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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## MASSES AND CELEBRATIONS

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass: 5:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Daily Dedication Prayers: 4:30 PM

Wednesday: Our Lady's Confraternity: 4:00 PM

Every Thursday: Adoration Hour

## SICK VISIT

Please call 519-322-2282.

For Emergency call

Fr. Michel: 519-613-7475

## BAPTISMS

Please call the Church Office at least one month prior to Baptism date and fill the "FORM" online on the church website

## MARRIAGES

Please call the Church office a minimum of Six months in advance of the desired date of marriage and fill the "FORM" online on the church website.

## RECONCILIATION "CONFESSION"

Please come to Church 45 minutes prior to the daily mass, One hour prior to the Sunday Mass.  
In case of an emergency, contact the Priest.



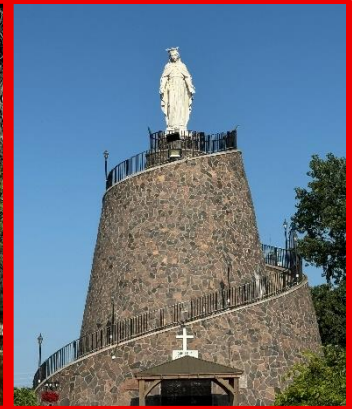
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## SUNDAY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان

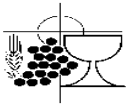
Luke 1:57 - 66 Galatians 4:21, 5:1 – Samuel 1:9-11 -19b-23

This Sunday we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist; this miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Through the reading of today, we are invited to remember that we are the children of the new Covenant, born to be free in the Lord our Father.

With Jesus Christ, each one of us was freed from slavery. Today, we are invited to protect that freedom and use it to shield ourselves. The Gospel of Luke shows us the freedom that Zechariah and Elizabeth lived by ignoring all traditions no matter how important they are. Elizabeth was firm in her faith and determined to see that God will be glorified through this child.

The name John means "the Lord is gracious". Elizabeth proclaimed and Zechariah wrote. The harmony between them came from the Holy Spirit to complete the will of God. Let us proclaim with Elizabeth and write with Zechariah the Will of God on the pages of our daily lives, so we can change the logic of human according to the logic of God, whenever there is a contradiction between them.

**SAINT ANTHONY'S MARONITE PARISH  
MASSES & CELEBRATIONS DURING THE WEEK**



**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Sunday of the Birth of John the Baptist**

**أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان**

- 10:00 AM – 40 Days Memorial Mass for  
Leila Khoury  
(Dedicated from the family)
- 3:00 PM – Mass for The Ladies of Auxiliary  
Vows Renewal

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – **NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – Mass for Souad Jacobs  
(Dedicated from the family)

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – Mass for Haifa Nakhle  
(Dedicated from Antoun & Micheline Obeid)

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – Mass for Sassine & his wife Hanna  
Isaac & Deceased Family Members  
(Dedicated from the family)

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – Mass for Bassam Obeid  
(Dedicated from the family)

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- 5:00 PM – Mass for Boula & Adele Tannous &  
Son Mario (Dedicated from the family)

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph**

**أحد البیان لـیوسف**

**Christmas Novena بدء تساعيّة الميلاد المجید**

**Saint Nehmetallah Kassab Al-Hardini.**

- 10:00 AM – One Year Memorial Mass for  
Nancy Sarkis  
(Dedicated from the family)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**CHURCH INCOME**

40 Envelopes	\$ 1,205.00
Loose	\$ 145.00
Candles	\$ 765.00
E-Transfer	\$ 200.00
Funeral	\$ 350.00
Memorial Mass	\$ 100.00
Fundraiser (Daniel Daoud)	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,845.00</b>

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**CHRISTMAS SEASON**



**December 15 – 24, 2025**

**Christmas Novena @ 5:00 PM**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIGHTING A CANDLE AT THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

light this candle on the Christmas tree, I offer its gentle flame as a prayer rising to heaven. May its light remind us of the true Light who came into the world—Christ our Lord—dispersing every darkness and filling our hearts with hope.

I place this candle with faith:

for peace in our families,  
for healing in our world,

for comfort to every heart carrying a burden,  
and for joy to be born anew in us this Christmas.

Lord Jesus, bless this light.

Let it shine in our homes, in our church, and in  
our hearts,

so that we may walk in Your love and reflect Your  
presence to all we meet.

Amen.



If your children likes to participate  
in a

**Christmas Choir.**

**Please register.**

**Sign up sheet available at the  
Church Entrance.**

## FIRST COMMUNION 2026



If your child will be receiving  
their First Holy Communion  
this year, please fill the form  
at the church website:

[www.stanthonysparish.com](http://www.stanthonysparish.com)

The forms are available at the church entrance.

Please fill it and return it to the Rectory.

Please note the classes will start on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2026.

## CALL FOR NEW

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Pastor & the Parish Council is seeking new members to serve our parish community. The Council works with the pastor to:

- Support the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish,
- Encourage participation in ministries, and
- Strengthen our mission as a faith-filled community.

We invite parishioners who are active in their faith and committed to the life of the parish to consider serving. If you feel called, please pick up a **Nomination Form** at St. Anthony's Parish, 280 Talbot Rd. E. Leamington, or contact Parish Office at 519-322-2282, for more details. Let us pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve in this important ministry.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

<http://www.stanthonysparish.com/>



# **CHRISTMAS SEASON**



## **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

**Christmas Novena Opening**

**Monday, December 15 – 24, 2025**

**Mass Preside By H.E. Bishop Paul Marwan Tabet  
at 5:00 PM**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**Children Mass at 5:00 PM**

**Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

**Christmas Mass at 11:00 AM**

## **Felicitations to the Virgin Mary**

**Friday, December 26, 2025**

**Mass at 5:00 PM**

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**Thursday, December 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025**

**Mass at 5:00 PM**

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass at 5:00 PM**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**

**JOYEUX NOEL ET BONNE ANNEE 2026**

**ميلاد مجيد وعام سعيد ٢٠٢٦**





St. Anthony's Parish  
Christmas



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**ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST**

**SATURDAY JANUARY  
17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Cocktails 6PM // Dinner 7PM**

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