



St. Matthew's Anglican Church



"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community."

Address:

St. Matthew's Anglican Church
1600 Norfolk St.
Windsor, Ontario
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Sunday Services

8:00 am said Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with the Choir

Fellowship Hour to follow

Weekday Services

Wednesdays in Lent 11:30 am

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026



Rector: The Reverend Gilles Haché

Liturgical Musician: Michael Ricketts

Lay Reader: Nadine Donlon

"With gratitude for all stewards of the land, past, present and future, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa – keepers of the faith; the Odawa – keepers of trade; and the Potawatomic – keepers of the fire."

Please Note: Free-will offerings may be placed in the collection plate at the rear of the church.

Prelude: Passacaille (L. Couperin)
Processional: Forty Days and Forty Nights
Blue Book #175 (verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

The Gathering of the Community

Lord Have Mercy Green Book p. 185
Collect of the Day Green Book p. 186
Green Book p. 286

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm: # 32 Green Book p. 742
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Homily
Anthem: Make Us Turn to You (P. Inwood)

The Apostles' Creed Green Book p.189
Prayers of the People **Response: Lord, hear our prayer**
Confession and Absolution Green Book p. 191
The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Come and Journey with a Saviour Blue Book # 482 (verses 1,2,3,4)
Prayer Over the Gifts Green Book p. 287
Eucharistic Prayer #3 Green Book p. 198
The Lord's Prayer Green Book p. 211
The Breaking of the Bread #7 Green Book p. 212
Lamb of God
Communion Procession: Take, O Take Me as I Am (Bell/Alonso/Huck)

Prayer After Communion

Green Book p. 287

Doxology

Green Book p. 214

Recessional: Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Blue Book #564

Postlude: Chaconne (L. Couperin)

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Welcome visitors – we are blessed you are with us.

Please let us know how we can serve you. If you desire, there are “Visitor’s envelopes” on the table at the back.

Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:

Cantors: John Rossi, Beth Felet

Clarinet: Gordon Drake

Lectors: Robert Weir, Alisa Yednoroz

Intercessor: Ann Hucal

Communion Ministers: Nadine Donlon, Luiz Montebello

Collection Supervisor: Deb French

Sidespersons: Cora & Bob Braidford

Church Nurse (by appointment): Mary Louise Drake

Marlborough School Breakfast: Cooks: Mark & Audrey Goldspink, Dianne Iannicello. **Muffins:** Nicole McCabe

Next Sunday's Readings, March 1, 2026 – Genesis 12:1-4; Ps 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

Community Announcements

Lent Newsletter – Hard copies are available at the back, or download full-colour PDF file at <http://www.saintmatthewswindsor.ca>.

Soup lunches for Sundays in Lent – Start Today! Sign up for: donations of a pot of soup or bread and butter, to prepare hot beverages, or set up and cleaning. And join us for soup during fellowship time after the 10 am service, every Sunday in Lent. Free-will offerings in support of Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF.)

Reflection of the Week

Sunday, February 22

The readings for this first Sunday of Lent trace the entire arc of the human story, from our first fall to our deepest hope. The Gospel brings us into the quiet, stark landscape of the desert. Jesus is led there by the Spirit, and not to escape the world, but to confront the very temptations that touch every human heart. Before He begins His public ministry, before He heals or teaches or gathers disciples, He faces the question that lies beneath all others: Whom will He trust? The tempter offers Jesus three shortcuts or three ways to avoid the vulnerability of being human: 1. Turn stones into bread. 2. Throw yourself down and force God's hand. 3. Take power without sacrifice. But Jesus answers each temptation with a deep, steady trust in God. He refuses to grasp at control. He refuses to use His power for Himself. He refuses to take the easy path. His victory in the desert is not about strength; it is about surrender; a surrender rooted in love. This Gospel invites us to see Lent not as a season of punishment, but as a season of clarity. As we begin this holy season, the desert becomes a place of encounter. It is a place where we rediscover who we are and who God is. A place where we learn, slowly and gently, to rely on the One who never abandons us.

Take-Home Questions for Prayer This Week:

1. What "desert" am I walking through right now?
2. Where do I feel stretched, tested, or uncertain — and how might Jesus be with me there?
3. How can I make more space for prayer, silence, or Scripture this Lent?

**Blessings to you and yours,
Gilles+**

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