



1st Sunday of Lent February 25 - 26, 2023

Mass Intentions February 27 – March 5, 2023

Prayer Calendar

| | St. Anne | St. Joseph | Diocese of Hamilton |
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| Monday 8:00 am | No Mass | † Emmerich Wiesnegger – Darlene Clausing | Rev. Jim Valk, C.R. |
| Tuesday 7:00 pm | Int of Parishioners | † Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira † John Finoro – Tony Finoro | Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R. |
| Wednesday 8:00 am | Int of Mary Lou – family † John Goldsworthy – Hayek family | No Mass | Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.) |
| Thursday 8:00 am | † Janet Hughs – Rita Williamson | Int of Parishioners | Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R. |
| Friday 8:00 am | World Day of Prayer † Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias – Georgina † Mike McGrath – Yvonne McGrath | World Day of Prayer Int of Parishioners | World Day of Prayer Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R. |
| Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm | † Ray Koch – family † Robert Eckert – family | † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Wolfgang & MaryAnne Dienst – Frank Kossuth | Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C. |
| Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am | Int of Dora Ledesma – J & S Andrade † Nancy Ehiorobo & Angelina de Sousa – family | † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Paulina & Louis D'Rosa - A & A Arruda † Manuel Vieira – Carma Vieira | |

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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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

February 26– 1st Sunday of Lent

- 1) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- 2) Romans 5:12-19
- 3) Matthew 4:1-11

FOCUS: Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. Through him we are made righteous.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the serpent convinces the woman to eat fruit from the forbidden tree, which she shares with her husband. Their eyes are opened, and they realize they are naked. In the second reading Paul writes that, through the obedience of Christ, many will become righteous. In the Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan after fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus resists all that Satan offers and commands him to get away.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent



Lenten Reflection booklets are available at the entrances of the Churches (free will offering). Lent is a time for fasting, reflection, for almsgiving, and prayer.

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

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

► **Next Youth Group meeting:**

Our high school youth group (grades 9-12) meets Friday, March 3 (7-8:30 pm) at St. Joseph.

Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets **Friday, March 10** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Joseph.

► **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.

► **Vacation Bible School:**



Mark your calendars for VBS 2023! This half-day camp for ages 5-11 will run in the mornings from August 21-25. Leaders (finishing grade 6 and up) are needed. Please set aside July 17-21 for setup. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



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

First Communion: Sunday, March 5 at St. Anne (6-7pm) OR **Monday, March 6** 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).

EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT

In response to the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, many of the faithful are anxious to assist their suffering brothers and sisters. If you are looking to support the people of Syria and Turkey, please consider donating. His Excellency Bishop Crosby, OMI, has authorized a special collection in our Parishes in support of the victims of these earthquakes this weekend, **February 25/26**. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Please make cheques payable to the Parish (St. Anne Church OR St. Joseph Church).

Let us continue to prayer for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

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 5th. The cost is \$10.00 per plate, \$15.00 for a plate with two pieces of fish. Come and spend some social time with members of our parish, both new and old. Thank you!



DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS

In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of Prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse. On **Sunday, March 5** this day will be observed with a Holy Hour of Prayer at 3:00 pm at BOTH St. Joseph and St. Anne Churches.

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.

EDUCATION CAFÉ – “TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM”

On **Sunday March 5**, at 2:00 pm, St. Agnes Church, (75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo) welcomes everyone to come and listen to our guest speaker, Fr. Vivek Trindade. This event will focus on trusting in God, relying on Him to calm our internal storms of fear, doubt, and uncertainty. More details are on our bulletin board or at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Bishop Wayne 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. This month we will begin our look at the 10 Commandments. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith.

SHARELENT – A MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.

To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit devp.org.

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On February 8, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) 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/>.

The CCCB affirms its ongoing commitment to renewing and strengthening relations with Indigenous Peoples at the national, regional, and local levels.

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. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Mass on **Monday, March 20**, at 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.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE – PRAYER VIGIL

Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 2, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own!

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This study group, of the Gospel of John, is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Each session invites us to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Jesus through study, prayer, & lively group discussion. Bring your questions, we'll explore and learn together! We meet on **Tuesdays, through to April 11** (9:45 am - 11:45 am or 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm). Cost: \$10.00. Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. For more information/register call parish office: 519-742-5061.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT - WATERLOO

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 4** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Kitchener on **Friday, March 3**. The theme is, "I Have Heard About Your Faith". There are many ways that you can participate. For more information, please contact: Shirley Gosselin, Chair World Day of Prayer (Kitchener Region): 519-742-3248 or Csgosselin17@gmail.com. **Please see the bulletin board at the Church entrance for more detailed information about participating.**