



6th Sunday of Easter May 13-14, 2023

Mass Intentions May 15 – May 21, 2023

Prayer Calendar

Mass Times	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	† George Elgie – Darlene Clausing Int of Ilda Texeira – Lurdes Cabral	Rev. Michael McHugh
Tuesday 7:00 pm	† Trinity & Ernesto Matias - Georgina † Joseph Latin – Mario & Vicky Lorello	Int of Mathew John & family – Johnny Baby	Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family	No Mass	Seminarians
Thursday 8:00 am	† Deceased relatives of Renata - Renata	† Mr. Ettore Leone – Donata Leone	Rev. Robert Sims
Friday 8:00 am	Int of Mariano Andrade – J & S Andrade	Int of Emin Pius & family - friend	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Saturday St. Anne 4:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm	† Ray Koch – family † Sister Joyce Lorentz, SSND - Millie Int Nan Farwell – Michelle Krulicki	† Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Anthony Cadilha – mommy & daddy † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues Int of Stephanie Andrade – J & S Andrade	Rev. James Curtin
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11:00 am	† Fr. Bernie Hayes – Hayek family Int John & Saida Andrade – J & S Andrade	† Maria dos Anjos Sousa – Gloria Melo & Carmo Viera † Carlos Codeço - Alda Pimenta Int of Lorraine Grenier & Son – Tony Finoro	

ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH

Our weekend and weekday masses are celebrated at the usual times (see above).

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 – May 15th

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

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life. 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

May 14th – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 1) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- 2) 1 Peter 3:15-18
- 3) John 14:15-21

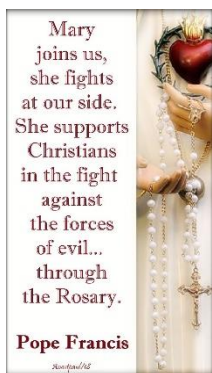
FOCUS: The Holy Spirit is God's gift to those who follow him.

All three readings today mention the reception and action of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation in the Spirit completes Christian initiation in Samaria. Jesus, the model of Christian behavior, was brought to risen life in the Spirit. He bestows the Spirit of Truth on those who keep his commandments. As we approach the Eucharist, let us thank God for his gracious gift.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Philip goes to Samaria, proclaiming Jesus and working signs. Peter and John go there to lay hands on the newly baptized. In the second reading, Peter urges proper Christian conduct in imitation of Christ. In Jesus' farewell discourse, he promises to give the Spirit and to return soon. The disciples must keep his commandments.

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF MARY



The Month of May is traditionally dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary. Praying the Rosary every day allows us the opportunity to focus our mind and be prepared to celebrate the Eucharist in a better way. Those who shall recite the rosary devoutly, meditating on its mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune. The sinner shall be converted; the just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life. (from: aleteia.com)

WELCOME FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

From **April 30 to June 4**, we are thrilled to welcome this year's First Communicants and their families during our masses. Join us in praying for and supporting the children as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time! It is a joy to return to celebrating with these young families during our regular Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS - ROSES FOR LIFE



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Program freely distributes small roses at parish masses, which attach to the lapel of jackets or coats. It is designed to increase awareness of Pro-Life issues. When you receive your rose, your free will offering will help the Knights support Pro-Life issues in our community. It's our practical way to raise funds & provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign. Knights will be offering the roses after masses on the weekend of **May 27 and May 28**.



MARILLAC PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Mother's Day is here, and St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes are proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to help mothers and mothers-to-be who are facing homelessness. You can provide your support for the campaign by taking a baby bottle and filling it with your change, making a donation in the box at the back of the church, donating online, or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place (109 Young Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4Z2). The Baby Bottle Campaign is Marillac Place's most important fundraiser. Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help make an immediate impact.

ST. ANNE - COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is **next** weekend on Sunday, May 21. All are welcome after mass for fellowship and fresh coffee. ☕

ST. ANNE - PARISH PICNIC JUNE 4, 2023!

There will be sign-up sheets at church entrances starting May 21, (Coffee Sunday) for the Parish Picnic/BBQ on June 4 at 12:00 pm. This is our last social gathering until September, so we hope to see you there. Pray for ☀.

ST. ANNE - CWL

St. Mary's/St. Anne's Catholic Women's League - greetings and blessings dear ladies - we invite you to join us on **Sunday, May 21** following St. Mary's 11 am Mass. The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God - She shows us "if we have faith, believe and trust in God's ways, new life will happen". One of the special prayers will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. Please join us for tea, coffee, water, and a plate of savoury buns. Looking forward to seeing you and sharing with each of you Fellowship, Friendship and Prayer! See you on the 21st!!

ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

As a reminder, our youth group for grades 6-8 continues to meet on the second Friday of each month at St Joseph, and the fourth Friday at St Anne. Our group for Highschool meets the first Friday of each month at St. Joseph, and the third Friday at St. Anne. Join us from 7-8:30 for games, prayer, fellowship and more.

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE: AUG 5 – AUG 12

20th Anniversary: Walking from Guelph to Midland



WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:

- ✚ nourishing your spirituality
- ✚ enjoying the great outdoors
- ✚ getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- ✚ having fun & enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20 2023.

Reinhart Schreiter: 519-570-3469---rkschreiter@hotmail.com

ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH – VBS 3...2...1... BLAST OFF!



