



4th Sunday of Easter and Good Shepherd Sunday April 29-30, 2023

Mass Intentions May 1 – May 7, 2023

Prayer Calendar

Mass Times	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	Feast of St. Joseph the Worker Int of Baby John & Family – Johnny Baby	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Tuesday 7:00 pm	† Joan Schnarr – Mary & Erica † Joseph Latin – Mario & Vicky Lorello	† Mrs. Concetta Leone – Donata Leone	Rev. William Foote
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family	No Mass	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.)
Thursday 8:00 am	Int of Mary & Erica – family	Int of Sneha – friend Int of Naty M. Pose - Zennie	Rev. Terence Sehl
Friday 8:00 am	† Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias – Georgina	† Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Saturday St. Anne 4:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm	† Ray Koch – family † Tom Erdman – Janet Int of Tessa D'Sousa – Ruth & Robert Coelho & family Int of Kurt & Lynda Munz on their 40 th Wedding Anniversary - friends	† Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Wolfgang & Mary Dienst – Frank Kossuth † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira Thanksgiving – Bernie & Jeanne Zettel	St. Francois De Laval Patron of the Bishops of Canada
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11:00 am	† June Walter – Maureen Rodrigue † Betty Hoffarth – Hoffarth family Int of First Holy Communicants & their families – parish Int of Wayne & Lynn McGillivray on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary - family	† Fernanda & Manuel Novo – A & A Arruda † Leticia Madore – Darlene Clausing	

SUNDAY MASS

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 – May 15th

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

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, 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

April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter

- 1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- 2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- 3) John 10:1-10

FOCUS: The sheep follow Christ because they recognize his voice.

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. He is present, leading us. Christ does not speak only in miraculous visions or through powerful movements of the heart. God speaks through Scripture and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter to preach, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Peter proclaims Christ crucified & the people are cut to the heart, asking what to do. Peter calls them to repent & be baptized, & about three thousand persons were added that day. In the second reading, Peter writes of the suffering Christ endured that we might live for righteousness. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the shepherd & the gate who protects & guides his sheep.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

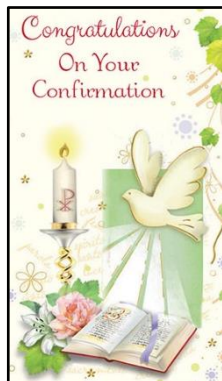


The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and

Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

Aden	Eden	Maximilian
Aidan	Erika	Michael
Amelia	Gabriel	Natalie
Anika	Isabell	Nathalie
Annabella F	Jed Gabriel	Nicolas
Annabella R	Jerusha	Nicole
Ariana	Jimmy	Olivia M
Arielle	Kylynn	Olivia R
Benjamin	Liam	Rachel
Bryan	Maeve	Richard
Cassandra	Malakai	Xavier
Diego	Manuel	Zoey



On Wednesday, April 26, Msgr. Murray J. Kroetsch celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with our faith community. God has called them by name, and we congratulate them as they receive this third Sacrament of Initiation. Please pray for them and for their families. May the Holy Spirit be with them always.

WELCOME FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

From **April 30 to May 28**, we are thrilled to welcome this year's First Communicants and their families during our masses. Join us in praying for and supporting the children as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time! It is a joy to return to celebrating with these young families during our regular Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Families with children preparing for First Communion need to be reminded of the following information for the Retreat: The retreat will be from 1-3:30 pm, **Saturday, May 13** at St Joseph Church. This retreat is for children from St Anne Parish celebrating on May 14 and May 28, as well as children from St Joseph, celebrating on June 4.

ST. JOSEPH - COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is next weekend on Sunday, May 7. All are welcome after mass for fellowship and fresh coffee. ☕

ST. JOSEPH – MAY 1ST – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Patron of St. Joseph Parish: 8:00 am Mass. Following the Mass there will be a celebration, organized and led by the Jesus Youth Movement, the young adult group that prays at our parish, to honour our patron Saint. The short liturgy will consist of a meditation on the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph and the Litany, with a special blessing. After the Liturgy, refreshment will be served in the parish hall. All are invited to join us as we begin May, the Month of Mary, by praying to God for his protection through the intercession of Joseph, the Worker.

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE: AUG 5 – AUG 12

20th Anniversary: Walking from Guelph to Midland



WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:

- ✚ nourishing your spirituality
- ✚ enjoying the great outdoors
- ✚ getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- ✚ having fun & enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2023.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY!

Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up is on **Saturday May 6**, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, at the St. Anthony Daniel parking lot at Ottawa & Franklin. We will be collecting all your old electronics, outdated televisions, computers, laptops, & cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel, & brass. The Kitchener & area Girl Guides will be on hand selling their renowned cookies. Also, pick up a bottle of the delicious Knights of Columbus locally produced maple syrup. A cash donation or non-perishable food for the Waterloo Region Foodbank is welcomed. For further information contact: Dave Hudder: 519-575-3614---hudderconnie3@gmail.com Reinhart Schreiter: 519-570-3469---rkschreiter@hotmail.com

VBS

VBS – Save the date! Half-day camp for ages 5-11 will run mornings from August 21-25. More information coming soon!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Heartache to Healing

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our six-week grief support program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. The program runs Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm, **May 17 to June 2** at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Register with Kathy Shaw 519-886-2117 or email shawbing@rogers.com. More info/dates - <https://stmichaelw.ca/grief-support>. Please register by Monday, May 8th. Monthly informal drop-in support is also available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- Birds Weekend Retreat - May 19-21
 - Directed Prayer Weekend - June 9-11
 - Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - June 9-11
 - Teilhard de Chardin 8-Day Retreat - June 15-23
 - 8-Day Directed Silent Retreat - May 23-31; June 15-23
- Register online: loyolahouse.com or call 519-824-1250 ext 266.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT

On Saturday, **May 6**, 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), at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

- The next Adoration for Life will be **May 4** (St. Agnes, Waterloo, 6pm) and **May 5** (St. Teresa, Kitchener, 6pm), as we pause this month to concentrate on Christ's death and Resurrection.
- Bus trip to Queen's Park for the March for Life in Toronto Leaves Walmart Parking Lot - Fairway Park Mall 10:30 am, **May 12**. Be there by 10:00 am. Returns to Kitchener by 6pm. Reserve your bus seat - \$30 (Bus has washroom). Students ride free. Parents, bring your children and grandchildren or friends. Contact 519.746.5433 jane@kwrtl.ca. Please call to reserve your seat!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



Catholic Education Week is held each year in May in our 29 Ontario Catholic School Boards. Catholic Education

Week 2023 is scheduled to take place during the week of April 30 – May 5. It is our pleasure to announce the theme for Catholic Education Week 2023: We are Many, We are One. Inspired by the Gospel, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association provides the provincial voice, leadership and service for elected Catholic school trustees to promote and protect publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario. Please read the letter from Bishop Crosby at the back of the bulletin.

ST. TERESA ELMIRA - ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA

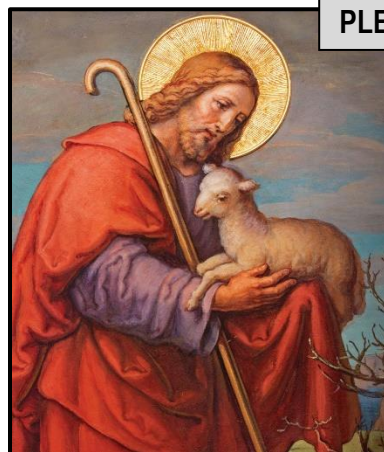
Join us for an ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA on **Saturday, May 13** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts, and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed, please request this when you purchase your ticket.

SPAM/SCAM EMAILS



Recently several parishioners have received fake emails claiming to be from Parish staff. Please check carefully that anything received from us is from our email address. Many times, someone's name will be correct, but the email address in the 'sent' field is incorrect. If you think a link looks suspicious, don't click on it! Scammers are smart and will do their best to trick you. No one from the parish office will ever contact you asking for cash or gift cards. If you are in doubt, please contact us to check if an email is legitimate. Please let the parish office know if you have received these emails, so we can take action if necessary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3



BISHOP OF HAMILTON

MESSAGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2023

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is “*We are many, we are one*”. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another.” (Romans 12:5) Diversity and variety of gifts are a great blessing! We are all called to be distinctly ourselves; images of the Creator, and yet unified as one family, one body in Christ. The celebration of diversity and unity can bring hope and healing to our world.

Our Catholic Education community in the Diocese of Hamilton contributes to this important work. It is in the classroom where our children are encouraged to discern their unique giftedness, and have it nurtured through a variety of learning opportunities. It is through such collaborative work that educators and staff in our Catholic Schools find joy in their vocation of service to one another and the broader community. It is through prayerful support that our parishes and schools stand in solidarity with one another, on common ground, nourishing the faith formation of all those involved in the life and legacy of Catholic Education. We are one body, and we are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic community, we journey together with our Catholic Schools. In preparation for the *Synod: Communion, Participation, Mission*, we ask the question, “How does our journeying together allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel?” We ask the same question in relationship to our Catholic Schools. When we journey together in trust, we break down barriers, and promote true encounter. When we listen to one another, we can see with “new eyes” and find commonality, even in our differences. Listening becomes welcoming. We learn patience, empathy, and support - we learn how to thrive, together.

The call of the Synod and the call of this year’s theme for Catholic Education Week is to, “Enlarge the space of our tent” (Isaiah 54:2). This can mean stretching beyond our comfort zones, and learning to love our neighbor without limitations. We make room for everyone, for everything belongs to God, and is worthy of the reverence and respect that our Creator God gives us. May our Catholic learning communities continue to be places of hospitality and dignity, for they play an important part in the work of the missionary Church.

Thank you to our leaders in Catholic education; the priests of our diocese, the pastoral workers, chaplaincy leaders, trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and guardians who build up the Body of Christ each day with prayerful witness and attitudes of generosity and joy. Thank you for your dedication to Catholic education and to the youth of our Diocese.

May this celebration of Catholic Education Week be a recommitment for our Diocesan community, to walk together as one family, united in common mission, charity and love.

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton

May 1, 2023