candidates are requested to bring warm outside attire as our adventures may lead us outside.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Fr. Ware room at St. John the Baptist. All high school students are welcome!

## OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 2026 ENVELOPES

The boxed envelopes are now available at the main entrance of your home parish. Please note that your number will change yearly and it is important to not use your new envelopes until 2026.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We have received a great response for volunteers already. **We just have one half hour spot left to fill from 2:30pm-3:00pm.** If you can commit to that half hour please let Sharon in the office know by phone (519-736-5418) or email: [ahcfop@dol.ca](mailto:ahcfop@dol.ca)

## FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING

Please keep our young people in your prayers as they celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time during this coming week.



**OUR COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION TIMES**

<p><b>St. John the Baptist</b></p> <p>Friday, December 19th</p> <p>9:30am - 11:00am</p> <p>1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony of Padua</b></p> <p>Tuesday, December 16th</p> <p>5:00pm - 5:45pm</p> <p>6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p>Thursday, December 18th</p> <p>9:45am - 10:30am</p>
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**OUR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

<p><b>St. John the Baptist</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24th</p> <p>4:00pm + 7:00pm + *Midnight</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>Thursday, December 25th</p> <p>*11:00am</p> <p>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</p> <p>Thursday, January 1st</p> <p>*11:00am</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony of Padua</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>Wednesday, December 24th</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>Thursday, December 25th</p> <p>*9:00am</p> <p>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</p> <p>Wednesday, December 31st</p> <p>5:00pm</p>
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Please note masses marked with a asterisk \* indicates that INCENSE will be used.

Christmas donation envelopes will be available in the pews and entrances beginning next week

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather this weekend - the First Sunday of Advent - we joyfully begin a new liturgical year, a season of hopeful preparation that invites us to ready our hearts for Christ's coming. Advent, from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming" or "arrival," lasts four Sundays leading to Christmas. It reminds us of the threefold way Christ draws near: in the humility of His birth, in the grace of the Eucharist and sacraments, and in His glorious return at the end of time. This period unites us with the people of faith in the past, who long awaited the Coming of Jesus and with millions of Catholic Christians throughout the world.

This year's Advent coincides with the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 AD), where the Church fathers formulated the Nicene Creed - a cornerstone of our Roman Catholic faith that we profess together at every Sunday Mass. This Creed boldly affirms Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father," true God and true Man, who brings us salvation through His life, death, and resurrection. In our Jubilee Year of Hope, the Holy Father invites all Christians to celebrate this milestone as a hymn of praise to the Blessed Trinity, emphasizing our unity in the Gospel amid today's challenges of division and injustice. Bishop Fabbro has encouraged all of our parishes to pray the Nicene Creed during Advent and Christmas seasons, which unites us not only with one another but with the apostles and saints, offering a sure anchor of hope.

May the light of Christ illumine your path this season. Let us watch and pray, confident in the hope and open to whatever graces the Lord wishes to offer to us in this Advent season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Paul



## FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

St. John the Baptist		St. Anthony of Padua	
Regular Sunday Offertory	\$4,562.50	Regular Sunday Offertory	\$1,215.00
Debits/e-transfers	2,841.47	Debits/e-transfers	1,057.62
Assessment (including Debits)	140.39	Assessment (including Debits)	46.16
Sacraments	150.00	Total	\$2,318.78
Sales of Religious Articles	85.00		
Initial Envelope	20.00		
Total	7,799.36		
Average Weekly Budget 2025	\$9,159.00	Average Weekly Budget 2025	\$3,958.00
Shortfall or Surplus	\$(1,359.64)	Shortfall or Surplus	(1,639.22)
Capital Funds (including Debits)	441.93	Capital Funds (including Debits)	728.08
Mass Intentions	35.00		
Gift Card		Gift Card	
Sales: \$8,215.00	Profit: \$277.35	YTD: \$5,448.24	Sales: \$700.00
			Profit: \$21.00
			YTD: \$1,319.17

## STAINED GLASS ORNAMENTS



On the weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the Historical Committee of St. John the Baptist Church will once again be selling the stained glass ornaments crafted from shards of the original stained glass windows, ca.1874, of St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg. Installed on the east wall of the sanctuary, north of the crucifix, this window was removed during the remodel of the church under Vatican II in the 1960's. We will be set up at the Brock St. entrance after the 5:00pm Saturday mass and if inventory remains, again at the 11:00am Sunday mass. Cash only, please. Proceeds from this sale go to the restoration of the remaining 1874 window medallion.

## ADVENT WREATH CRAFT KIT

 There are a limited number of Advent craft kits available for families to take home. We ask that only ONE per FAMILY is taken. Please see Miss Lisa after mass to get a kit.

