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Welcome and Registration

Welcome to St. Ann's! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our 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.

Memorial Donations: Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

Prayer Network — 905-648-3341

Lynn Vallentin — jamantval@hotmail.com

Legion of Mary — phone/text Julia 289-489-9487

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight - Dan Marranca dannymarranca@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

Parish Schools

Falisti Schools	
St. Ann's	905-523-2340
St. Joachim's	905-523-2341
Holy Name of Mary	905-523-2342
Immaculate Conception	905-523-2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902-523-2331

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The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

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

<u>Baptism</u>

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

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

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.

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

Tuesday, September 23rd

7:00 p.m. **†** Vyvyan Reilly

† Eric Capoferri† Dustin Boring† Phil Villabroza

Intentions of the Grisik & Toth Families

Wednesday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Intentions of Paul Hong

† Joseph Melo

Thursday, September 25th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Anne Van Eerdewijk

Friday, September 26th

8:00 a.m. † Korrine D'Arcey

Saturday, September 27th

5:00 p.m. † Maddalena & Peter Avarello

† Carla & Avellino Belluz

† Antonietta, Filippo & Dominic

D'Avella

† Grace Lung

† Joseph Jelich

† Angela Carobelli

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of September 21, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

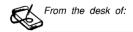
Monday Rev. David Reilander Tuesday Rev. Andrew Czarny

Wednesday *Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.*Thursday Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.

Friday Sts. Martyrs Canadiens
Saturday Rev. Livinus Okamgba

World Tourism Day

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 married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the



DAVID DAYLER

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Monday, September 15th we celebrated Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. The Church gives us this day to remember not only her grief but also her steadfast faith, her maternal compassion, and her share in Christ's redemptive mission. Tradition speaks of **seven sorrows** that pierced her heart. Let us walk with her through each one, and in them, discover our own story. The **first sorrow** is Simeon's prophecy in the Temple: "A sword will pierce your soul." From the very beginning, Mary knew her motherhood would not be free of pain. For us, too, love often carries a cost—but faith helps us to see that every sacrifice given in love bears fruit in God's plan.

The **second sorrow** is the flight into Egypt. Forced to flee with Joseph and the Child Jesus, Mary knew the fear and insecurity of exile. Here she stands in solidarity with refugees and migrants of every age. She reminds us to trust that even when life uproots us, God journeys with us.

The **third sorrow** is the loss of the boy Jesus in the Temple. For three days, Mary and Joseph searched anxiously. How many parents today know that pain—the worry for a child who is lost, sick, or far from the faith? Mary teaches us to persevere in prayer and to seek Christ with hope until we find Him again.

The **fourth sorrow** is meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary. Imagine the mother's heart seeing her Son bruised, mocked, and struggling under the Cross. She could not relieve His pain, yet she walked with Him. Sometimes, love means simply being present—standing by one another in suffering.

The **fifth sorrow** is standing at the foot of the Cross. Others fled, but Mary remained. She teaches us the courage of fidelity, to stay even when our hearts are breaking. And from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us: "*Behold, your mother.*" Her sorrowful heart became the refuge of all God's children.

The **sixth sorrow** is receiving the lifeless body of Jesus. Mary cradled Him one last time, the child she once held in Bethlehem now lying in her arms broken by the world's sin. Here she shows us how to hold suffering with dignity, and how to entrust even our deepest grief to the Father.

Finally, the **seventh sorrow** is placing Jesus in the tomb. This was the silence of apparent defeat, the stillness before dawn. Yet Mary's faith did not waver. She believed the promise even when she could not yet

see its fulfillment. She teaches us that our sorrows, too, can be entrusted to God, who brings life out of death. My friends, the Seven Sorrows of Mary are not just her story—they are ours. In each one, she walks beside us, teaching us how to suffer with faith, how to love through pain, and how to hope in the promise of resurrection.

May Our Lady of Sorrows intercede for us, that we may never lose heart in our trials, but remain faithful, like her, until we share in the joy of her risen Son. Amen.

— David Dayler —

MESSAGE FROM OUR BUILDING COMMITTEE: ACCESS TO THE RECTORY

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience as we move forward with the recladding and beautification of our church and rectory. With the project now over 60% complete, the dramatic changes are becoming visible, and we can all begin to imagine how beautiful St. Ann's will look once the work is finished!

With all the work taking place at the front of the church and rectory, access to this area will be limited. Please note the following:

- The rectory office will be closed to walk-in visitors, though phone lines will remain open. The office will reopen to visitors once the steps are completed.
- **Deliveries** will be routed to the side door of the rectory, with signage to guide delivery personnel.
- Any **face-to-face meetings** will need to be coordinated with parish staff and arranged outside the affected work areas.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this time. Soon, we will all enjoy our beautifully renewed church and rectory. May God bless the work of our hands!

FOOD DRIVE-SUPPORTING ANCASTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ancaster Community Services is organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive to assist income-challenged families, individuals, and seniors in Ancaster. You can make a difference by donating non-perishable food items or grocery gift cards. Join St. Ann's Parish and "Give Where You Live" by contributing on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. Donations can be placed inside the church at the

entrances before and after each Mass. For more information, visit www.ancastercommunityservices.ca or contact Mary and Henry Van Vroenhoven (St. Ann parishioners) at vanvr@sympatico.ca.

ST. ANN'S WOMEN'S GROUP

Attention Ladies, our new fall program is starting soon and you're invited! "She Shall Be Called Woman" is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith. The program will run on Tuesdays from September 30 - Nov 25th, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre meeting room. All women are welcome!

Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com **To register please email:** saintannwwp@gmail.com

PARENT & CANDIDATE CONFIRMATION MEETING

Both parents and Confirmation candidates are asked to attend a Parent/Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

This important gathering will provide key information to guide you through this next step in faith. Together—home, school, and parish—we will help make this journey truly spiritual and enriching for your child. The path of faith that began at Baptism, continued

through First Penance and First Eucharist, now moves forward as your child prepares to receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation with His Seven Gifts.

We look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you and your family!

BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday**, **September 27th**, **2025** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

St. Ann, Pray For Us!