



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23-24, 2023

Mass Intentions September 25 – October 1, 2023

Prayer Calendar

| | St. Anne | St. Joseph | Diocese of Hamilton |
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| Monday | No Mass | 8:00 am † Jose Ribeiro Int of Jesus Youth Movement EPHATHA – Jesus Youth Movement | Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R. |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Deceased members of Hasulyo family - family | 7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Maria Odete Tinoco – Friends of St Joseph Place Int of Roland Tuquero – mom & dad | Rev. Francisco Cruz |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am Int of Mary and Erika – Yvonne McGrath | No Mass | Parish Staff |
| Thursday | 8:00 am Int of Mestyan family - family | 8:00 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory – Fernanda Lameira | Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J. |
| Friday | 8:00 am Int of Parishioners | 8:00 am † Jeffrey Pereira – Julia Domingues Int of Parishioners | Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J. |
| Saturday | 4:00 pm † Helen Hasulo - family Int of Rosary Group – Rosary Group | 5:00 pm † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira | Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak |
| Sunday | 9:30 am Int of Parishioners | 11:00 am † Adelina & Ilidio D'Silva – A & A Arruda Int of Andrade & Tamayo family – J & S Andrade Int of Zennie & family – Zennie Int of Parishioners | |

PARISH INFORMATION

Confession: 6:30pm on Tuesdays before Mass & during Adoration.

Adoration: 7:30pm on Tuesdays after Mass.

Church Offering Report: once a month, in bulletin. 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 – *October 15th*

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

“Seek the Lord while he may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin? 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

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- 1) Isaiah 55:6-9
- 2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- 3) Matthew 20:1-16a

FOCUS: God rewards generously those who place their trust in Him.

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of “just.” Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah proclaims that God's ways are above our ways, and His thoughts are above our thoughts. Saint Paul writes that he longs to be with Christ, yet wishes to remain on earth to minister in His name. The Gospel passage tells of the vineyard owner who hired laborers throughout the day and yet paid them all the same.

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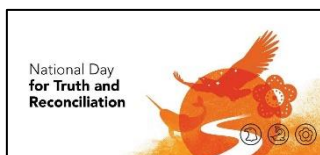
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SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special diocesan collection **THIS** weekend, **September 23-24**. The Needs of the Canadian Church is an annual collection to assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. As part of their episcopal ministry, the Bishops will continue to work together on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family. **We thank you for your generous support.**

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



On **Friday, September 29** an informal vigil to commemorate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation will be held on the steps of St Joseph Church from **7:00-8:00 pm**.

On **Saturday, September 30, The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**, St Anne Church will host a special Mass for Reconciliation at St Anne at **9:00 am**. This Mass is offered as a joint effort of St Anne and St Joseph parishes. It will be followed by a walk to the Healing of the Seven Generations, 300 Frederick Street. From there we will have a chance to join many others in the "Every Child Matters" walk at 10:00 am to Victoria Park. Please join us in prayer and action as we work to answer the Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CALLS TO ACTION



Saturday, September 30, is Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Wear orange on this day to remember the children who did not survive residential school. This is a federal holiday in Canada, providing cultural and educational opportunities for becoming an ally with Indigenous Peoples.

Please join us at **St Joseph Church on Friday, September 29 at 7:00 pm for an informal vigil, or at Mass on Saturday, September 30 at St Anne, 9:00.**

RCIA PROGRAM

If you or someone you know wishes to become a Catholic or to explore the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the program for you. It will start in October. Please call the Office for more information.

ST JOSEPH: COFFEE SUNDAY

The next Coffee Sunday will be on **Sunday, October 1** (next weekend). Please join us in fellowship in the hall.

ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAY

The next Coffee Sunday at St Anne Church will be on **Sunday, October 15**. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who would like to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation this school year are invited to our upcoming information sessions. Families from both parishes are welcome on either date.

First Eucharist (Grade 2 and up)

Sunday October 1, 6 pm at St Joseph

Wednesday October 4, 6 pm at St Anne

Confirmation (Grade 7 and up)

Sunday October 29, 7 pm at St Joseph

Wednesday November 1, 7 pm at St Anne.



ST ANNE – LETTERS FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN



Chalice works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Sponsorship gives

children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. For more information on Chalice, please visit: www.chalice.ca. In the upcoming weeks we will be sharing testimonies from our sponsored children in the bulletin. Each child we support receives a monetary stipend at Christmas and their birthday, of \$50.

Jarmine Vhiel Dullay Adora is 16 years old and she lives in the Philippines. This summer she wrote us a letter. She writes:

"Dear St Anne Parish,

A blessed day! How are you? I hope that you and your whole family are doing well. I am in Grade 10 and I am studying well. I am consistent honor student in our section and I feel that my efforts and sacrifices are paying off thru that. My father couldn't go to the sea and fish due to the weather disturbance. However, we are all strong and we face the challenges with much optimism and we help one another. My dream of getting a degree and landing a good job for myself and my family. I dream of building my family a safer and more comfortable house so we will always be safe, even from when the strong typhoon comes. The whole family is so thankful of you. You have been helping us in so many ways especially in my educational needs. I promise to study well and productively. Please take good care of yourself always. May God bless you and we love you."

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: LOST AND FOUND

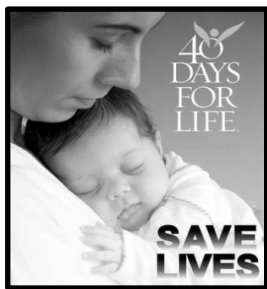
Just a reminder that if you have lost any personal items (watches, eyewear, car/house keys, jewellery, etc) please call the office. These items of value are not put in the lost and found box at the back of the Church and are kept in the office for safekeeping.

DIOCESE: UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

All Liturgical Ministers are encouraged to attend the following workshops. These sessions are a requirement for all newly appointed ministers to attend to receive the diocesan "mandatum". The **Ministers of the Word Formation Workshop** is on Saturday, October 14, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at St Michael Parish in Waterloo. The **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Formation Workshop** is on Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at St Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please visit the Diocese website to register: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: PRAY TO END ABORTION

From September 27 to November 5 we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are encouraged to get involved in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, seven days a week. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. You are also invited to join us for the OPENING RALLY which will be held on Monday September 25th, 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country! Thank you and God bless!



DIOCESE: MARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

The next Diocesan Marian Day will be on **Saturday, October 7** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 am followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 am and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 am. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 pm followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 pm. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information at 519-824-3951.

CARMELITE SISTERS IN ST AGATHA INVITATION

On **Monday, October 23** at 5:00 pm there will be a Mass in support of the Carmelite Sisters in St Agatha at Holy Family Croatia Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer Street, Kitchener) followed by a reception and dinner in the hall. Presider is Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The minimum donation of \$250 is for two people. Please RSVP by October 10 to Jane Malleck: 519-503-1343 or cjmalleck@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: STAND FOR THE LAND

The next phase of the Lenten campaign is **Create Hope: Stand for the Land**. We are all asked to stand in solidarity with Honduran communities whose water and land are threatened by open-pit iron mines. Villages, rivers, and entire ecosystems are being poisoned. Let us stand with the people who are defending their resources, water, and territory for the common good of humanity. We encourage everyone to sign the petition found at the Church entrances, in asking the Government of Honduras to act to protect the rights to life and dignity of Honduran land and respect natural resources. Visit Development and Peace website at: www.devp.org to learn more.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday, September 24 is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and is observed in many places. "**Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay**" is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Pope Francis intends to promote a renewed reflection on a human right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land. This day challenges us to walk in solidarity with the vulnerable, especially refugees and migrants. Let us pray for support in their journey.

