



EAST WINDSOR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Lady of the Atonement | St. Anthony of Padua | St. John Vianney

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December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent



Today we begin the Season of Advent. This season brings with it a sense of urgency. We are to prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming. Phrases like stay alert, be ready, stay awake are meant to remind us of this urgency and the call to be prepared as we wait in joyful hope for the Lord's return.

Jesus reminds us to be on guard and to pay attention to what is happening around us and respond with faith and confidence rather than to become discouraged. This season invites us to rejoice in the Light of Christ and to pass it on. Come Lord Jesus!

This year we will be listening to St. Luke's Gospel. A happy coincidence for the Jubilee Year. Luke offers us so many stories of hope in the parables of Jesus: hope for healing, hope for forgiveness and mercy, hope for eternal life in the Kingdom. In Luke's Gospel we encounter the Good Shepherd who is full of compassion for the poor and lost. Let these stories enrich us as we take time to reflect on the power of these words.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: come join us Monday, December 9th with mass at 6:30 pm followed by praying the rosary @ OLA



"Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words." **St. Ignatius Loyola**

Pastoral Team

Pastor:

Fr. Rob Rocheleau

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Mark Poulin

Pastoral Minister:

Rachelle Leslie

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

Maria Mollica

Priest Chaplains to St. Anthony:

Fr. Barnabas Kiss OFM & Fr. Angelus Ligeti OFM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5 pm Our Lady of the Atonement

5 pm St. John Vianney

Sunday

8:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

9:30 am St. John Vianney

10:30 am Our Lady of the Atonement

11:30 am St. Anthony of Padua Hungarian

@ SJV, 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Saturday 11 am - noon @ SJV

3rd Saturday 11 am - noon @ OLA

or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the Pastoral Minister to discuss baptism.

Marriage

Contact the office at least eight months in advance.

Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal Celebrations Seasonally.

Individually anytime - Speak to one of the priests.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 am-3 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am-4pm

Vocations Calendar Please pray for...	<u>Mass Intentions</u> <u>Resume Regular Location</u>
Tuesday, December 3 9 am @ SJV Fr. Robert Champagne	Tricia Morneau -The Morneau Family Mildred Poulin -son Gary Masse Consuelo Dancel (1st Ann.) -Her Family Souls in Purgatory -F.O.S.S.
Wednesday, December 4 9:15 am @ OLA Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator	L.A. Desmarais School & Parish Mass Salvatore Di Giorgi - wife Maria & Family Aurelia & Consuelo Batella - Family Domenic Stramacchia -Rosa Trotti Maria Cornel- Mary & Phil Berthiaume Antonio DiMambro - Fusco Family Giacomo Trotti -Rosa & Family
Thursday, December 5 9 am @ SJV Fr. Dwayne Adam	Concepcion Martinez -Sandra Buglisi Guy Beausoleil --Victor & Shirley Peltier Gerald Martineau -Lance Cox Randy Regier -Friends
Friday, December 6 8:45 am @ OLA followed by Exposition of the Eucharist until 11 am. Fr. Robert Weaver	H.J. Lassaline School & Parish Mass Pasquale & Salvatore Durante - Anna Ciampa & Family Don Kearns -Bonita Elahee Kearns Ted & Norma DeBolle -Bonita Kearns Imelda Corbeil -Elizabeth Nantais Steve MacPhee -Kay MacLellan
Saturday, December 7 5 pm @ SJV & OLA Dcn. Brian Chevalier	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA 9:30 am @ SJV	Intentions of the Parishioners

FAMILY OF PARISHES YOUTH GROUP



Our youth group is held on Tuesday, 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Atonement Family Centre. This week they will participate in the lighting of the Nativity scene with the Knights.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes 2025/Missals



2025 Sunday offertory envelopes are now available for pick up in both parish halls. **Do not use them until 2025 because your number may have changed.** Please recycle the unused 2024 envelopes at year end. Please contact Robin with any new offertory envelope requests. Sunday Missals are now on sale at mass for \$5 after Mass or in the parish office.



