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Mary Mother of God

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Intentions

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(January 1, 2023)

Tuesday, January 3

7:00p.m. † Shirley Novak
† Annette Wilson
† Sandra Dunn
† John VanEerdewijk

Wednesday, January 4

8:00a.m. † Edward Priestner

Thursday, January 5

8:00a.m. † Alberto Santilli

Friday, January 6

8:00a.m. Intentions of Michael

Saturday, January 7

5:00p.m. † Nicola, Maria and Joe Bianco
† John Martin Kovach
† Francis Goodwin

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of the January 1, 2023

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Friday	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Saturday	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

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

VOCATIONS



Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If 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

OUT OF THE COLD COFFEE DRIVE

On the weekend of January 14th/15th our parish will be running our annual "Hamilton Out of the Cold" Coffee Drive. The pandemic had altered the manner in which Hamilton Out of the Cold assists the most vulnerable in our community, over the past few years, but the need remains greater than ever. We would appreciate if you could drop a tin, or two, of coffee off at the Church on that weekend. There will be a vehicle set up outside the church in the parking lot from 3pm-5pm on Saturday January 14th and from 8:30am-11am on Sunday January 15th. The donations will be distributed to various Hamilton Out of the Cold sites. Thank You!

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

The next "Evenings with His Excellency" will be on Friday January 13 at 7:00pm at St Ann's Parish. We encourage all to join us for these wonderful evenings of reflection and discussion.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Father Peter and the parish staff, we wish to offer thanks to all who sent cards, goodies and gifts to the rectory for Christmas. We truly appreciate your kindness and support. May God grant you His most abundant blessings in this New Year.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts, And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God, and live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

St. Ann, Pray For Us

January 1, 2023

FROM THE DIOCESE:

BIBLE SUNDAY 2023

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2023. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

THE 2023 DIOCESAN 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, 2023 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). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



From the desk of:

**FR. PETER TUYEN
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Ann faith community!

It seems that as each year ends, we look back and reflect. What did we do right? What did we do wrong? And as we remember, we think of our friends and our family members. Who came into our lives, and who is gone? As pastor of St. Ann, I have met new parishioners and I have also mourned the deaths of parishioners. For you and for me, these experiences and memories, both happy and sad, provide something valuable: Lessons that were learned; God-given opportunities to help us grow, to learn more about who we are and our ability to love.

As we enter the New Year of 2023, we are blessed with opportunities for new beginnings through reconciliation and renewal. It is the natural outcome of our year-end reflections. God works gently in such marvelous ways! So, let us pause to remember the happiness and the tears of 2022 and to contemplate upon all we have experienced and learned.

The coming year will undoubtedly be filled with many bright spots and some challenges.

**So, united as a faith community,
let us join together in prayer to our Lord.**

*We ask that He protect us and our dear ones,
that He guide and strengthen us when we need Him
most.*

**This New Year prayer would not be complete
without a pastoral blessing, and so ...**

As we journey into the New Year,

*I wish you **JOY**, even though there will be sorrow at
times.*

*I wish you **PEACE**, even though there will be turmoil
at times.*

*I wish you **STRENGTH** and **HEALING**, even though
there will be weakness at times.*

Also, dear brothers and sisters, I sincerely thank you for the many kind and thoughtful gestures offered during the Christmas season: Gifts, cards, greetings, and good wishes. These are expressions of your gratitude and affection, and I appreciate them deeply.

May God, through the intercessions of our Blessed Mother Mary and our patron Saint Ann, bless you and your families abundantly! May 2023 smile upon you!

Father Peter

**Happy New
Year!**