



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14-15, 2023

Mass Intentions for October 16 - 22, 2023

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday	No Mass	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of Margaret Boland – M Boland	Rev. Hayden Starczala World Food Day
Tuesday	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> Int of Mary P – Wendy Sibley	<u>7:00 pm followed by Adoration</u> † Fr. Terry Sehl – Tony Finoro † Suzann Eppich – Al Eppich & family	Rev. John Van Hees
Wednesday	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of those living with cancer - friend † Merv Hesck - family	No Mass	Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.)
Thursday	<u>8:00 am</u> † Alfred & Olive Goldsworthy – Hayek family	<u>8:00 am</u> † Maria dos Anjos Sousa – Fatima Ferreira	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Friday	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of John Kobetich - family	<u>8:00 am</u> Int of St Clements Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St Clements	Very Rev. Lawrence Parent
Saturday	<u>4:00 pm</u> Int of Saida Tamayo – J & S Andrade Int of Edna Dent - friend	<u>5:00 pm</u> † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Julia Guimaraes – Ceu Machado	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Sunday	<u>9:30 am</u> † Albert & Emily Hayek – Hayek family	<u>11:00 am</u> † Hedi Rief – Darlene Clausing † Dominic Gemmiti – Tony Finoro	

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

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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 25:6-10a
- 2) Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- 3) Matthew 22:1-14

FOCUS: Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

From Isaiah's rich description of the abundance God intends to provide us for all time, to Paul's reminder that God constantly provides for our good, to Jesus' parable encouraging us in dramatic terms to accept God's feast rather than relying on ourselves alone, all of the readings lead us to celebrate being gracious receivers of God's generous love.

OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY



It only takes about 20 minutes to pray the rosary. This powerful prayer allows you to meditate on Scripture and the key moments during Jesus' life. We use the rosary to pray to God through the intercession of Mary. The Rosary group at St Anne's Church meets every Tuesday to pray the Rosary, at 1:00 pm. All are invited to come and pray the Rosary in the Church. (anastpaul.com)

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

First Eucharist (Grade 2 and up): Reconciliation Session

- Sunday November 5, 6 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday November 8, 6 pm at St Anne

Confirmation (Grade 7 and up): Information Session

- Sunday October 29, 7 pm at St Joseph
- Wednesday November 1, 7 pm at St Anne.

ST MARY'S/ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Greetings and blessings dear ladies! We invite you to join us on **Sunday October 15**, following St. Mary's 11am Mass! Please join us as we "start up" our regular monthly meetings. We are excited to welcome two Diocesan Executive members, Mary Clark and Joanne Gregson, who will be presenting and speaking on their new "Unity Outreach" project. Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with each of you Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer! See you on the 15th!

ST ANNE: COFFEE SUNDAY



Today (October 15) is Coffee Sunday at St Anne Church! Stay awhile and socialize after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST ANNE & ST JOSEPH: FRIENDS & FAMILY GAME NIGHT


St. Anne will be hosting a friends and family games night on **Saturday October 21**. The parish hall will open at 7:00 pm. Bring your favourite board or card games. Bring snacks to share. If you like euchre, bridge, Jenga, trivia or Splendor or want to try something different, come join us. For more information, call Richard Marchak at 519 635-9366.



ST ANNE: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are looking for volunteers to help lead our Children's Liturgy of the Word. During Mass, children from Jk-grade 2 are invited downstairs to hear and discuss scripture, pray, and share their faith. We need teens and adults who can help our little ones as they experience the Liturgy. A guide is provided each week, and leaders will be scheduled approximately once per month. If you are interested in this ministry, or have any questions, please speak with Mary Forcier or Father Brian.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISREAL AND GAZA

 LORD, WE ENTRUST THE HOLY LAND INTO
YOUR HANDS AND SEEK YOUR
INTERVENTION IN THE MIDST OF THIS
CONFLICT.
TURN YOUR MERCIFUL GAZE UPON THE
INNOCENT VICTIMS OF WAR.
GRANT REPOSE TO THE SOULS OF THOSE
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, HEAL THE
INJURED AND COMFORT THE AFFLICTED.
AMEN.

