

EAST WINDSOR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

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December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – Rejoicing Sunday. The pink candle

is lit and the readings exhort us to possess a spirit of joy. What is the cause of this joy? Isaiah mentions what God is doing for the people. God will renew, restore, strengthen. St. Paul reminds us "rejoice in the Lord always." Why? Because the Lord is near. In expectant prayer, we open our hearts to experience the closeness of God. John the Baptist speaks to the crowds. They honestly want to know what they need to do to prepare for the Lord. They want to change. They yearn for joy and peace. John lays out some practical simple steps: 1. share what you have with the poor; 2. be honest in your dealings with others; 3. treat everyone with respect and dignity. Doing these things will lead to the peace of Jesus and our hearts will know joy.

Today we celebrate as the youth of our Family of Parishes receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. What a great moment of encounter for them. The Holy Spirit comes to strengthen them and help them to live out their discipleship. We offer our congratulations and our continued prayers for them. Witnessing to this sacrament brings joy to our hearts. God is always working in our lives and blesses us with an abundance of spiritual gifts.



"Belief and faith are proved by works, not by simply saying that one believes, but by real actions, which are kept up, and by a heart burning with love." **St. John Chrysostom**

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

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Vocations Calendar Please pray for	Mass Intentions	
Tuesday, December 17 9 am @ SJV	Ints. of Antony Blazevic- Sobocan Family Evaristo Fregonese-Onorina & Family Edmond Bedard-Richard Normandeau Sharon Maheux-The Red Hats Ernesto Cabagay-His Family.	
Dcn. David Kraemer	J.P. Marentette-V & L Ross	
Wednesday, December 18 9 am @ OLA	Aniceta "Virgie" Sama- husband Ali Sama & Family Darbara Hebert- Jacky & Pierre Doyon, Peter & Anna Nicolina Papasodaro—husband Nicola Eugene & Geraldine Dalton- Joan & Dan Soulliere Domenic Stramacchia-	
Fr. Augustine Ogundele	Connie & Family Beverly Kritsch-Donna Mae Finn	
Thursday, December 19 9 am @ SJV	Donna Masse-K of C #9865 Rudy Querin-William Gachnik Antonia DiMambro- Claudio & Rosanna Mancini	
Dcn. Daniel Lemire	David Fedory-John & Virginia Erminia Gallucci- brother Italo & Family Mimma Gallucci- Uncle Italo & Aunt Silvanna Patella	
Friday, December 20 9 am @ OLA Fr. Bernard Pinsonneault	Gail Sabga-husband, John Giacomo Trotti-Rosa & Family Darla MacMaster & Jim Manning- Sandy, Kendall & Imelda Pierina Suor Noemi Bregolin- sister, Onorina Salvatore Scalia-Angela & Family Giorgio Lo Iacono-	
C.S.B.	Mother Maddalena & Family	
Saturday, December 21 5 pm @ SJV & OLA	Intentions of the Parishioners	
Mrs. Christa Mailloux, Coor. Of Children's Ministry		
Sunday, December 22 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 & 10:30 am @ OLA 9:30 am @ SJV	Intentions of the Parishioners	
Dcn. Joseph Manzara		



Nursing Home Mass @ 2 pm December 17, Aspen Lake January 7, Riverside Place January 14, Heron Terrace

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

FAMILY OF PARISHES YOUTH GROUP



Our youth group is now on break until Tues. February 4th. Thank you to our student and adult leaders.

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: Last call for 2024

Meat pies & chicken pot pies on sale Monday, December 16:1-3 pm in the Atonement Family Centre.

Meat Pies–Small \$7, Large \$15 Chicken Pot Pies-Small \$6 The ladies will then take a well deserved break until the New Year. Thank you for wonderful support of this project.



Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? Please contact the parish office to update your records for tax receipts & mailings. Thank you.

MASS FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA HUNGARIAN PARISH 11:30 am

@ SJV Sunday, December 22



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We pray for the youth as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today December 15th at two special afternoon masses:

12:30 pm Confirmation at OLA 3 pm Confirmation at SJV

God Bless all our candidates

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:

Nancy Heeley, Barry Pike, Marlene St. Denis & Lorraine Scripnick

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.



Christmas Season Masses



Our Lady of the Atonement	Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24	St. John Vianney
Tuesday 5 pm		Tuesday 5 pm
Tuesday 7 pm		
	Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25	
Wednesday 10:30 am		Wednesday 10 am
Friday 9 am	Feast of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist Friday, December 27	
Saturday 5 pm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am	Feast of the Holy Family, December 28/29 Blessing of Families at all masses	Saturday 5 pm Sunday 9:30 am
	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God December 31/ January 1	
New Year's Eve Tuesday 5 pm	Margar Christmage	New Year's Eve Tuesday 5 pm
New Year's Day Wednesday 10:30 am	Merry Christmas	New Year's Day Wednesday 10 am



Advent Giving Tree

Thanks for your support of our project this year which will enable us to help

meet the needs of those who call upon us for assistance. May God bless you.

Our Societies of St. Vincent De Paul.



INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Tues. Dec. 17 9:30-10:30 am @ SJV Wed. Dec. 18 9:30-10:30 am @ OLA Saturday, Dec. 21

11 am-noon @ OLA and SJV

Prepare your heart for Christmas

COUNCIL 8919 BOTTLE DRIVE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Save your bottles and cans and bring to Our Lady of the Atonement on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025: 9 am to 2 pm.



"O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing." (from the

Roman Missal)

From the Business Manager....

Offertory Donations: As we prepare for year end, please ensure all donations for 2024 are received by Sunday, December 29th. With the uncertainty of the mail strike, please do not mail: bring on Sunday. drop off to the parish office or use the mail slot at the residence at St. John Vianney. Thank you for your financial support of our parishes.



3 Ways to Slow the Christmas Rush

The Christmas Season is upon us. In all the busyness and hurry, we can get overwhelmed with the 'doing' and forget about just 'being'.

How can we be more intentional and focused on the birth of Jesus?

- 1. Press Pause: Take a few minutes each day to be still, tune out the noise and focus on Jesus.
- 2. Reflect: Meditate on His Word and the event of His birth. Allow God to speak peace to your heart through the love story of His Son.
- 3. Worship: During the holiday season we anticipate gatherings, gift & goodies. We can worship expectantly, choosing to allow His presence to fill our hearts and homes in the midst of the festivities.

Spend a few minutes each day in worship. Let Christmas hymns and worship songs fill your home to help lift your heart and mind to Jesus.

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