



St Anne Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25 – 26, 2021

St Joseph Church



Mass Intentions September 27 – October 3, 2021

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	+ Barry Ruetz - Gertie Kuntz	Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Tuesday 7:00 pm	+ Alex Erdman - Janet Erdman	+ Nicoletta Finoro - Tony Finoro	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Wednesday 8:00 am	+ Jeanne Held - Estate	No Mass	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.)
Thursday 9:00 am	Int of the Indigenous Community	Int of the Indigenous Community	Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Friday 8:00 am	+ Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias - Family		Rev. Robert M.F. Kiffman
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	+ Larry & Ken Young - Family	+ Bert Dietrich - Ruth Ann Dietrich + Angelo De Francesco - Nina De Francesco + Manuel Lameira - Fernanda Lameira	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	Parishioners of St. Anne Int. of First Communicants and their Families - Parish	Parishioners of St. Joseph + Dec'd members of the Arruda Family - Antonia & Antonio Arruda + Barry Ruetz – Lisa Reitzel + Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira	

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Our Churches are open and we follow public health measures of masking and social distancing. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

This Sunday's Mass will be live streamed from St. Anne Church at 9:30 am.

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 – October 15th*
More information is available on our websites.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN



This Week's Liturgical Readings

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- 1) Numbers 11:25-29
- 2) James 5:1-6
- 3) Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

FOCUS: Be open to God, who sends us his Spirit wherever we are.

Eldad and Medad missed Moses' retreat with the elders, yet God's Spirit came upon them. God meets us right where we are. Let us be open to the promptings of the Spirit in our own lives and allow God to come upon us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord takes some of the Spirit that was on Moses and bestows it on the elders, and they begin to prophesy. James writes to warn the rich of the judgment coming to those who seek luxury and pleasure, while shortchanging their workers. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks against intolerance, referring to someone who is not a follower who is driving out demons. He says: *Whoever is not against us is for us.*

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SEPT. 30 – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship is the land traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee*, Anishinaabe** and Neutral People. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today.

*Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-o-show-nee)

**Anishnawbe (Ah-nish-nah-bey)

Mass on Thursday, Sept. 30th will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Following the Mass, you may wish to join the “Remember Me, Remember Us” community walk sponsored and organized by the Healing of the Seven Generations to spread awareness of and reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous peoples as a result of the country’s former residential school system. We remember and honour the children. This event is a 2 km, 23-minute walk that will begin at 10 am at the H7G location at 300 Frederick St. and end up at Victoria Park’s Clock Tower for a few guest speakers and drumming. All are welcome and encouraged to wear orange! Please mark your calendar. For more information see the poster on our websites or go to: www.thehealingofthesevengenerations.ca

The parish offices will be closed Sept 30.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you wish 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 starts early October. Please call St. Anne: 519-745-5302 or St. Joseph: 519-745-9302.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We look forward to celebrating First Eucharist and Confirmation with the young people who prepared last year over the next month. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

Information meetings for families and children grades 2-3+ interested in learning more about First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to attend one of our two online information meetings: 7 pm, Sun., Oct. 3rd or Mon., Oct. 4th. Please register on the parish websites.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary Group at St. Anne meets to pray the Rosary every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Church.

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call the Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or e-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

STATEMENT FROM THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada’s Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples.

Please read carefully the full statement from the CCCB on the next page.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca.

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD FORMATION

The Diocese is pleased to announce an **In-Person Formation** session: Sat., Oct. 16th, to be held at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. To ensure compliance with COVID-19 protocols, registration is limited to 25 participants: we will have a waiting list if required. Registration is open on the Diocesan Liturgy Office webpage. The cost is \$25/person that includes lunch & refreshments.

Right To Life Events

KW Life Chain – OCT. 3rd, Sunday, from 2-3 pm, 2 Benton St. and King St. (Speakers Corner).

Public Square Rosary Rally – Oct. 16, Saturday, 2-3 pm Victoria Park Clock Tower. **40 Days For Life – Sept. 22 – Oct. 31**, 7 am – 7 pm, outside Freeport Hospital

3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

...runs from October 3rd - 9th. Through stories, reflection and prayer, the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada seeks to build understanding, connection and trust about the organization’s mission, and to foster healing. It advances Catholic health care’s commitment to social justice. In our Diocese, St. Joseph’s Health System embodies these fundamental values. We celebrate the importance of healthcare in our community.



Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we², the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

¹ [Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/indian-residential-schools-and-trc)

² [The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events](#)