

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(October 3, 2021)

Monday, October 4 *St. Francis of Assisi*
8:00a.m. † Loretta Burke

Tuesday, October 5
7:00p.m. † Francesco Bozzo † Sam Chiarelli
† Gilbert & Elva Godin
† Peter Caetano

Wednesday, October 6
8:00a.m. Intentions of Christina Wilson

Thursday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*
8:00a.m. † Patrick Poon

Friday, October 8
8:00a.m. † Tom Kistic

Saturday, October 9
5:00p.m. † Esterina & Ilario Orsini
† Paul Leon
† James Anderson

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of the October 3, 2021

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Tuesday	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Wednesday	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
Thursday	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Friday	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
Saturday	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean- Pierre

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

RCIA Program

This program is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to enter into full-Communion with the Catholic Church, or those who were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you, or someone you know fits into one of these categories, we would be so happy to have you join us for the R.C.I.A. process. For further information and/or to register, please contact the parish office (905-648-6874) and speak to David Dayler. We are so looking forward to sharing the gift of our Catholic Faith with you.

From the Diocese:

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 in 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 the Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

Formerly called "Fridays with Father"

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for "*Evenings with His Excellency*" on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "*Catechism of the Catholic Church*". There is no registration, no fee and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith. **The second "Evening with His Excellency" is Friday, October 8, 2021.** If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go to <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/> to watch live. (All COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY FOR CANADA

Please join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday October 16 at Noon in front of Regina Mundi Church on the Mohawk Rd. W side. (corner of Upper Paradise Rd. and prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Canada through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY, will be one of over 500 rallies that will take place all across Canada on this day.

St. Ann, Pray For Us

CANTORS NEEDED!

Our Cantor numbers have declined over the past year and a half. Without Choirs/Groups being able to sing because of the pandemic, we need them more than ever! Training is provided and the time commitment is whatever you can manage. Please contact Philip Sarabura at philip@philipsarabura.com or Father Peter if you're interested in learning more about it.



VOCATIONS

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation so misused today. Celibacy - a beautiful gift so misunderstood today. Whether we do God's work in pairs or as a single person in ministry or in a community, we do God's work because He calls us. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2222. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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 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.**



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“On this twenty seventh Sunday of the church’s ordinary time we rejoice in the wonderful gift and institution of both marriage and family. With just a couple of days away from the commencement of the Synod on the family (4-23 Oct, 2015), we are invited to reflect intimately on these very essential institutions. Both marriage and the family institution are founded on genuine love for the sustenance of humanity.

Unfortunately, in our time both are threatened by erring cultures to the detriment of continued human existence. It is important to note therefore that whatever threatens marriage and family life threatens love, unity and in fact human existence. While marriage plays the dual role of affection between couples and, the sustenance of humanity through

procreation, the family is in the words of Pope Francis is “the Factory of hope.” So today we celebrate our belonging together as a family of God. Through love and sacrifice, Christ has made us his brothers and sisters. The love that we show for each other in our celebration will be largely dependent on the love and respect that exist in our own human families.

Today, both our first reading and the gospel strongly call us to uphold the sanctity of marriage. Both readings show us that marriage is a gift and act of God that must be cherished and protected. However, it is important to point out that it has its challenges which require the grace of God to overcome at times. Marital problems should be resolved mutually with godly intent and the readiness to forgive and change for good. Often times most couples think that the best way to resolve the problems associated with marriage is divorce. While this might seem good, it is important to point out that it is not the will of God for any marriage to be broken: “This is why a man must leave his father and mother, and join himself to his wife, and they become one body...So what God had united, man must not divide.”

Unfortunately most of those who succeed in getting a divorce do not get peace of mind. Also, some do not do better in their next marriage. This is why many can get married for up to four times and divorce for four times. This is simply to prove that divorce is not always the best solution to the problems of marriage. At the base of divorce is the inability for a couple to come to a compromise about how best to live which simply translates to lack of mercy, forgiveness, affection, tolerance, compassion, and mutual respect for each other. Also, there is selfishness Christ condemned in the Pharisees. Their greed and selfishness to exploit more women nourished their quest for divorce. Things are not different today.

However, it important to note that the increasing rate of divorce today is owing to the little value attached to marriage. When marriage is treated as a commodity rather than a Holy Sacrament of Love it is bound to fall. There is also, lack of maturity on the part of the intending couples. By maturity, one means spiritual, physical and psychological maturity that is required to enter this union. So it is important to realize that the relationship of marriage is quite different from a boy and girl friend relationship. When the foundation of marriage is not built on honesty, truthfulness, forgiveness, love and prayers, there is little chance that it will survive the great storm that usually blows in marriage.

I sincerely sympathize with many of our brothers and sisters who are going through difficult times in their marriages and pray that God will give them the strength to carry on. I pray especially for those who have been abandoned to raise their children alone. May God grant them the strength to move forward with their lives and may they find peace in taking care of their families. And for those who are getting ready to be united in this holy sacrament, may they find fulfillment in the love they profess.” <https://franciscanzenjoku.com/2015/10/02/homily-for-27th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-b/>



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