



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18 - 19, 2023

Mass Intentions February 20 – 26, 2023

Prayer Calendar

	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	† Odessa Barrett – William Barrett	Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tuesday 7:00 pm	Inf of Louie & Louis - family	† Pat Elgie – Darlene Clausing	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	Int of Mary Lou – family Special Int of Parishioners	Special Int of Parishioners	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 8:00 am	Int of Parishioners	Int of Parishioners	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Friday 8:00 am	† Vincenzo Giorgio – Hayek Family	St. Clements CWL Sick & Shut-ins – CWL St. Clements	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Saturday St. Anne 4 pm St. Joseph 5 pm	† Ray Koch - family	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria S † Andrew & Mary Kossuth – Frank Kossuth † Teresa Viveiros - family	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11 am	† Luigi Sgarbossa – Sgarbossa family	† Orlando Amorim - husband † John Melo – Gloria & Carma Melo	

SUNDAY MASS

Our Churches are open, and we follow public health measures. Masks are encouraged. Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a, priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, 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) Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
- 3) Matthew 5:38-48

FOCUS: Living a life of faith means acting with love and mercy.

The call to spiritual perfection or holiness dominates our readings today. We are called to be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect, and to demonstrate that holiness in the way we treat one another and in our knowledge that we are temples of God's Holy Spirit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord calls his people to be holy and to love as he loves. Saint Paul writes that the Spirit of God dwells in [us]. In the Gospel, Jesus offers examples of what he means by fulfilling the law.

SEASON OF LENT



Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on February 22. There will be TWO masses on Ash Wednesday, **February 22** at BOTH parishes: 8:00 am AND 7:00 pm. The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent in both parishes. Lenten

Reflection booklets will be available at the entrances of the Churches this weekend (free will offering). Lent is a time for fasting, reflection, for almsgiving, and prayer.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

► Next Youth Group meeting:

Our elementary school youth group (grades 6-8) meets **Friday, February 24** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Anne.



Our high school youth group (grades 9-12) meets **Friday, March 3** (7-8:30 pm) at St. Joseph.

► THINKfast:

Our annual THINKfast returns! THINKfast is an overnight event where young people fast together for 25 hours, learn about local and global issues, raise money, and have a lot of fun! This year's THINKfast will be **March 24-25** in support of Development and Peace and Tiny Home Takeout. Watch for more information, and plan to support our youth as they explore this social justice experience.

Volunteers wanted anyone able to help during THINKfast (supervision, activities, food after the fast, etc.) is invited to contact mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com.

► Vacation Bible School:



Mark your calendars for VBS 2023! This half-day camp for ages 5-11 will run mornings from August 21-25. Leaders (finishing grade 6 and up) are needed. Please set aside July 17-21 for setup. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH - MAPLE SYRUP SALE

This weekend (**February 18 and 19**) professionally and locally made syrup will be available for purchase after mass. Just in time for Shrove Tuesday! Funds raised will enable the Knights to continue their charitable works for the community. Your continual support for the Kitchener Knights is appreciated.

ST. ANNE – COFFEE SUNDAY BAKE SALE!



This weekend (**Sunday, February 19**) after mass, we welcome everyone to come downstairs to enjoy coffee and purchase a treat to make your day sweeter!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Families with children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation need to be reminded of the following dates:

First Communion: **Sunday, March 5** at St. Anne (6-7pm) OR **Monday, March 6** at St. Joseph (6-7pm).

Confirmation: **Sunday, February 26** at St. Joseph (7-8:30pm) OR **Monday, February 27** at St. Anne (7-8:30pm).

EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT

In response to the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, many of the faithful are anxious to assist their suffering brothers and sisters. More than 15 million people will need humanitarian assistance and support. If you are looking to support the people of Syria and Turkey, please consider donating. His Excellency Bishop Crosby, OMI, has authorized a special collection in our Parishes in support of the victims of these earthquakes. **Collections will begin February 25/26.**

Envelopes will be available in the pews. Please make cheques payable to the Parish (St. Anne Church OR St. Joseph Church). Another option for those wishing to support the relief effort is to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground.

CNEWA: Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria seeking emergency shelter.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Caritas International: The International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and support services.

