



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30-October 1, 2023

Mass Intentions October 2 – 8, 2023

Prayer Calendar

St. Anne		St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday	No Mass	8:00 am † Sabrina Lauchard – Darlene Clausing	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Tuesday	7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Elizabeth Agoston – family † Anthony Baldasaro – St Anne Parish	7:00 pm followed by Adoration Int of Maria Gemmiti-Bertagnoli – Tony Finoro	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
Wednesday	8:00 am Int of those living with cancer - friend	No Mass	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Thursday	8:00 am Int of Parishioners	8:00 am † Maria Odete Tinoco – Friends of St Joseph Place Int of Parishioners	Rev. Robert Love
Friday	8:00 am † Manuel, Mario & Paulino Matias - Georgina	8:00 am Int of St Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St Clements	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Saturday	4:00 pm † Deceased members of Young family – Betty & Lynda	5:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Wolfgang & MaryAnne Dienst – Frank Kossuth † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Laura Kok – Maria Rosa	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday	9:30 am † June Walter – Maureen Rodrigue † Nancy Ehiorobo & Grinoalda Pacheco – family	11:00 am † Elisabeth Groh – Joe Groh † Rosa Beiga – tio Fernando Costa † Julia Guimaraes – Ceu Machado	

This Week's Liturgical Readings

October 1 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Ezekiel 18:25-28
- 2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 21:28-32

FOCUS: Turn away from sin and follow Christ.

In today's Gospel parable there is a model son, who gives honor to his father by verbally assenting to his father's wishes. But his words are hollow, & his virtue is a mirage. How does our own reality measure up to our Christian ideals? Loving our neighbor sounds like a lovely sentiment until they cut us off on the highway. May Christ who calls us always to conversion, help us root out any hollowness & hypocrisy in our own lives, that we may truly confess that Jesus is Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's readings are tied together by the theme of conversion. Ezekiel assures that those who turn away from sin shall not die. The Letter to the Philippians encourages unity in turning away from selfishness to emulate Christ. Jesus' parable favors the son who shamefully indicated defiance, but changed his mind & was obedient.

PARISH INFORMATION

Confession: 6:30pm on Tuesdays before Mass & during Adoration.

Adoration: 7:30pm on Tuesdays after Mass.

Church Offering Report: once a month, in bulletin. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off in the parish mailbox. Please call the office to pick up your Church envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Giving: next withdrawal – *October 15th*

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, religious or consecrated virgin. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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Office: Tuesday – Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CALLS TO ACTION

Thank you to all who read the sampling of the 94 Calls to Action. These Calls to Action address every sector in Canadian society to redress the legacy of colonialism towards our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Thank you for taking on new awareness and understanding. If you would like to learn more about becoming an ally to Indigenous People, please visit the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation website at: www.trc.ca, the Canadian government website at: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca> or in our local community, the Healing of the Seven Generations website: www.healingofthesevengenerations.ca. Let us pray for our Indigenous neighbours, so that they know we honour them. Let us pray for healing, justice, and reconciliation, as well as the shared hope of a blessed future together.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who would like to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation this school year are invited to our upcoming information sessions. Families from both parishes are welcome on either date.

First Eucharist (Grade 2 and up)

Sunday October 1, 6 pm at St Joseph

Wednesday October 4, 6 pm at St Anne

Confirmation (Grade 7 and up)

Sunday October 29, 7 pm at St Joseph

Wednesday November 1, 7 pm at St Anne.



ST ANNE: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word



We are looking for volunteers to help lead our Children's Liturgy of the Word. During Mass, children from Jk-grade 2 are invited downstairs to hear & discuss scripture, pray, & share their faith.

We need teens & adults who can help our little ones as they experience the Liturgy. A guide is provided each week, & leaders will be scheduled approximately once per month. If you are interested in this ministry, or have any questions, please speak with Mary Forcier or Father Brian.

ST JOSEPH: COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is **THIS Sunday, October 1** at St Joseph Church. Please join us after Mass for fellowship in the hall.

ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAY

The next Coffee Sunday at St Anne Church will be on **Sunday, October 15**. We look forward to seeing you there.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St Joseph Church will be accepting non-perishable food donations at the doors of the church for all Masses up until Thanksgiving Sunday. Food donations will be taken by the Society of St Vincent de Paul to the Food Bank. You can also donate directly to our parish's SSVP monetarily through the donation boxes at front and side entrances to the Church or by email through ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: CHURCH OFFERING REPORT

Thank you! Your prayerful & monetary support are truly appreciated.

