



## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16-17, 2023

### Mass Intentions September 18-24, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	<u>8:00 am</u> † Souls in Purgatory – Maria Da Costa	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> † Carolina & Frank Petric - Mary	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> † Deceased relatives of Renata - Renata	Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>8:00 am</u> † Deceased relatives of Renata - Renata	No Mass	Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Fr. Brian & Fr. Mussie – Rosary Group	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of St Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St Clements Int of Jeffrey Perriera – Julia Domingues	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
<b>Friday</b>	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Priests, Bishops & Deacons – Rosary Group	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of David & Daniel Andrade – J & S Andrade † Holy Souls in Purgatory – Margaret Boland	Rev. Vivek Trindade
<b>Saturday</b>	<u>4:00 pm</u> † Neil Corbett – Henry & LeeAnn Walser † Tony Wesseling – Jim & Marlene Durrer Int of Pamela Brown - friend	<u>5:00 pm</u> † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Teresa Viveiros – family † Adolfo Couto – St Joseph Choir Int of Dominic Gemmiti – Tony Finoro	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>9:30 am</u> † Ramdai Luckhai – Hakek family	<u>11:00 am</u> † Orlanda Amorim – husband † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Anthony Cadilha – mommy & daddy	

### PARISH INFORMATION

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

**Adoration:** 7:30 pm 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

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.  
Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### September 17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Sirach 27:30–28:7
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35

**FOCUS:** We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves; God's mercy is for all.

We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus teaches.

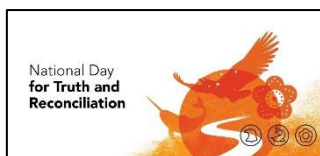
#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading teaches that to be forgiven, one must forgive. In the second reading, Paul teaches that none of us lives and dies for oneself, but together for the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the debtor who refuses to share with others the mercy he has been shown by his master.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special diocesan collection **NEXT** weekend, **September 23-24**. The Needs of the Canadian Church is an annual collection to assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. As part of their episcopal ministry, the Bishops will continue to work together on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family. We thank you for your generous support.

## NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



On **Friday, September 29** an informal vigil to commemorate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will be held on the steps of St Joseph Church from 7:00-8:00 pm.

On **Saturday, September 30**, **The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**, St Anne Church will host a special Mass for Reconciliation at St Anne at 9:00 am. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St Anne and St Joseph parishes. It will be followed by a walk to the Healing of the Seven Generations, 300 Frederick Street. From there we will have a chance to join many others in the "Every Child Matters" walk at 10:00 am to Victoria Park. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CALLS TO ACTION



The Church is called to educate the faithful on why reparations with Indigenous people are necessary. We call upon church parties to ensure that their respective congregations learn about the church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and provide funding for Indigenous-controlled healing and reconciliation projects. Calls to Action, 2015. #58-61. [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca)

## ST JOSEPH: COFFEE SUNDAYS



Our monthly Coffee Sundays have resumed. Thank you to those that came to say hello at our 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Sunday, last weekend. Moving forward, anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to talk to members of the social committee or contact the church office. Volunteer to help keep the coffee brewing and the fellowship growing! The next coffee Sunday will be on Sunday, October 1.

## ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAYS

**THIS** Sunday is Coffee Sunday at St Anne. Please come down after Mass and join us. There will be a brief presentation video highlighting the Every Child Matters walk on September 30 related to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The next Coffee Sunday at St Anne Church will be on Sunday, October 15.

## 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

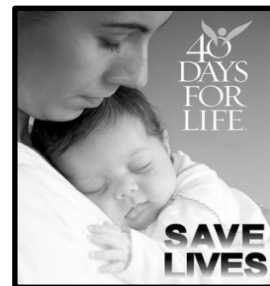
Wednesday November 1, 7 pm at St Anne.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE: VOCATIONS

Hamilton Diocese has accepted six new candidates to begin studies for the ministerial priesthood. Photo information cards are available at the Church entrances. Please pray that God may continue to bless our local Churches with generous men and women who hear the call to serve His people.

## 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 and fasting for an end to abortion. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and 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 and 7:00 pm, seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting-an-Hour a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies.



You can either sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing/calling Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) or 519-904-2620. 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. You are also invited to join us for the OPENING RALLY which will be held on Tuesday September 25th, 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country! Thank you and God bless!

### KW RIGHT TO LIFE: MEMORIAL LIFE CHAIN

We mourn the loss of over 4 million children aborted in Canada since 1970. Join us on **Sunday October 1**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street West, and hold a sign in silent prayer. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call KW Right to Life 519.746.LIFE(5433) or [kwrtl@golden.net](mailto:kwrtl@golden.net) Unborn babies are human beings in need of protection. Join us to help effect change.

### FRASSATTI YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is for young people to join us for formation as Catholic leaders, and then go back to their respective communities to put their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30 and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>.

### MARILLAC PLACE: THANK YOU

Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign on behalf of Marillac Place this year. St Anne raised \$1,269 and St Joseph raised \$750! This will make a profound impact on the lives of mothers and mothers-to-be facing homelessness in Waterloo Region. Your support allows Marillac Place to continue to create a nurturing environment where new mothers can find guidance, empowerment, and the tools needed to overcome the challenges they face, and find hope as they strive to build a brighter future for themselves and their children. Thank you for your outstanding support!

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: CHURCH OFFERING REPORT

#### St Anne: August Parish Support

Offering/ Date	Regular	Loose
6th	\$1,240	\$105
13th	\$1,305	\$160
PAG 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,378	0
20th	\$1,280	\$150
27th	\$1,185	\$175
Total:	\$10,388	\$590

#### St Joseph: August Parish Support

Offering/ Date	Regular	Loose	Building
6th	\$1,070	\$285	\$255
13th	\$1,125	\$230	0
PAG 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,054	0	\$546
20th	\$430	\$225	\$140
27th	\$770	\$95	0
Total:	\$6,449	\$835	\$941

**Co-op Mission Collection at St Joseph:** Thank you for your generous donations to the Kenya Co-op Mission. We collected \$2,310.

### ST AGNES: EDUCATION CAFÉ

We are happy to announce the launch of the fall session of the “St. Agnes Education Café Series”, with a special event on **Sunday, October 1**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm at St Agnes Church, Waterloo on “Living a life of Faith, not Fear”. Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness & “order” one moment – then sadness & “chaos” the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus & not to let doubt, fear & anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our every day lives, so we can earn the true peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring – an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away? Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

### 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.

### 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. Please visit the Diocese website to register: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### DIOCESE: RCIA

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.

### 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 Croatia 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 [cjmalleck@gmail.com](mailto:cjmalleck@gmail.com).

### ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder that if you have lost any personal items (watches, eyewear, car/house keys, jewellery, etc) please call the office. These items of value are not put in the lost and found box at the back of the Church and are kept in the office for safekeeping.