



Mass Intentions for January 15-21, 2024

Prayer Calendar

| | St. Anne | St. Joseph | Diocese of Hamilton |
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| Monday | No Mass | 8:00 am † All Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues Int of Ivan Andrade – J & S Andrade | Rev. Phillip Cook |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Barbara Shewchuk - family | 7:00 pm followed by Adoration † Pierre Alain – Machado family † Peter Ralkos – Chris Machado | Rev. Luc Payette |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am Int of those living with cancer – friend | No Mass | Youth Ministers |
| Thursday | 8:00 am † Ann Hohl – Hayek family Int of Parishioners | 8:00 am Int of Parishioners | Rev. David Weise Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Friday | 8:00 am † Manuel, Maria and Paulino Matias – Georgina Int of Parishioners | 8:00 am Int of Parishioners | Rev. Tom Moisan Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Saturday | 4:00 pm Int of Rosemary & Ed Lukezic In thanksgiving, the Int of Mary K – Mary | 5:00 pm † George Elgie – Darlene Clausung † Alice Mallet – Tony & AnneMarie Gauvin † Fernando Costa – wife & family | Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P. Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Sunday | 9:30 am † Peter Bruder – John Weiler & Tracey Hewerdine † Frank Boote – Hayek family † Brenda Fundak – Fundak family † Stanley Fundak – Fundak family | 11:00 am † Manuel & Maria Arruda – A & A Arruda | Bible Sunday |

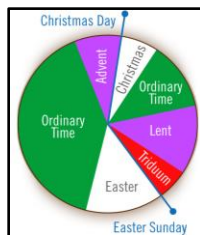
DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

A good vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are young until we are in our golden years, is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME? During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death & Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week (Sunday), the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, & to eat & drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words & actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord. (ORDO)



Liturgical Readings

January 14 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 1) 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
- 2) 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
- 3) John 1:35-42

FOCUS: The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with Him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: Speak, for your servant is listening. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus.

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ST ANNE: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are thrilled to announce that Children's Liturgy is returning to St Anne, at the Sunday 9:30 am Mass! After the opening prayers of Mass, children approximately 4-8

years old are invited to gather downstairs for a child-friendly exploration of God's Word. With their leaders, they listen to the weekly readings & reflect on the Gospel. After a profession of faith & intercessions, children return to Mass during the offertory. No advance sign-up is required - children may come down as often as they like! We are still seeking new leaders for this wonderful program. If you enjoy praying with children & sharing scripture, please contact Mary Forcier at mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com. Training & plans for each session are provided.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who are planning on receiving Sacraments are reminded of the following dates.



First Eucharist (Gr 2 & up): Reconciliation RETREAT

- Saturday, January 13, 1:00-3:30 pm at St Joseph
- Saturday, January 20, 1:00-3:30 pm at St Anne

Confirmation (Gr 7 & up): Candidates Session

- Sunday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday, January 31, 7:00-8:00 pm at St Anne

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On **Sunday, January 14**, there will be a Celebration of First Reconciliation at St Joseph Church at 6:00 pm. Please pray for our children who are receiving this sacrament of healing and forgiveness for the first time. At St Anne, our young children will receive this sacrament on **Wednesday, January 24** at 6:00 pm.

ST JOSEPH: CWL

To all ladies of our parish 16 years and older, you are invited to attend our organizational meeting to plan for the future of our C.W.L. council. It will be held on **Saturday January 27**, 1:00 pm, in the church hall. All are welcome to attend even if you are not yet a member of our council. Please sign the sheets at the entrances of the church so we know how many to expect, or email stjosephkitchener@hamiltondiocese.com. Come and help us plan our future. Thank you to those who have already sent in their dues (\$35.00) for the current year.

ST MARY'S / ST ANNE: CWL

Greetings & blessings dear Ladies! We invite you to join us on **Sunday, January 21** following St. Mary's 11 am Mass, as we "start up" our regular monthly meetings for 2024. As women of faith, we are called to grow and witness our love of God through Prayer and Service. We look forward to seeing you and sharing Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer, as we begin our New Year together! Gentle reminder: the annual membership fee is now due. Many thanks to all those who have already sent in their dues. Looking forward to praying with you as we gather together for our first meeting of 2024!