St Anne: September Parish Support

Offering/ Date	Regular	Loose	Building	Needs of the Church Cdn Collection	In Memory of Donation
3rd	\$3,035	\$130	\$294	0	\$20
10th	\$1,285	\$135	0	0	0
PAG 15 th	\$5,438	0	\$360	\$245	0
17th	\$1,440	\$125	\$175	0	0
24th	\$1,305	\$90	0	\$494	0
Total:	\$12,503	\$480	\$829	\$739	\$20

St Joseph: September Parish Support

Offering/ Date	Regular	Loose	Building	Needs of the Cdn Church Collection
3rd	\$595	\$280	\$242	0
10th	\$1,180	\$105	0	0
PAG 15 th	\$3,022	0	\$523	\$402
17th	\$2,135	\$290	\$290	0
24th	\$790	\$125	0	\$508
Total:	\$7,722	\$800	\$1,055	\$910

ST ANNE – LETTERS FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN



This week we would like to share another letter from one of our sponsored children. Sponsorship gives children the support

needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. For more information on Chalice, please visit: www.chalice.ca. Each child we support receives a monetary stipend at Christmas and their birthday, of \$50.

Mafaaza Junoo Mumuni is 13 years old, and she lives in Ghana. She writes:

"Dear St. Anne Parish,

I am very delighted to write you this letter. How are you and your entire family doing over there. I know by the Grace of God that everything is going on well. I want to use this opportunity to appreciate you for the birthday gift you have send me and my family. The money was use to buy books, textbook, school uniform and other items for my school. Also, we were able to buy some food stuff for my family. My family and I wish to thank you very much for your support and help towards us. May God richly bless you and your family. Thank you."

RCIA PROGRAM

If you or someone you know wishes to become a Catholic or to explore the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you. It will start in October. Please call the Office for more information.

ST ANNE: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



On Saturday, September 23, St Anne Parish community celebrated their volunteers at a special dinner. We thank each of our volunteers for the generosity and contributions made to our Church. We sincerely appreciate the time given and the dedication to St Anne Church and are truly blessed to have all our volunteers.

DIOCESE: UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

All Liturgical Ministers are encouraged to attend the following workshops. These sessions are a requirement for all newly appointed ministers to attend to receive the diocesan "mandatum". The **Ministers of the Word Formation Workshop** is on Saturday, October 14, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at St Michael Parish in Waterloo. The **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Formation Workshop** is on Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at St Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Visit the Diocese website to register: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

INVITATION FOR ST THERESE FEAST DAY

There will be a Mass in honour of the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Thérèse (1873-2023). The Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 3**, at the Carmelite Monastery, in St. Agatha, Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00 pm, Mass: 7:00 pm. Please write to the Sisters if you plan to attend: saintagatha@thecarmel.ca. or phone: 519-884-6700

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND

The next phase of the Lenten campaign is **Create Hope: Stand for the Land**. We are all asked to stand in solidarity with Honduran communities whose water and land are threatened by open-pit iron mines. Villages, rivers, and entire ecosystems are being poisoned. Let us stand with the people who are defending their resources, water, and territory for the common good of humanity. We encourage everyone to sign the petition found at the Church entrances, in asking the Government of Honduras to act to protect the rights to life and dignity of Honduran land and respect natural resources. Visit Development and Peace website at: www.devp.org to learn more.

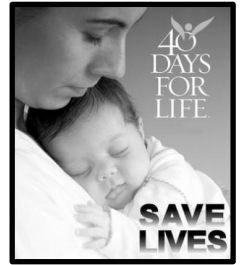


CARMELITE SISTERS IN ST AGATHA INVITATION

On **Monday, October 23** at 5:00 pm there will be a Mass in support of the Carmelite Sisters in St Agatha at Holy Family Croation Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer Street, Kitchener) followed by a reception and dinner in the hall. Presider is Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The minimum donation of \$250 is for two people. Please RSVP by October 10 to Jane Malleck: 519-503-1343 or jmalleck@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: PRAY TO END ABORTION

From September 27 to November 5, we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion. You are encouraged to get involved in Prayer & Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7:00 am-7:00 pm, seven days a week. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. Thank you and God bless!



DIOCESE: MARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

The next Diocesan Marian Day will be on **Saturday, October 7** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 am followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 am and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 am. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 pm followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 pm. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information at 519-824-3951.

FROM THE DIOCESE

THE POWER OF GENERATION LAUDATO SI' is the topic of a Webinar on **October 3**, at 7:00 pm. The conversation with Generation Laudato Si' editors, Rebecca Rathbone & Simon Appolloni & their young contributors will speak to the role of youth in leading our ecological conversion & how the book can be utilized as a resource in parishes, classrooms & community groups. The book captures the stories of Catholic Youth as they look at building a future that is guided by ecological spirituality & care for Creation. Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

ST MICHAEL CHURCH: MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending the diocesan Men's Discernment Group. The first meeting for the Fall will be held on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me: [<http://https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>]