



3rd Sunday of Lent March 11-12, 2023

Mass Intentions March 13-19, 2023

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tuesday 7:00 pm	† Trinity & Ernesto Matias – Georgina Int of Matthew - family	Int of Parishioners	Rev. David Wilhelm
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family Int of Agnes – friend Int of Elizabeth Tamayo – J & S Andrade	No Mass	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday 8:00 am	† Zofia Paszek – Elizabeth Meakes	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Friday 8:00 am	† Steve Erb – Hayek Family	Int of Bishop Crosby – Darlene Clausung	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	† Ray Koch – family † Cathy Todd – Jim & Marlene Durrer	† Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues Int of Diane Finoro – Tony Finoro	Rev. George Stortz
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Int of Mestyan family – B Morrison	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Christian Teixeira – Teixeira family † Maria dos Anjos Sousa – Gloria Melo & Carma Viero	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

Church Offering Report: once a month. 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 – *March 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am
St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30-3:30pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

March 12 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

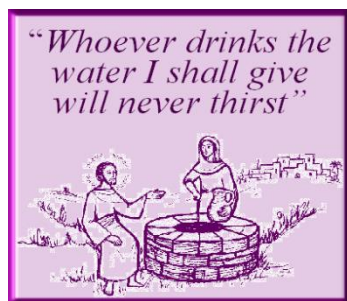
- 1) Exodus 17:3-7
- 2) Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- 3) John 4:5-42

FOCUS: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that we have been justified by faith. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. He speaks of living water and knows her past; she believes he is the Messiah.



SEASON OF LENT



Lenten Reflection booklets are available at the entrances of the Churches (free will offering).

Please join us every Friday during Lent for the **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm at BOTH St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Several priests will be available for individual reconciliation.

St. Anne: Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

St. Mark: Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes: Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 pm

St. Joseph: Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

St. Mary's: Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

St. Aloysius: Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament: Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 pm

St. Anthony Daniel: Friday, March 31 at 7:00 pm

St. Teresa of Avila (Kitchener): Saturday, April 1 at 4:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

	St. Anne	St. Joseph
April 6 HOLY Thursday <i>(note: no morning masses)</i>	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 7 GOOD Friday <i>(note: no morning masses)</i>	11:00 am Family Celebration 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy	9:00 am Good Friday Prayers 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy
April 8 HOLY Saturday <i>(note: no 4:00/5:00 pm masses)</i>	8:00 pm Easter Vigil	8:00 pm Easter Vigil
April 9 EASTER Sunday	9:30 am Resurrection of the Lord	11:00 am Resurrection of the Lord

ST. JOSEPH – HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The sign-up sheet for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for HOLY WEEK is in the Sacristy.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our high school youth group (grades 9-12) meets **Friday, March 17** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Anne.

Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets **Friday, March 24** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Anne

► THINKfast:

Our annual THINKfast returns! THINKfast is an overnight event where young people fast together for 25 hours, learn about local and global issues, raise money, and have a lot of fun! This year's THINKfast will be **March 24-25** in support of Development and Peace and Tiny Home Takeout. Watch for more information, and plan to support our youth as they explore this social justice experience.

Volunteers wanted anyone able to help during THINKfast (supervision, activities, food after the fast, etc.) is invited to contact mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation need to be reminded of the following dates:

First Communion: **Sunday, April 2** at St. Anne (6-7pm) OR **Monday, April 3** at St. Joseph (6-7pm).

Confirmation: **Sunday, March 26** at St. Joseph (7-8:30pm) OR **Monday, March 27** at St. Anne (7-8:30pm).

ST. ANNE – COFFEE SUNDAY

Next weekend, March 19 is Coffee Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come down to the church hall after mass for fellowship and fresh brewed coffee.

ST. JOSEPH - GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

The Social Committee at St. Joseph's Church is hosting a simple meal of fried fish and salad after the Good Friday liturgy. You must purchase tickets in advance to participate. Tickets will be available after masses until March 12th. The cost is \$10.00 per plate. Come and spend some social time with members of our parish, both new and old. Thank you!



ST. ANNE - CWL

St. Mary's/St. Anne's Catholic Women's League - greetings and blessings dear ladies. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, March 12** (please note change of date for this month), following St. Mary's 11:00 am Mass. We will be honouring St. Joseph, Patron Saint of our Country and Church, with prayer and reflection. Please join us for a drink, and a plate of savoury buns. Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with each of you Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer! See you on the 12th!

SHARELENT – Colombia: defence of land and territory



Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land & territory against exploitation.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities

affected by armed conflict in defending their lives & territories & in building a culture of peace through filmmaking & art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On February 8, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) issued four pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; letters to First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and the People of God in Canada were released. The link to these letters, titled "That We May Walk Together" can be found here:

<https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/that-we-may-walk-together-series-of-pastoral-letters-2023/>.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT – GUELPH – APRIL 1st

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20-30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship & Praise Music. Arrival & Holy Hour (6:30-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30-8:30 pm), Praise Night & Vocation Testimony (8:00-9:00 pm), & Compline (9:00 pm) at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (Guelph). Contact the diocese for more information.

ST. AGATHA - SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Mass on **Monday, March 20**, 3.00 pm, in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL – CARD PARTY INVITE

Tickets are now available for our annual card party on **Wednesday, April 26** in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 am with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. Contact the parish office at 519-893-6960

KW RIGHT TO LIFE - ADORATION FOR LIFE

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Console His Sacred Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Rosary for Life: **Sunday, March 26** after the 10:00 am mass at St. Boniface Church (Maryhill).

EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION

Are you concerned about the rapid expansion of euthanasia in Canada? Alex Shadenberg, a world-wide expert on the subject, will speak at Columbus Conference Centre (145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo) on **Saturday, March 18** at 1:00 pm. Call to reserve seats at 519-746-5433. Free will offering.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

JOHN B. MILLER AND FRIENDS - CONCERTS

- Mar. 17 – St. Mary's Church, Kitchener
- Mar. 24 – St. John Church, Kitchener

As always, our concerts during Lent begin with a 20-minute *Stations of the Cross* service starting at 7:00 pm, followed by the concert. A \$20 cash donation per person is appreciated, but not required.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Bishop Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith.

SENIOR OF THE YEAR 2023

Do you know an outstanding Kitchener resident aged 65+? If so, nominate this person to be Kitchener's 2023 Senior of the Year! This award recognizes the outstanding contributions of adults 65+ in our community. All candidates and their guests will be invited to attend the ceremony featuring light refreshments, entertainment, and the announcement of the award recipient. Every nominee will be recognized at this event on **Tuesday, May 30** at 7:00 pm with a signed certificate from Mayor Vrbancovic. Please see bulletin boards for more information or call 519-741-2200 extension: 5345.

