

# St. Ann's Parish

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#### Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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#### Schools in our Parish

Saint Ann's	905-523-2340
Saint Joachim's	905-523-2341
Holy Name of Mary	905-523-2342
Immaculate Conception	905-523-2463

#### Secondary School

Bishop Tonnos	905-523-2331
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#### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Friday After Morning Mass until 9:15 a.m.

#### Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

#### Baptism

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually required.

#### Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

#### Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

**Mass Intentions**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(October 24, 2021)

**Tuesday, October 26**

7:00p.m. † Maria Barbaro  
† Josh Macri  
† Jack & Louise Campbell  
† Domenico Matteucci

**Wednesday, October 27**

8:00a.m. † Joe Bianco  
† Rita O'Byrne

**Thursday, October 28**

8:00a.m. Intentions of Andre Van Maele

**Friday, October 29**

8:00a.m. † Neil Walker

**Saturday, October 30**

5:00p.m. † Rita O'Byrne  
† Christianah Iyelobu  
Intentions of Yvonne McParland

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar  
Week of the October 24, 2021**

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Rev. Joseph Abiola Akanbi
Tuesday	Rev. Charles Jordan
Wednesday	Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Friday	Rev. Archange Kebe
Saturday	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2021**

We wish to extend our congratulations to the children who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time this week at St. Ann's Church. Their participation at the table of the Lord is a sign that they are growing up in their spiritual lives as well as physically. This is, indeed, a happy occasion for our parish community and for these children who share in the Eucharist for the first time. Unfortunately, due to restrictions of the pandemic, only immediate family are invited to this celebration.

We want to extend an open invitation to parents to bring these children to Mass regularly so that they can receive the Eucharist often.

May God bless our First Communicants and all those entrusted with their spiritual growth and development. Special thanks to all who worked so hard in preparing our children for this sacrament.

**SCHEDULE FOR FIRST COMMUNION**

Saturday October 16 at 10:00 a.m. – St. Joachim  
Wednesday October 20 at 6:30 p.m. – Immaculate Conception  
Thursday October 21 at 6:30 p.m. – St. Ann  
Saturday October 23 at 10:00 a.m. – St. Joachim  
Wednesday October 27 at 6:30 p.m. – Immaculate Conception  
Thursday October 8 at 6:30 p.m. – Holy Name of Mary  
Wednesday November 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Holy Name of Mary  
Thursday November 4 at 6:30 p.m. – Immaculate Conception



**VOCATIONS**

The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, contact the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2222. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**St. Ann, Pray For Us**

## DONATIONS TO ST. ANN PARISH

- Pre-Authorized Giving is a great way to provide your regular offering to our Parish. To register for EFT, call the Parish Office and we will email you the necessary forms.
- Drop off your envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- You can make a donation online through the CanadaHelps site which can be reached by going to <http://www.canadahelps.ca/>
- You can also e-transfer donations through your Financial Institution using our email address [stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com) There is no need to use a password or phrase.
- ***Thank you for your continued generosity and support! Without you we cannot be the amazing parish that we are.***



### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“On this thirtieth Sunday of ordinary time, the church invites us to manifest our faith and, place our hope in Christ. This is because, as our high priest and mediator, He is willing and able to open our eyes in order to see the marvels that God has worked for us.

Our first reading this Sunday is a radical articulation of hope that functions as a road map for liberation and survival. Hence, we find images of homecoming, restoration, and renewed relationships. In their weak and exiled state, the Israelites could not help themselves. This means that redemption and peace come from God. He has revealed himself through his son Jesus Christ, who in turn, reveals himself through his priests in our Christian community.

Hence, our second reading reminds us of the role of the priest who mediates for the people of God “In persona Christi.” One of the most important role of the priest as the one who acts “In persona Christi” is, to help the people encounter and see God. So, he leads and shows the way. He does this by animating the faith of the people and by sharing in their pain, and joy. This is why the second reading today tells us that: “Every high priest was chosen from among humans...so he can understand and sympathize with those who are ignorant and rejected.” He is a member of the Christian community with a great responsibility on him.

This is what St Augustine meant when he says on the anniversary of his episcopal ordination: “I am fearful of what I am for you, but I draw strength from what I am with you. For you, I am a priest, and with you, I am a Christian...Help me by your prayers and your obedience to carry out these many serious and varied duties...” (Sermon 350, 1). So, as a human being “who lives in the

limitations of weakness,” the priest must pray for himself. He also needs prayers from the Christian community. He has to see in order to help the people of God see. This means that together as members of the Christian community, we all need God’s mercy, compassion, healing and liberation from the limitations of life. So confidently and constantly, we must all ask for this help from Christ our High Priest.

In today’s gospel, the blind Bartimaeus represents our collective human situation that is constantly yearning for healing and liberation from all sorts of limitations. The blindness in questions might not necessarily be the physical loss of vision, but spiritual ignorance that limits our relationship with others, and with God. Hence, today’s Gospel teaches us that to be free from this limitation, we must humbly accept it. Second, by constantly reminding ourselves that: “Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth” (Ps 95:8), we must humbly ask for help from Christ. So, like the blind man, in our gospel we must cry out to the Lord in faith: “Lord that I might see!” However, it important to note that blind Bartimaeus did not believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he had faith in Christ who said: “Your faith has cured you.” Faith is very important in our daily walk and encounter with Jesus Christ. To see is to have a living faith in Christ our high priest.

Finally, once, I saw these words written on the front plate of a car: “If you are not tired of praying, God is not tired of listening to you.” So, the good news today is that Christ our high priest is always ready to hear and help us. He wants us to see again and be liberated from all our limitations in this life. However like the blind Bartimaeus, we must humbly call out to him: “Lord that I may see.” The blind and “poor man called and the Lord heard him” (Ps 36, 4). If we sincerely call on Christ in faith, he will also hear us because: “Whoever shall calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom 10, 13). So filled with hope, let us acclaim: “What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we were glad.” <https://frcanicenjoku.com/2015/10/>





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