<https://www.caritas.org/>

Catholic Relief Services: CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake.

https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agicrs2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052

CAN: Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria:

<https://acn-canada.square.site/>

Let us continue to prayer for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY – HELP WANTED

The Social Committee at St. Joseph Church is planning a parish Fish Fry for Good Friday, April 7. Would you like to help? You are invited to a planning meeting on **Sunday, February 19** after the 11:00 mass in the rectory meeting room. You could also talk with a member of the social committee or contact the church office about helping. "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success"! Thank you!



ST. ANNE/ST.MARY'S C.W.L

St. Mary's/St. Anne's Catholic Women's League - greetings and blessings dear ladies - we invite you to join us on **Sunday, February 19**, following St. Mary's 11 am Mass. We will be honouring our Blessed Mother, with prayer and reflections for Her feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us for tea, coffee, water, and a plate of sweets! Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with each of you Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer! See you on the 19th!

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

"Beyond The Pew" SPEAKER SERIES

Come join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, & Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity to learn what is going on, followed by discussion. All sessions run from 7:00–8:30 pm. Free will offerings accepted. See the bulletin boards for speaker information. Sessions will take place on: **February 21, and March 21**. Register at the parish office of St. Clements: 519-653-6123; stclements@rogers.com or at 745 Duke Street, Cambridge.

EDUCATION CAFÉ – "TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM"

On **Sunday March 5**, at 2:00 pm, St. Agnes Church, (75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo) welcomes everyone to come and listen to our guest speaker, Fr. Vivek Trindade. Life's circumstances can sometimes feel overwhelming. This event will focus on trusting in God, relying on Him to calm our internal storms of fear, doubt, and uncertainty. More details are on our bulletin board or at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events

ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL – REEL JUSTICE

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **Thursday, February 23**, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm for two short films. **A Better Tent City** follows a group of dedicated individuals working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener, ON. **Safe** explores the housing and opioid crises through the stories of tenants that live in Indwell affordable housing units in southern Ontario. Both films focus on the necessity for low barrier housing, community building, and respect for our shared home.

Special discussion following the screening with **Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary Church**, Kitchener speaking about his work and **Jess Brand**, Indwell regional manager for Hamilton. *The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/*

RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for information on an upcoming retreat:

- **Knowing the Heart of Jesus** - February 24-26

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266.

GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This study group, of the Gospel of John, is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Each session invites us to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Jesus through study, prayer, & lively group discussion. Bring your questions, we'll explore and learn together! We meet on **Tuesdays, February 14 through to April 11** (9:45 am - 11:45 am or 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm). Cost: \$10.00. Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. For more information/register call parish office: 519-742-5061.



EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

SHARELENT – LET'S STAND FOR THE LAND

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Stand for the land** campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by:

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on **March 26**, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.
3. Meet our solidarity visitors & **participate in the [campaign launch webinar](#)** on **February 25 at 1:30 pm ET**.

For more information, contact Lucy Alyea at lucycoryalea@gmail.com



YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT - WATERLOO

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 4** at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On February 8, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) issued four pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples; letters to First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and the People of God in Canada were released. The link to these letters, titled "That We May Walk Together" can be found here: <https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/that-we-may-walk-together-series-of-pastoral-letters-2023/>.

The CCCB affirms its ongoing commitment to renewing and strengthening relations with Indigenous Peoples at the national, regional, and local levels.

2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Kitchener on Friday, March 3rd. The theme is, "I Have Heard About Your Faith". There are many ways that you can participate.

For more information, please contact: Shirley Gosselin, Chair World Day of Prayer (Kitchener Region): 519-742-3248 or Csgosselin17@gmail.com. **Please see the bulletin board at the Church entrance for more detailed information about participating.**

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL – CARD PARTY INVITE

Tickets are now available for our annual card party on **Wednesday, April 26** in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 am with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960

Ash Wednesday

Heavenly Father, be with me at the beginning of this Lenten journey. You breathed into us the breath of life, the Spirit that formed us in your image. Throughout the whole history of sinful and broken humanity, you have never left us, for you are the life that flows in us and through us in all of our relationships. Help me to feel that breath of life on this journey. Amen.

- Pope Francis: The Joy of Lent by C. Klofft