



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

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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.

The Dedication of The Lateral Basilica

Mass Intentions

The Dedication of The Lateral Basilica
November 9, 2025

Tuesday, November 11th – Remembrance Day

7:00 p.m. † Jerry Smigielski
† Michael Toth
† Peter Doucet
† Bob Mech
† Paul Hurley

Wednesday, November 12th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet
Intentions of Dave & Marg Curto

Thursday, November 13th

8:00 a.m. † Giuseppe Trevisan

Friday, November 14th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet

Saturday, November 15th

5:00 p.m. † Stan & Maria Filice
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo
† Josh Macri
† Maria & Giovanni Benvenga
† Miles Tompkins

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of November 9, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. John Van Hees
Tuesday	<i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Remembrance Day</i>
Wednesday	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
Thursday	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Friday	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Saturday	Rev. Jonathan Reitzel

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:

FR. PETER NGUYEN

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

Remembrance Day is a special time for all Canadians to pause and reflect on the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the men and women who served our country in times of war and peace. Their bravery has secured the freedom and peace we enjoy today. On this day, we invite everyone—young and old—to stop, to give thanks, and to remember.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the men and women who have served and sacrificed for the sake of our country and for the gift of peace we now enjoy. Bless our veterans for their courage and selfless service. Protect those who continue to serve in our armed forces—on land, at sea, and in the air—and hold them safely in Your loving hands.

May the memory of their sacrifices, and the sacrifices of their families, never fade from our hearts. Grant eternal rest to those who have lost their lives in service. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

— Father Peter —

REMEMBERING THE DEAD GIVES US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Dear brothers and sisters,

In life, we've all taken long trips—by train, by plane, or by car. And at some point, we've all had to wait—at a bus stop, a train station, or an airport—before continuing our journey. Every trip has a destination, and every stop is a place of waiting. Some trips take us to work, to school, or on vacation. But there's one journey that means more than all the others—the journey home.

There's something special about going home. Even if we're tired from traveling, our hearts lift when we know home is near. Home is where love is renewed, where we rest, and where peace fills our hearts.

Life is a bit like that. It's a journey with many stops, and this world is one of them. It's not our final destination—it's the station where we wait and prepare for the greatest trip of all: the journey to our eternal home with God.

St. Ann, Pray for Us!

When we travel by train or bus, we have to pay attention so we don't miss our stop or end up somewhere we don't belong. In the same way, our life journey calls for wisdom and faithfulness. If we lose focus, we might forget where we're heading.

The "train of life," which we call death, is not something to fear—it's simply the vehicle that brings us home to God. No one boards a train without knowing where it's going, and as Christians, we know our destination: heaven. That's where Jesus is waiting for us.

St. Paul reminds us that "our true homeland is in heaven." Life here on earth is like staying in a guesthouse for a short while. We can't take our money, our house, or our possessions with us. What we *can* bring are the good deeds we've done, the love we've shared, and our friendship with God and others.

Even Jesus, who is both God and man, had a beginning in Bethlehem and an end on Calvary. Mary, too, finished her earthly journey and was taken into heaven. Death, then, is not a punishment—it's the moment when we step aboard the train that takes us to God.

Before He died, Jesus comforted His friends by saying, "Do not let your hearts be troubled... In my Father's house, there are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you." What a beautiful promise! Heaven is our final destination, the home God Himself is preparing for us.

For people without faith, death might seem like the end. But for us who believe, death is a homecoming. The grave is not our final stop—it's just the doorway that leads us to life with God forever.

When we pray for those who have died, we're also reminded of our own journey. Our time on earth is the waiting period at the station—when we prepare our hearts for that final trip to eternity. Each day brings us a little closer to that moment.

This November, the Church invites us to pray for all the souls who have gone before us. We entrust them to God's mercy and ask that they soon be welcomed into heaven. Even Purgatory is like a waiting station—a place of cleansing before reaching our true home.

As we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, may God help us see the meaning of life more clearly: that we are travelers on the way home to Him. And may He fill us with hope in the promise of eternal life, where every journey ends in joy and peace.