Registration is now open for our annual Vacation Bible School. Stellar VBS is a week-long half-day summer camp for children finishing JK through grade 5. Camp will run at St Anne Parish for

children and volunteers from both St Anne and St Joseph 9:00 am to 12:30 pm the week of August 21 to 25. Online registration for camp and more information is available at <https://bit.ly/stellar2023>. We are in need of teen and adult volunteers to help with preparation of materials, for our setup week July 17-21, and for the week of camp. Please contact [Mary Forcier](#) if you can help!

NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK – May 7-14

Across Canada, the Catholic faithful celebrated in a special way to honour and support families. The official theme was



from the Gospel of John, the words of Jesus who said, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". In our families, let us be reminded & renewed by Jesus' words. Let us forgive daily, for better & worse, in sickness & health, in good times & bad, not just during Family and Life week, but all the time. Find special ways to show your family members just how much they are loved & care for each other, just as God cares for you.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

Our Annual and largest Fundraiser is The Walk for Life. It will be held on **Saturday, May 27** at 10:00 am. Over the next couple of weeks, you can pledge money toward KW Right to Life to further our cause of 'Promoting the Right to Life from Conception to Natural Death'. Pledge sheets are at the back of the church. We are deeply grateful for your pledges. We hope you can attend the event even if you do not Walk, to help celebrate our 46th annual Walk for Life. There will be pizza and dessert after the Walk, thanks to Jenny Bernhardt. We all love babies; Pray and Walk to save them from the cruel fate of death through abortion and infanticide.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

We look forward to welcoming staff and students of St Anne School to the return of our annual "Family Mass." On **Sunday, May**



28 at 9:30 Mass, we will share the celebration of Pentecost with our extended parish-school family. Come, Holy Spirit!

SPAM/SCAM EMAILS



Recently several parishioners have received fake emails claiming to be from Parish staff. Please check carefully that anything received from us is from our email address. Many times, someone's name will be correct, but the email address in the 'sent' field is incorrect. If you think a link looks suspicious, don't click on it! No one from the parish office will ever contact you asking for cash or gift cards. If you are in doubt, please contact us to check if an email is legitimate. Please let the parish office know if you have received these emails, so we can take action if necessary.

RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs:

- Directed Prayer Weekend - June 9-11
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - June 9-11
- Teilhard de Chardin 8-Day Retreat - June 15-23
- 8-Day Directed Silent Retreat - May 23-31; June 15-23

Register online: loyolahouse.com or call 519-824-1250 ext 266.

BLESSED SACRAMENT – PILGRIM STATUE TOUR

Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue will visit Blessed Sacrament Parish (305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener), on **Tuesday, May 30** at 6:30 pm. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard. The Marian celebration includes:

- Rosary
- Mass including the history of Our Lady of the Cape
- Candlelight Procession, and
- Veneration

There will be a petition box, all intentions will be taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the Tour, Father Wedner will celebrate a Mass for them. A donation box and products from the Shrine will be available for sale as well. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

ST. AGNES (WATERLOO) – EDUCATION CAFE

Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer & precious life moments pass by when hardness of heart prevails. Yet, we are always called to forgive, and in turn, Christ offers us His mercy & compassion, helping us to overcome anger & bitterness. On **Sunday June 4 from 2-3:30pm**, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on **"Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace"**, at the next St. Agnes Education Cafe. For details events section at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival **Thursday, May 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm** for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the Laudato Si' Movement film ***The Letter***. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about the environmental crisis. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai'i, these four individuals brought perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into an unprecedented dialogue. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online.** R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: ReelJusticeFilmFestival. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

ST. LOUIS – FUNDRAISER DINNER AND DANCE



"Save a Life" Fundraiser Dinner and Dance, is presented by the Waterloo Knights of Columbus and St. Louis Catholic Church. There are two events being held to help raise money to purchase AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for St. Louis Church.

- **Friday, June 9.** Fish Fry dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the Band, "Leap of Faith". (7-10 pm).
- **Saturday, June 10.** BBQ Beef dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the band: "Derek Hines & the KW Big Band Theory" (8pm-midnight).

Check the bulletin board at the back of the Church for more details. Tickets must be purchased in advance!

FROM THE FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE



FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help

parishes, families & individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, audio & more, it is an excellent resource for families, especially to ensure the content their children are watching is safe. The Family Ministry Office has gone into partnership with FORMED to allow families access to this resource and invite you to an on-line session for an opportunity to have a quick look at the content. Join us on **Wednesday, May 24** at 7:00 pm by ZOOM to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the link at www.hamiltondiocese.com under "upcoming events" on the home page.

COMING TO MASS WITH CHILDREN

Our parishes welcome families with children of all ages. As parents and caregivers, it can feel challenging to bring children to Mass. Know that we are glad to have you and welcome you to come as often as you are able. Here are a few suggestions for success.

- ✚ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't expect complete stillness or silence in God's house.
- ✚ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear. The backs of heads are boring.
- ✚ Quietly explain the parts of Mass as needed. Our resource libraries at both parishes have a variety of child-friendly missals to help.
- ✚ If your children have questions that you are unsure about, approach the priest after Mass. Say hi!
- ✚ Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by your example.
- ✚ If you need to step out of Mass with your child, feel free - but come back as soon as they are calm.

Remember the goal: children who feel welcome at Mass know they are loved by God and the Church!

To the members of our congregation:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

