



## 4th Sunday of Lent March 18-19, 2023

### Mass Intentions March 20-26, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

Mass Times	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	No Mass	Int of Parishioners	<b>St. Joseph, Patron of Canada &amp; the Universal Church</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	Int of Erica – M. Schnarr	† Franz Clausing – Darlene Clausing	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family Int of Agnes – friend	No Mass	Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	Int of Parishioners	Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira	Rev. Piotr Golinski
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	Int of Parishioners	St. Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St. Clements	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
<b>Saturday</b> St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	† Ken Young - family † Robert Eckert – family † Joan Schnarr – Fr. Earl Int of Ed Young – the family	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Teresa Viveiros – family † Mariano Soares – Maria S	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
<b>Sunday</b> St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Int of Hugo Tamayo – J & S Andrade	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Orlanda Amorim – husband † Anthony Cadilha – mommy & daddy	

### 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 – April 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

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### This Week's Liturgical Readings

#### March 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41

**FOCUS:** Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness.

Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The Pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will?

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

God sends Samuel to anoint the new king of Israel. Samuel surprises everyone by calling for and anointing David, the youngest of Jesse's sons. The Lord's Spirit rushed upon David. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians to live as children of light and expose darkness. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, breaking the sabbath rules.

## SEASON OF LENT

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

St. Teresa of Avila (Kitchener): 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

St. Michael (Waterloo): Wednesday, April 5, 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

	St. Anne	St. Joseph
<b>April 6</b> <b>HOLY Thursday</b> <i>(note: no morning masses)</i>	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>April 7</b> <b>GOOD Friday</b> <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
<b>April 8</b> <b>HOLY Saturday</b> <i>(note: no 4:00/5:00 pm masses)</i>	8:00 pm Easter Vigil	8:00 pm Easter Vigil
<b>April 9</b> <b>EASTER Sunday</b>	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

THINKfast returns next weekend, March 24-25! For 25 hours, youth from our parishes will fast from food while fundraising and exploring social justice issues in the global south and in downtown Kitchener. Can you help us? We are collecting donations for Development and Peace and St Mary's Tiny Home Takeout. If you can contribute, please see any of the youth participating, or speak with Mary about making a pledge. Please pray for all those fasting, and for those we hope to support with our time and prayer.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



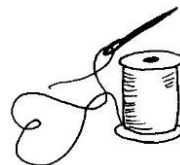
Families with children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation need to be reminded of the following dates:

**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).

## CALLING ALL SEAMSTERS & NEEDLEWORKERS!

We are looking for 5-6 sewers who could help us hem simple fabric banners for our First Communicants to decorate during their retreats in April. Fabric and patterns will be provided. If you could help with this project, please contact Mary Forcier at [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com).



## LAST CALL FOR TINY SAINTS!

Add a Tiny Saint to your life! These small charms make great keychains, zipper pulls, purse hangers, or backpack decorations. Available options:

- St. Anne
- St. Joseph
- Mary, Blessed Mother
- St. Josephine Bakhita
- St. Charles Lwanga
- St. Faustina
- St. Terese Liseux
- OLO Fatima
- Blessed Carlo Acutis (the first Millennial blessed!)



Call Parish offices or contact Mary to purchase, [mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com). Suggested donation is \$10 per Tiny Saint, in support of World Youth Day pilgrims.

## ST. ANNE – COFFEE SUNDAY

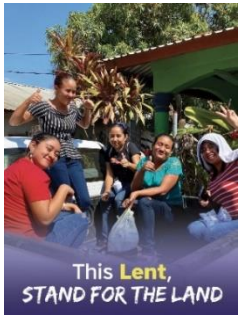
THIS weekend, March 19 is Coffee Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come down to the church hall after mass for fellowship and fresh brewed coffee.



## SHARELENT – SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 25 & 26**, is Solidarity Sunday, when the SHARELENT collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Stand for the Land campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **THIS WEEKEND**, in the pews, you will find yellow SHARELENT envelopes for you to use. Our solidarity rests on your generosity. Thank you.

## SHARELENT – Standing for the Land in Honduras



Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada supports Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

## 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

## JOHN B. MILLER AND FRIENDS - CONCERT

The last concert is on **Friday, March 24** at 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.

## 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).

## 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. TERESA (Elmira) – MINI RETREAT

You are invited to join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church, (19 Flamingo Dr, Elmira) for a MINI RETREAT, **"MARY'S YES TODAY"**. Join us on **Saturday, March 25** from 1:30–4:30 pm followed by the Eucharist at 5:00 pm. The retreat is facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Rosemary Howarth, Celeste Reinhart, and Barbara Paleczny. All are welcome. Refreshments included. Please register for the retreat by calling the St. Teresa Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or emailing [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com).

## 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.

## 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS NEWS



Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? Have you registered for the Anniversary Mass? If so, you should have received an email confirmation. If you have not received confirmation, please call the

diocese. There has also been some confusion about the date. The Anniversary Mass is on **Sunday, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**. There are only two weeks left to register. Register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 for more information.

## RESTART: MOVING FORWARD PROGRAM

**RESTART: MOVING FORWARD** is a brand-new program prepared by the Family Ministry Office providing support for those seeking healing after a separation or divorce. The program takes place on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., from March 21<sup>st</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sessions are in-person or by ZOOM. Please register by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or email [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

## YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT – GUELPH – APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

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.

**LIVE AS PEOPLE OF LIGHT!**

EPHESIANS 5 : 8