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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

Falish 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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025

Tuesday, October 14th

7:00 p.m. **†** Vyvyan Reilly

† Felix Shavrnoch † Lina Fortino

† Anna D'Amato

Wednesday, October 15th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

† Peter Doucet

Thursday, October 16th

8:00 a.m. † Leandro Cuzzocrea

† Peter Doucet

Intentions of Tim & Michelle Paci

Friday, October 17th

8:00 a.m. † Elizabeth O'Brien

† Daniel Keatings

Saturday, October 18th

5:00 p.m. + Stan & Maria Filice

† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo

† Francesco & Ida Micieli

† Joseph Jelich

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of October 12, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Tom Moisan | *Thanksgiving Day*

Tuesday Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

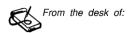
Wednesday Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.

Thursday St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious |

World Food Day

Friday Rev. Mark Sullivan Saturday Rev. David Wilhelm

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.



FR. PIERRE EWARD LUC

Thanksgiving: A Grateful Heart, A Transformed Life

Fall is upon us, and with it comes the precious time of Thanksgiving on October 13, 2025. As the leaves gently fall from the trees and nature prepares for rest, we are invited to do the same in our hearts: to pause, to contemplate, to hope, and to give thanks.

In our society, Thanksgiving is often synonymous with hearty meals, stuffed turkeys, shared laughter with family, and warm traditions. However, for us as Christians, this holiday takes on an even deeper meaning. It is an opportunity to turn our gaze to God and recognize His faithfulness, goodness, and providence in our lives, day after day.

It is easy to give thanks when everything is going well. Nevertheless, the real challenge and richness of faith lies in our ability to give thanks in all circumstances. St. Paul strongly encourages us to do so: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

This may seem difficult, even impossible, when we are going through times of trial, loss, or doubt. Yet even in the midst of storms, there is always a glimmer of light, a presence, a grace to be recognized. A kind word, a helping hand, an inner peace that surprises us in the midst of turmoil. These are all reasons to say thank you.

It is said that "gratitude is the memory of the heart." Remembering what God has already done in our lives nourishes our faith for today and tomorrow. It anchors our trust in His unchanging love, even when everything seems uncertain.

Gratitude is not just a passing emotion, but a way of life. It transforms our outlook, our relationship with others, and even our relationship with God. A grateful person is someone who sees life as a gift, not as something to be taken for granted.

On this Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to write, say, or simply whisper our gratitude. Whether in prayer, in an act of service, or by reaching out to someone in need, let us remember with all our hearts all that God has given us.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. May the Lord continue to sow peace, joy, and hope in your hearts!

— Fr. Pierre Edward Luc —

St. Anns Men's Group Fall Session

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., in the Parish Centre. Light breakfast will be served. There is no charge for the program.

Contact <u>stannsmensgroup@gmail.com</u> for more information or just show up!

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about praying for vocations, visit:

https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

REKINDLING THE LIGHT: A RETREAT DAY FOR BUSY MINISTERS

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is very pleased to offer a full-day retreat for all adult ministry leaders on **Saturday**, **November 15**, **2025**, at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge. Join us for a day of prayer and sharing of the graces of pastoral ministry. Registration and further details can be found here: https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/

LECTORS WORKSHOP

In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22**nd (lunch is included). Registration is required Register at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage Tip #152

October is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving and a perfect time to stop and think with gratitude about our relationship with our spouse. An attitude of gratitude has the proven benefit of having our brain find the good in any situation, so what better way to see the positives your spouse brings into your life than having an attitude of gratitude for them. It is easy to focus on the challenging moments but, stop and contemplate what is good. Tell your spouse in person, or in a handwritten note. Think of all the moments you share, your children, your shared home, your faith — when you pause to focus on the good, there will be so much to be thankful for, and you will feel greater love for the one you love!



ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Sunday, November 2^{nd} at 2:00 p.m. The principal celebrant will be the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