Let us all pray for peace, for the families who have lost loved ones, and for all lives to be saved on all sides.

ST JOSEPH: THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for the donations to our Thanksgiving Food drive. Your generosity makes a difference for those living in our community. Food donations have been taken to the Food Bank by our Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please remember that you can also donate monetarily to our parish's SSVF through the donation boxes at front and side entrances of the Church or by email through ssvp@stjosephkitchener.org so that we may continue to help the individuals and families in our neighbourhood.

ST ANNE: LETTERS FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN



Chalice

Thank you for taking the time to read these letters and learning about Chalice and its program.

Remember that 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. Each child we support receives a monetary stipend at Christmas and their birthday, of \$50. This is the final letter we would like to share with you. For more information on Chalice, please visit: www.chalice.ca.

Jerry Lafrance is 14 years old, and he lives in Haiti. He lives in a home made of metal sheeting and a stone roof with his parents and three sisters. He enjoys soccer and mathematics. He hopes to be an agronomist and help ensure the well-being of our planet. He writes: "Good morning! How are you? How is your family? How are your activities? It's quite a pleasure for me today to write you this letter. I am in Grade 6. My father's name is Eroid and my mother's name is Souverene Alexandre. My favourite food is rice and my favourite subject is mathematics. Thank you so much for helping me."

SPECIAL COLLECTION: OCTOBER 21 & 22

World mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the 2nd last Sunday of October every year and we are invited to pray for and give financial support to the Missions. The distribution of the proceeds of this collection is overseen by the Pontifical Mission Societies, the money being used for the missionary work of the Church in the neediest areas of the world.

DIOCESE: UPCOMING WORKSHOP

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. Visit the Diocese website to register: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

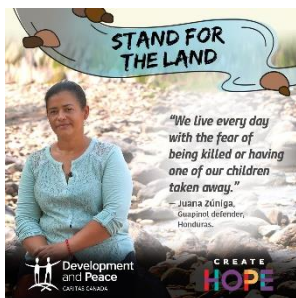
ST MICHAEL CHURCH: MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending the diocesan Men's Discernment Group. The first meeting for the Fall will be held on **Friday, October 20** at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/.

FROM THE DIOCESE: GRIEF SUPPORT IN WATERLOO

Has someone you cared about died? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. There is a six-week program beginning **October 25**, that will cover the theory behind grief, with time to share and socialize. There is also an informal monthly grief support group, which meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, which started October 11. Find out more at St Michael church, email: parish@stmichaelw.ca or call 519-884-9311 or see the bulletin boards at the Church entrances.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: INVITATION



Virtual meeting on **Tuesday, October 24**, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Come and learn about this year's Fall Action campaign **Stand for the Land**. Since January 2023, three land defenders from the Guapinol region in Honduras have been murdered for defending their land from mining companies, adding to the 135 land defenders murdered since 2014. Visit www.devop.org to register for this ZOOM event.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: PRAY TO END ABORTION

From now to November 5, we invite you to join to get involved in Prayer & 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-7:00 pm, seven days a week. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless.



FROM BISHOP CROSBY

The long-anticipated synod on synodality is underway in the Paul VI Audience Hall in Rome. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites us all to pray for those participating in the Synod that they may be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit at every moment. With the participants, we pray the ADSUMUS prayer daily for God's blessing on the event.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

FROM THE DIOCESE: FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE

October is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on all God has blessed us with in our world. The harvest is evident at this time of year; remind your children of the intricate way God created the world so humans could live. Remind them that they are part of his creative plan, and their gifts and talents are like food allowing the world to thrive. Remind them that God ensured they would have faith and family to support them throughout their lives. There is so much to be thankful for, and an attitude of gratitude can provide a positive impact on our emotional and mental health, so help your children give thanks for all they have been given! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PLAY: "WE OWN THIS NOW"

THIS WEEKEND! Learn how the Doctrine of Discovery (the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples) is still being used and causing harm. On **Sunday, October 15** at 7:00 pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Check the bulletin boards for more information or visit www.mcc.org/we-own-this-now.

Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts.

— Pope Francis —