



## Ascension of the Lord Sunday May 20-21, 2023

### Mass Intentions May 22 – May 28, 2023

### Prayer Calendar

Mass Times	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	No Mass	† All Holy Souls – Johnny Baby	Rev. Peter Meyer
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	† Joseph Latin – Rosalina Tony Ruggiero † Mila & Tone Cukeric – family	<b>Liturgy of the Word and Adoration</b>	Rev. Emmanuel Olusola
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family † Ines Apunte – J & S Andrade † Anthony Hayek – Hayek family	No Mass	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>	Int of Bishop Crosby – Darlene Clausing	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	Int of Mary P – friend	Int of St. Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St. Clements	<b>St. Philip Neri</b> , Patron Saint of Canadian Home Mission Work
<b>Saturday</b> St. Anne 4:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm	† Ed Young – friend † Susan Dedyna – Mary K Int of Sister Harriet Schnurr, SSND – Millie Eckert	† Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Manuel Lameira – Fernanda Lameira † Teresa Viveiros – family † Carlos Codeço – Alda Pimenta	Rev. Robert Héту
<b>Sunday</b> St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11:00 am	Int of 1 <sup>st</sup> Communicants & Families – parish	† Orlanda Amorim – husband † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Teresita R. Soledad – Zennie & family	

### ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH

Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times (see above).

**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 – June 15<sup>th</sup>

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS –

**\*OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, MAY 23\***

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

### DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

Jesus said, “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” If you are discerning God’s call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, 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

#### May 21<sup>st</sup> – Ascension of the Lord Sunday

- 1) Acts 1:1-11
- 2) Ephesians 1:17-23
- 3) Matthew 28:16-20

**FOCUS:** Jesus, lifted to glory, is present to all his disciples in every age.

Today we celebrate the ascension of Christ to his eternal glory at the right hand of the Father. He was lifted up that he might be present to all in every age. As the disciples stood before the Lord on that first Ascension Day, let us now come before him with confidence in his forgiveness and mercy, and in the promise that he is with us to the end of the age.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the opening verses of Acts, Saint Luke describes how Jesus ascended to the Father, having first entrusted his Apostles with the task of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world. In the second reading, Paul prays that all who hear his words might experience the wisdom and power of the ascended Christ, who now reigns in glory over all creation. Matthew recalls the ascension of Jesus and his promise to be with them to the end of the age.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

**THIS WEEKEND** there is a special collection: The Pope's Pastoral Works collection. National collections are those collections which the Bishops have agreed in principle be taken up, generally on the same day in parishes across the country. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. There are yellow envelopes in the pews and we ask that you give what you are able. Thank you for your generosity.

### ST. ANNE - COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is **THIS** weekend on **Sunday, May 21**. All are welcome after Mass for fellowship and fresh coffee. ☕

### WELCOME FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

From **April 30 to June 4**, we are thrilled to welcome 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.



### ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH: K of C - ROSES FOR LIFE

**NEXT WEEKEND:** The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will distribute roses after parish Masses, which attach to the lapel of jackets or coats. These are designed to increase awareness of Pro-Life issues. When you receive your rose, your free will offering will help the Knights support Pro-Life issues in our community. It's a practical way to raise funds and provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign. Knights will be offering the roses after Masses on the weekend of **May 27 and May 28**.



### ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH: BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes are proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. This fundraiser will run until June 18 (Father's Day). You can provide your support for the campaign by taking a baby bottle and filling it with your change, making a donation in the box at the back of the church, donating online, or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place (109 Young Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4Z2). The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser. Thank you for your support. All proceeds will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help make an immediate impact.



### ST. JOSEPH - COFFEE SUNDAY

St. Joseph Church welcomes everyone for Coffee Sunday on **June 4** in the Church hall after Mass.

### ST. ANNE - PARISH PICNIC JUNE 4, 2023!

There will be sign-up sheets at church entrances starting **THIS WEEKEND: May 20 & 21**, for the Parish Picnic/BBQ on June 4 at 12:00 pm. The picnic will be our last social gathering until September, so we hope to see you there. Pray for ☀.

### ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for grades 6-8 continues to meet on the second Friday of each month at St Joseph, & the fourth Friday at St Anne. Our group for Highschool meets the first Friday of each month at St. Joseph, & the third Friday at St. Anne. Join us from 7-8:30 for games, prayer, fellowship and more.

### ST. ANNE SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

We look forward to welcoming staff and students of St Anne School to the return of our annual "Family Mass." On **Sunday, May**



**28** at 9:30 Mass, we will share the celebration of Pentecost with our extended parish-school family. Come, Holy Spirit!

### ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH - VBS 3...2...1... BLAST OFF!

**Registration is now open for our annual Vacation Bible School.**

Stellar VBS is a week-long half-day summer camp for children finishing JK through grade 5. Camp will run at St Anne Parish for children and volunteers from both St Anne and St Joseph 9:00 am to 12:30 pm the week of **August 21 to 25**. Online registration for camp and more information is available at <https://bit.ly/stellar2023>. We are in need of teen and adult volunteers to help with preparation of materials, for our setup week July 17-21, and for the week of camp. Please contact [Mary Forcier](#) if you can help!



### GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE: AUG 5 - AUG 12

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Walking from Guelph to Midland.** 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 & 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](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE:** registration deadline June 20, 2023.

### CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH – SAVE THE DATE

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on **Sunday, July 16**. More info will follow.

### KW RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

Our annual & largest fundraiser is The Walk for Life. It will be held on **Saturday, May 27** at 10:00 am. Gather at 9:30 am. Start time: 10:00 am from St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen St. East, Waterloo. Walk to King St. & turn right on to Erb St. Return to Waterloo Square for a break, then back to St. Louis Church Hall for pizza & draw prizes. All walkers under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call KW RTL 519-746-5433 for pledge forms & information. Pledge sheets are at the back of the church. We are deeply grateful for your pledges. We hope you can attend the event even if you do not Walk, to help celebrate our 46<sup>th</sup> annual Walk for Life.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT – PILGRIM STATUE TOUR

Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue will visit Blessed Sacrament Parish (305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener), on **Tuesday, May 30** at 6:30 pm. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard. The Marian celebration includes:



- Rosary
- Mass including the history of Our Lady of the Cape
- Candlelight Procession, and
- Veneration

There will be a petition box, all intentions will be taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the tour, Father Wedner will celebrate a Mass for them. A donation box and products from the Shrine will be available for sale as well.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

### FROM THE DIOCESE: REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **Thursday, May 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm** for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the film ***The Letter***. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about the environmental crisis. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai'i, these four individuals brought perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into an unprecedented dialogue. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online.** R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: [ReelJusticeFilmFestival](https://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.org/). A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

### ST. AGNES (WATERLOO) – EDUCATION CAFE

Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer & precious life moments pass by when hardness of heart prevails. Yet, we are always called to forgive, and in turn, Christ offers us His mercy & compassion, helping us to overcome anger & bitterness. On **Sunday June 4** from 2-3:30pm, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on ***“Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace”***, at the next St. Agnes Education Cafe. For details events section at: [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org)

### ST. LOUIS – FUNDRAISER DINNER AND DANCE



“Save a Life” Fundraiser Dinner and Dance, is presented by the Waterloo Knights of Columbus and St. Louis Catholic Church. There are two events being held to help raise money to purchase AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for St. Louis Church.

- **Friday, June 9.** Fish Fry dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the Band, “Leap of Faith”. (7-10 pm).
- **Saturday, June 10.** BBQ Beef dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the band: “Derek Hines & the KW Big Band Theory” (8pm-midnight).