## ULTREYA

“Mary did you know?”

### **Save the Date**

Friday, December 12th at 7:30pm  
St. Joseph Parish  
9399 N. Townline Rd.  
River Canard

All Cursillistas and Babe Chicks Welcome!



## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING FOR HOME

Lord our God,  
We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
He is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord God,  
Let your blessing come upon us  
As we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's  
promise to bring us salvation;  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## INTENTIONAL GIVING



As you know, our family of parishes has been financially supporting the Church of the Apostles in Faro, Yukon. The church and rectory buildings are in a very bad state of repair. This past summer a team from Ontario went to Faro to help in the repair and reconstruction of the rectory. The Office of the Diocese of Whitehorse has recently sent us pictures of before and after the repair work.

The pictures can be found at [www.rcdw.ca/photo-gallery.html](http://www.rcdw.ca/photo-gallery.html). Click on “Catholic Church of the Apostles renovations” where you will find 2 sets of pictures, some pictures of before the work began in August and some pictures of the completed work, which stopped at the end of September, before winter set in. The work will resume in early May of 2026.

Each week a small percentage of the collection is set aside and at the beginning of the new year, the accumulated funds are sent to the Diocese of London to assist the church in Faro, Yukon. The pictures show how our contribution is being used. If any one would like to personally contribute to this cause, you are welcome to put your donation in one of the collection boxes and label the envelope “Intentional Giving”.

Please keep the parishioners of The Church of the Apostles in Faro Yukon in your prayers. Our Family of Parishes has been blessed in so many ways and it is a privilege and an honour to share a small portion of our blessings with others.

## WINDSOR ESSEX RIGHT TO LIFE

### **What is a stem cell?**

The human body is made up of billions upon billions of cells. There are about 200 different types of cells which are specialized for different purposes. For example, your body has blood cells, muscle cells, bone cells, skin cells, etc. These "differentiated" cells perform just one specific function.



A "stem" cell refers to a cell that is "undifferentiated". Undifferentiated cells are valuable because they can be used to grow tissue for various parts of the human body. Think of a stem cell as a 'blank slate'. You can program that blank slate to become anything you want – a heart cell, a skin cell, a brain cell, or any one of the 200 specialized cells found in your body! It's a "super cell" of sorts.

Differentiated cells are common. Stem cells are more rare and can only be found in certain parts of the human body, such as bone marrow, liver, fat and fetal cord blood. Whereas a differentiated cell, like a skin cell, can only produce more skin cells, a stem cell can be programmed to produce all the different cells found in the human body. Hence where the name is derived – the "stem" of a plant can grow leaves, branches or flowers.

**Next Week - Where do stem cells come from?**

Peace Deacon Len

# Giving Tree

St. Anthony of Padua Giving Tree is up at the front of the Church for the next three Sundays. It contains 20 gift tags requesting \$50 gift cards for youth whose families use our food bank. SSVP donation envelopes are attached for parishioners to place the cards into once purchased. These instructions are attached to the tree. Our sister Conference at St. John the Baptist has a similar project at their Church.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. John the Baptist Conference, is offering parishioners the opportunity to help us provide for families and children who might otherwise not enjoy a happy Christmas.

The Giving Tree will be in the Church over the next three weeks. If you would like to help, please take an envelope from the tree, place any amount of cash or cheque inside, making cheques payable to St. Vincent de Paul and return them to the box beside the tree in Church by December 14<sup>th</sup>. All money will be used for Christmas food and children's gifts. If you would like a receipt please include your name and address in the envelope.

Whether or not you are able to donate at this time, we ask that you keep our Society and those we serve in your prayers.

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INVITES YOU TO A

## Christmas Concert

### ADMISSION:

- Free will donations will be accepted at the doors for the building fund
- Please bring a canned good to help replenish the St. Vincent de Paul pantry

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St. Thomas of Villanova Choir

Carina Evon

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## Amherstburg-Harrow Catholic Family of Parishes Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 200-400 PM

Amherstburg Columbus Hall  
190 Richmond St.

Cost \$5.00/person

Surprise gifts

Games

Activities

Snack/Treats

To register contact Lisa in the parish office with the names and ages of ALL the members of your family who will be attending. Registration deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

519-736-5418 ext. 115 or lmullins@dol.ca

Only registered children under the age of 12 will receive a surprise gift.

## Give the Gift of a Gift Card

With each purchase of a gift card, the church receives a percentage from the company.

The last day to pre-order is Sunday, December 14th.

In Church & Office sales will continue throughout the month of December.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORTS THE BUILDING FUND

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