CWL News

Pies will be on sale (meat pies-tourtières and chicken pot pies) each Monday from November 25 through Dec 16 from 1-3 pm in the Atonement Family Centre. Meat Pies- Small \$7, Large \$15
Chicken Pot Pies—Small \$6

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We continue to pray for our youth as they prepare for Confirmation in December. Preparation Class #4 will be at St. John Vianney in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 11 for all **candidates who will confirmed at St. John Vianney.**

Preparation Class #4 will be at Our Lady of the Atonement in the church on Thursday, Dec. 12 for all **candidates who will confirmed at Our Lady of the Atonement.** Classes will run from 6 to 8 pm.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION December 6th: come and join us for this monthly time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It is a great way to spend some time in prayer before the Lord, listening intently to God's voice. We will begin shortly after the school mass finishes and the children have returned to school.

**MASS FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
HUNGARIAN PARISH
11:30 am @ SJV Sunday, December 22**



Nursing Home Mass @ 2 pm
December 3, Riverside Place
December 10, Heron Terrace
December 17, Aspen Lake



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

December 7 11 am-noon @ SJV
Dec. 21 11 am-noon @ OLA and SJV

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

Mike Miller, Randy Regier, Fr. Nicholas Deak

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
May the Risen Lord bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Dec. 2 @ 7 pm	SJV	SJV-SSVDP (Hall)
Tues. Dec 3 @ 6:30 pm	OLA	Parish Family Youth Group
Tues. Dec 3 @ 7:30 pm	OLA	OLA-K of C (St. Francis)
Tues. Dec 3 @ 7 pm	OLA	Finance Committee-office
Wed. Dec 4 @ 7:30 pm	OLA	Prayer Group (St. Francis)
Sun.. Dec. 8 @ 4:30 pm	OLA	K of C Advent Family Dinner (Atonement Center)

STAFF RETIREMENTS

The end of this year is going to bring some changes to our team and required adjustments.

A Message from Rachelle,

After serving the people of God as Pastoral Minister for over three decades, with much prayer and discernment, the time has come for me to Retire after Christmas.

My 32 years of Ministry have been an incredible journey of faith. I have served in several parishes since 1992, until I joined SJV 21 years ago, with the last 5 years as part of this Family of Parishes.

It has been my honour and privilege to walk with all of you: God's people, and I look forward to carrying the many friendships I have made into the future.

Blessing to you all!

Rachelle

Mary Mullins will also be retiring after Christmas. She has worked as the financial secretary for 24 years, first at Our Lady of the Atonement and then within our Family of Parishes.

We wish both of them well as they begin their well deserved retirement after their many years of dedication to us and we pray that God blesses them with an abundance of peace and joy. We deeply appreciate the loving service they have given to God's people.



"Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise." (from the Roman Missal)



Advent Giving Tree for our Family of Parishes

An invitation is extended to all our parishioners to contribute to the 2024 Advent Giving Tree which gives welcome support to families in our community who are in dire need this Christmas.

Once again, we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Giant Tiger in \$25.00 increments and/or a financial donation to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

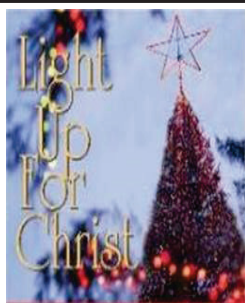
We ask that the gift cards and financial donations be returned to the parish office or placed in the Sunday offertory basket by next weekend December 7/8th 2024. Please mark your envelopes clearly "Giving Tree" and specify which Parish Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) you wish to support.

If you would rather make a financial donation to this program, this is welcome as well. **Please make sure you make the cheque payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul- (conference name OLA, SJV or SVDP) as we have 3 distinct conferences. If you wish a tax receipt for your financial donation, provide your name and address on the outside of the envelope and clearly mark "Giving Tree and the conference name".**

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and donations of food throughout the year. God bless you.




Please pay attention to the lines and signage. Please do not invent spots where there are no spots i.e. laneways— we need to be able to provide access for emergency vehicles as well as maintain flow for entering and exiting the lots. Please do not park in front of the garages: these spots are for the team and visiting clergy so that we don't take up a spot in the main lot. Our projects are not quite complete.



On **Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm** the Knights of Council #8919 will host the blessing and lighting of the Nativity and Keep Christ in Christmas signage at the entrance of Our Lady of the Atonement Parish with the parish youth group. Following all attendees are welcome to gather in St. Francis Hall for cookies and hot chocolate.

Council #9528 will have the blessing of the Nativity Scene at St. John Vianney on Thursday, Dec. 12th prior to their 7 pm meeting that evening.

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