**Check the bulletin board at the back of the Church for more details.** Tickets must be purchased in advance!

### A ROSARY FOR SUDAN



On April 15, 2023, armed conflict broke out between troops loyal to two rival Sudanese generals, Mohamed Hamdan “Hemedti” Dagalo, head of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces and Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Sudan’s army chief and de facto leader. By early May, at least 550 people, including 190 children, had been killed. Over 736,000 are displaced internally and over 177,000 people have fled to neighbouring countries. This has aggravated the dire hunger and displacement crises that Sudan was already struggling with. With multiple ceasefires having failed, it is time for what Pope Francis has called “prayer for the Lord of peace to intervene where men and women are powerless to bring about peace.” Please join us for a pan-Canadian online bilingual **Rosary for Peace in Sudan at 12 p.m. (EDT) on Saturday, May 27.** For more information and to register online visit: <https://www.devp.org/en/event/a-rosary-for-sudan/>



### FROM THE FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE

FORMED provides the best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families & individuals explore their faith anywhere. This is an excellent resource for families, especially to ensure the content their children are watching is safe. The Family Ministry Office has gone into partnership with FORMED to allow families access to this resource and invite you to an on-line session for an opportunity to have a quick look at the content. Join us on **Wednesday, May 24** at 7:00 pm by ZOOM to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the link at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) under "upcoming events" on the home page.

### ST. MARY'S GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPEL

Fr. Sam Restivo C.R., St. Mary's Hospital Chaplain, is happy to announce that the St. Mary's Chapel renovation is near completion. Generous donations made the project possible. Delays caused by the pandemic slowed the project by a few years. The Chapel will continue to be a sacred, peaceful, prayerful & reflective place for patients & families & staff.

### ST. BONIFACE CHURCH – MARYHILL: INVITATION

You are invited to St. Boniface Church in Maryhill for their traditional, annual CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION to the two outdoor altar house on Sunday, June 11 following the 11:00 am Mass. There will be a Festival Picnic on the old school grounds after the procession. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch – BBQ hamburgers will be available to purchase. There will be live music, fun games for children, bake sale, horseshoes and more, including a raffle draw for a large prize. Everyone is welcome!



### KIWANIS CONCERT

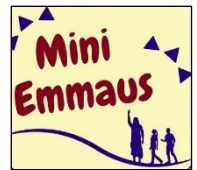


The Kitchener Waterloo Community Orchestra invites you to a special musical event on Saturday, June 3, 7:30 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church (50 Erb St. W, Waterloo), featuring the Kiwanis Festival Piano Concerto Winners. Angela Liang is performing Mozart's Concerto in A #23 1st movement; Anthony Vu is performing Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 1 Op. 1 1st Movement; and Jonathan Zhao is performing Mozart's Concerto in D Minor #20 1st Movement. The orchestra will also be playing the third movements of Brahms's Symphonies.

For more information, please visit [www.KWCO.org](http://www.KWCO.org), email [kwcommunityorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:kwcommunityorchestra@gmail.com), or call 519-744-2666.

### MINI EMMAUS: LOCAL YOUTH DAY!

Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Groups, and Young People from grade 2 to 12! Join us on **Saturday, June 17** from 12pm-4pm on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for the first ever "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Please contact your parish office to register by June 2, and we hope to see you at this great event!



### WELCOME TO ALL!

Our parishes welcome families with children of all ages. As parents and caregivers, it can feel challenging to bring children to Mass. Know that we are glad to have you and welcome you to come as often as you are able. Here are a few suggestions for success.

- ✚ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't expect complete stillness or silence in God's house.
- ✚ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear. The backs of heads are boring.
- ✚ Quietly explain the parts of Mass as needed. Our resource libraries at both parishes have a variety of child-friendly missals to help.
- ✚ If your children have questions that you are unsure about, approach the priest after Mass. Say hi!
- ✚ Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by your example.
- ✚ If you need to step out of Mass with your child, feel free - but come back as soon as they are calm.

**Remember the goal:** children who feel welcome at Mass know they are loved by God and the Church! The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.

Clap your hands,  
all you nations;  
shout to God  
with cries of joy.

—Psalm 47:1



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