ST ANNE COFFEE SUNDAY

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the first Coffee Sunday of the new year! We welcome everyone to gather with us on **Sunday, January 21** in the Church hall after Mass.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN PROJECT

The Afghan Project provides afghans for the poor to Dr. Simone's "Canadian Food for Children" through volunteers who knit squares and baby afghans. They also knit pneumonia vests and slippers. To continue to do this they require donations of yarn as their supply is almost gone! If you enjoy knitting or crocheting they would welcome your help. For more details contact Wendy Sibley, Coordinator, at 519-743-5353.

ST JOSEPH: FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Immediately following Coffee Sunday on **February 4**, (which will include a light lunch) all parishioners are invited to join in table listening sessions where each participant is free to express their opinions on seven main topics of concern for the Church. As we move forward, struggling to become more authentic communities of faith, these are areas of concern that have emerged from many meetings.

1. The Involvement of the Laity
2. The Development of Better Communication
3. Faith Formation: Children and Adults
4. Catholic Education and our Schools
5. Hospitality and Ministry Outreach
6. The Liturgy
7. Clergy Care



BACKGROUND: Six parish leaders attended a diocesan gathering late last year to discern the challenges that face the local Church (Diocese and parish) moving forward. These leaders are ready to help all of us re-join the discussions that were started two years ago during the pandemic lockdown when we met in groups via Zoom. This is also part of the process of our preparation for and involvement in the Synod of Bishops on Synodality that will conclude this October. **Sign up is required** (because of lunch): sign-up sheets are found at the entrances of the Church and will remain there until Sunday Jan. 28th only.

ST ANNE: ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS UPDATE

This Christmas, our St. Vincent de Paul Society, including our Church and School Community, were able to provide service to 45 families, consisting of 73 adults and 49 children.

Total donations received for the Society from the Parish in December were over \$2,000, and in addition we also received gift cards totaling over \$1,000. Total cost for grocery cards for the Church and School's grocery gift cards totaled \$8,650!

St. Anne's is a caring community, and your generosity is always "second to none" providing support to the less fortunate within our Parish boundaries and our school community. Your continued support enables us to help persons in need through monthly food vouchers. God's blessing to you and your families, for a Happy, Healthy New Year!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: SCUBA!

Mark your calendars! Families with children in JK through grade 5, please o-fish-ally mark your calendars for VBS 2024. This half-day, faith centered camp will run mornings at St Anne for children from St Anne and St Joseph parishes **August 12-16**. Adult and youth leaders (finishing grade 6+) are also needed to make this sand-sational event a success. Please contact our youth minister Mary at mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Easter comes early this year and what better way to enjoy the tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday than with K of C prepared Maple Syrup. We will be selling our professionally prepared, LOCALLY tapped Maple Syrup after all Masses on **Saturday, February 10**, and **Sunday, February 11**. Your purchase of Maple Syrup will enable the Knights to continue their charitable works for the community and your support is appreciated.



ST LOUIS - WATERLOO: BIBLE STUDY

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR. This study is offered at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo (53 Allen St. E) starting in mid January 2024. The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Monday nights at 7:30 pm, starting January 15, **OR** on Sundays at 12:30 pm starting on January 14. Contact St. Louis at 519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com to sign up or for more information.

ST MARK - KITCHENER: ALPHA PROGRAM

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith & Jesus. All are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

FROM THE DIOCESE: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a

year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/the-bible-speaks-2024> for more information. Prayer cards and bookmarks will be available for everyone on Bible Sunday to help you on your prayerful journey.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE: PRAYER VIGIL

As we welcome the New Year, let's renew our commitment to cherishing and protecting the sanctity of life at every stage. Together, we can create a world where life is not only respected but also nurtured and celebrated. Thank you for being a part of this vital mission. Your support and dedication make a world of difference. Our candlelight prayer vigil will be in front of Kitchener City Hall on **Sunday January 28**, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. All pre-born life has value at every stage and needs protection.

FROM THE DIOCESE: WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program **starts January 17** and will be held from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West, in Hamilton. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: SUPPORT GROUP

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us on the **3rd Tuesday of every month**, 7:30-8:30 pm, (January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18). Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer at 7:00 pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30 pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

ST AGNES: EDUCATION CAFÉ

St. Agnes Education Café Event: "Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing". Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists and attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love and forgive despite it all,... just as we are called to do? **Sunday, January 28**, 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3rd** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.