



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

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

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Dan Marranta 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

Tuesday, September 9th

7:00 p.m. † Vyvyan Reilly
† Phil Villabroza
† Irma Seepersad

Wednesday, September 10th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
† Constance McLean
† Eleanor Lewis

Thursday, September 11th

8:00 a.m. † Michael Toth

Friday, September 12th

8:00 a.m. † Olga & Saleem Gedeon
† Darek Tylko

Saturday, September 13th

5:00 p.m. † Antonia Frisina (3 mass offerings)
† Giuseppe Belfiore
Intentions of Alberto Pereira
† Anthony Vallentin
Intentions of Jaclyn

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of September 7, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thursday	Catholic Teachers
Friday	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Saturday	Rev. Matthew Durham.

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.



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA: PILGRIM OF HOPE

On September 5th, we celebrate the feast of Teresa of Calcutta and so, today we reflect on her life as a pilgrim of hope.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, widely known as Mother Teresa, is one of the most powerful symbols of hope in modern times. Her life and mission exemplify what it means to be a **pilgrim of hope**—someone who walks through a broken world with unwavering faith, love, and a deep commitment to the dignity of every human life. Through her service to the poorest of the poor, she brought light to dark places and hope to those the world had forgotten.

Born in 1910 in Skopje (modern-day North Macedonia), Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu felt a calling to religious life from a young age. At 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, eventually being sent to India, where she would become a teacher and later headmistress at a girls' school in Calcutta. But it was in 1946, during a train ride to Darjeeling, that she experienced what she called her “call within a call.” Jesus, she said, invited her to leave the convent and live among the poor, serving Him in “the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor.”

This moment marked the beginning of her pilgrimage—not just in the physical sense of walking the streets of Calcutta, but a spiritual journey fuelled by **hope**. She stepped into the slums with no money, no grand plan, only faith. She began teaching poor children in the streets, washing the wounds of the sick, and comforting the dying. Slowly, others joined her, and in 1950, she founded the **Missionaries of Charity**, a congregation dedicated to “wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor.”

St. Teresa's hope was not naive optimism. She lived in the face of extreme suffering and death. The people she served were often rejected, abandoned, or unloved. She ministered to lepers, AIDS patients, malnourished children, and the homeless—not to change statistics, but to restore dignity, even if only for their final hours. Her presence said to each of them: “You are not forgotten. You are loved.” In doing this, she gave them something beyond comfort—she gave them **hope**.

Her hope was deeply rooted in her faith. Despite revelations in her posthumous letters that she

experienced decades of spiritual dryness and darkness, she continued to act with faith. These letters revealed the depth of her sacrifice: she often felt abandoned by God even as she served Him daily. Yet, she chose to love. She chose to serve. She chose to smile. This is the essence of a **pilgrim of hope**—one who walks forward even when the way is unclear, driven not by emotion but by conviction.

Her mission extended far beyond Calcutta. By the time of her death in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity had grown to over 4,000 sisters and had established hospices, orphanages, and homes in over 120 countries. St. Teresa inspired people from all walks of life to look beyond themselves and serve others. She was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1979**, not for speeches or political action, but for her tireless, humble service. In her acceptance speech, she spoke about the value of life, the dangers of abortion, and the need for love to begin at home—reminding the world that true peace and hope begin in small, daily acts of love.

St. Teresa's legacy is not measured by the number of awards or recognitions she received, but by the hope she planted in the hearts of millions. Whether it was a dying man on the streets of Calcutta, a forgotten child in an orphanage, or a wealthy Westerner inspired to live more simply, she touched souls and reminded them that **every person is valuable**.

She was canonized as a saint in 2016 by Pope Francis, who called her an "icon of mercy." Her life continues to be a witness to what one person, armed with faith and love, can do in a world often marked by despair. In an age of increasing division, consumerism, and apathy, St. Teresa's message is a beacon of hope: that love, when given freely and selflessly, has the power to transform lives.

To be a **pilgrim of hope**, as St. Teresa was, is to walk into the pain of the world with open hands and an open heart. It is to bring compassion where there is indifference, light where there is darkness, and love where there is hatred. Mother Teresa walked this path faithfully, step by step, always moving forward, even when she could not see the end.

In her own words:

"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

— David Dayler —

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: saintannwvp@gmail.com

CELEBRATE LINDA'S RETIREMENT !

Join us today, following the 11 a.m. Mass for a reception in thanksgiving for Linda Dayler's many years of dedicated service to St. Ann's.

THE LEGION OF MARY ROSARY RALLY

The Legion of Mary Rosary Rally will be held today at 3:00 p.m. at St. Ann's. All are welcome!

LUNCH STREET MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Thank you for your generous support of the Street Ministry program with The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ. The weekend of August 9/10th, we collected \$2,100. Half the amount collected, \$1,050., was set aside for the September Street Ministry which will take place on Thursday, September 11th. As a result there will be no collection necessary in September! From the remaining half, \$1,050., we spent \$458.50 to fill 125 lunch bags and \$591.50 was given to the Sisters for their continued ministry in our city as they live and serve on Divine Providence.

Our next collection will be on the weekend of October 4/5th and the lunch will take place on Thursday, October 9th.

As a reminder all parishioners are welcome to join us as we prepare the lunches on Thursday mornings at St. Stanislaus Church on Barton Street in Hamilton starting at 9:30 a.m. This takes place every Thursday morning with our parish specifically sponsoring on September 11th and October 9th.

Any questions you can contact me at 4165799729 or at marg.darcey@sympatico.ca. Thank you again for your generous support. The sisters are praying for our parish and parishioners in thanksgiving

St. Ann, Pray For Us!