



# St. Ann's Parish

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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](mailto:jamantval@hotmail.com)

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

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Dan Marranta [dannymarranta@gmail.com](mailto:dannymarranta@gmail.com)

## St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

## Parish 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

## 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.

## Baptism

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.

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 28, 2025

#### Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. † Vyvyan Reilly  
† Peter (Jeff) Desprosperis  
Intentions of Theresa Sarabura  
† Caroline Bergin

#### Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory  
† Allan Murray

#### Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 a.m. † Ida Stalteri  
Intentions of Lynda Dayler

#### Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Ernest  
† Josè Joaquim Correia

#### Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † Angelo Lolli  
† Joe Commisso  
† Sam & Roselia Cottone  
† Joan & Linus McKenny  
† Joseph Jelich

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of September 28, 2025  
*World Day of Migrants & Refugees*

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, OP
Tuesday	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP
Wednesday	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thursday	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Friday	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.
Saturday	Rev. Grayson Hope

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 same. Amen.

### REFLECTION ON THE CANADIAN MARTYRS

On Friday of this week, we celebrate the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs and so today reflect on the work and lives of these great Jesuit men,—Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and their companions—we are invited to look deeply at the meaning of faith, courage, and love lived to the very end. These eight men, Jesuit priests and lay companions, came to the rugged land of New France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century not in search of riches, not in pursuit of comfort, but to proclaim Jesus Christ and to walk with the Indigenous peoples in friendship, respect, and evangelization.

Jean de Brébeuf, for instance, immersed himself in the Huron-Wendat language and culture, learning not only their words but also their worldview, their customs, and their heart. He longed not just to teach but to listen, not only to preach but to walk beside them as a brother. In his writings we sense his profound respect and his burning desire that Christ be known through authentic friendship. Isaac Jogues endured imprisonment, torture, and mutilation, yet when he was finally freed and returned to France, he did not remain in safety. Instead, he asked permission to return to New France, knowing full well the dangers that awaited him. Why? Because love compelled him. Love for Christ, love for the people he served, love that counted no cost.

My friends, we live in a very different world today. We are not asked to paddle canoes across wild rivers or to face the threat of torture for our faith. But the witness of the Canadian Martyrs still challenges us. They ask us: *What are you willing to risk for the sake of the Gospel? What comfort are you willing to set aside so that Christ might be known in our world today?*

The Canadian Martyrs teach us three things that remain vital for our discipleship.

First, **faith requires courage**. It is not easy to stand with Christ in a society that often prefers convenience to conviction. It is not easy to be Catholic in a culture that sometimes dismisses the Gospel as irrelevant or outdated. Yet courage is not about being fearless—it is about being faithful even when afraid. The martyrs remind us that true courage flows from trust in God.

Second, **faith is incarnational**. The martyrs did not bring a foreign Christ to the Indigenous peoples; they sought to show that Christ was already present, already at work in their lives and history. Evangelization is never about domination but about encounter—about listening, learning, and humbly walking with others. That remains a lesson for us in Canada today, especially as we continue the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The martyrs call us to genuine respect, dialogue, and a love that reflects the heart of Jesus.

Third, **faith bears fruit in love.** The Canadian Martyrs did not die for an idea, nor for an institution, but for a person—Jesus Christ. Their love for Him spilled over into love for the people they served. Their deaths were not defeats, but seeds of new life. So too, in our daily sacrifices—when we forgive instead of holding grudges, when we serve instead of seeking power, when we give instead of hoarding—we too participate in that same mystery: dying to ourselves so that love may flourish.

So today, let us ask the Canadian Martyrs to intercede for us. May they help us to be courageous in faith, humble in encounter, and generous in love. May they inspire us to bring the Gospel into our families, our communities, and our nation with the same passion that brought them across the ocean and into the wilderness. And may their witness remind us always that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church—and that when we give our lives for Christ, we never lose, but gain everything.

Saints Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and companions—pray for us.

— David Dayler —

### **ST. ANNS MEN'S GROUP FALL SESSION BEGINS OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Men, we live in a time of great crisis. One look at the headlines and this truth hits home. Our world is desperately in need of a JOYFUL Christian witness: something each of us is called to. Each of us desires true happiness. Only Christ and His Mother can point the way. As we journey towards Advent, we will explore the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with a powerful new video series. Filmed on location in the Holy Land where these Holy events took place, the program features powerful speakers and breathtaking scenes. Join us Saturday mornings at 7 a.m., beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre. Light breakfast will be served. There is no charge for the program.

Contact [stannsmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stannsmensgroup@gmail.com) for more information or just show up!

### **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!

### **THANK YOU FROM LINDA DAYLER**

I am overwhelmed by the response to my retirement reception and I want to thank everyone for the kind thoughts, words and gifts that I received. But most importantly, I am gratified by the response that I and my team have had from the parish and families that we have accompanied on these difficult journeys. We are truly blessed!

### **LUNCH STREET MINISTRY PROGRAMME**

Dear generous parishioners, a gentle reminder that we will be collecting for The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ the weekend of October 4/5<sup>th</sup> in order to purchase supplies for their street ministry lunch program which will take place on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support. — Margaret D'Arcey —

### **SRI LANKA MISSION APPEAL**

Please be advised that Father Joe Selvanyagam (from St. Patrick, Cambridge) will be preaching a mission appeal for his home diocese in Sri Lanka this weekend, September 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **FOOD DRIVE - SUPPORTING ANCASTER COMMUNITY SERVICES**

This Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> join St. Ann's Parish and "Give Where You Live" by donating non-perishable food items or grocery gift cards. Donations can be placed inside the church at the entrances before and after each Mass. For more information, visit [www.ancastercommunityservices.ca](http://www.ancastercommunityservices.ca) or contact Mary & Henry Van Vroenhoven at [vanvr@sympatico.ca](mailto:vanvr@sympatico.ca).

### **YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - GUELPH**

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).