RESTORING THE BEAUTY OF ST. ANN

Dear Friends,

At the back of the church, you'll see our fundraising thermometer. It shows how much has been raised to help make St. Ann beautiful again. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The work is almost finished, and we are very grateful for your patience, prayers, and support.

On **Monday, November 3rd**, we began the next part of the renovation project:

Removing the old stones and installing new ones. Installing new irrigation lines for the plants. Continuing the special stonework around the church. If all goes well, and the weather cooperates, we hope to finish **by the week of November 17th**. Sometimes delays happen due to bad weather or unexpected issues, but we will keep everyone updated at Masses if anything changes.

Thank you again for helping make St. Ann's a beautiful and welcoming place for all to pray and worship!

With blessings,

Fr. Peter

WELCOME BISHOP TONNOS HIGH SCHOOL!

We welcome the community of Bishop Tonnos High School to St. Ann's! Next Sunday, November 16th, we are happy to announce that Bishop Tonnos High School will sponsor the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to having our young parishioners join us for this special occasion. St. Ann Parish is truly blessed to have such vibrant and enthusiastic young people in our community, and we are very happy to welcome them and celebrate together in faith.

LUNCH STREET MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Once again, thank you for your generous contribution to the Street Ministry Program in October which is run by The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ. Just over \$1000 was collected. There will be no collection in November. **Our final collection for this year will be the weekend of December 6/7.**

We thank you in advance for your generosity!



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

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November 1, 2025 – Solemnity of All Saints

To the Faithful, Clergy, and Consecrated Men and Women of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep gratitude and humility, I greet you on this joyful Solemnity of All Saints — a day that reminds us of that cloud of witnesses, those countless men and women who, by God’s grace, lived lives of holiness, sacrifice, courage, and love. The joyful witness of the Saints fills us with hope and strengthens our resolution to follow Christ with joyful hearts. It is on this feast that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed me as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. I accepted this call with trust in God’s providence. I am profoundly grateful to the Holy Father for his confidence and to the Lord who continues to surprise us with His plans for us.

Being appointed in this Jubilee Year fills this new beginning with even deeper meaning. As the Church invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope, I too set out on this journey with you — walking together in faith and trust, confident that “the God of hope will fill us with all joy and peace in believing” (Romans 15:13). It is with a heart full of faith that I prepare to begin this ministry among you.

I am a priest of the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel. They call us “Michaelites!” For many years, I have had the privilege of living, leading and ministering with my brother Michaelites in the North American Vice-Province, and especially in your neighbouring Diocese of London. As a religious priest and now a bishop, I have learned that the Church is truly one family that transcends boundaries. Moving from country to country, from diocese to diocese, I have always been blessed to find communities that welcomed me with warmth and generosity. That spirit of welcome is, for me, the hallmark of Christian life. One of the central charisms of my religious community is our commitment to minister to young people — helping them to discover God’s love and their mission in life. I look forward to continuing that vibrant ministry among the youth of this diocese, who are the hope and promise of the Church. I come among you in Hamilton — ready to listen, to learn, and to serve.

I know well that the Hamilton Diocese has grown to become the second largest English-speaking Roman Catholic Diocese in Canada, encompassing the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Grey, Halton, Waterloo, Wellington, and four Townships in the County of Dufferin. The Diocese of Hamilton has flourished through the leadership of its Bishops and the faith of its clergy, religious communities, pastoral and administrative Diocesan staff and dedicated parishioners. As I begin my ministry in Hamilton, I am deeply aware of the rich legacy of faith and service that has shaped this diocese. I thank God for Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., whose many years of devoted and generous service have been a blessing to this diocese and to the entire Church in Canada. Bishop

Crosby truly lived out his motto *Trahe Nos* – meaning “Draw Us” every day. His zeal for collaborative ministry has borne much fruit for Hamilton and for the Church in Canada. Knowing that he will remain in the Diocese of Hamilton, along with your emeriti Bishops Anthony Tonnos and Matthew Ustrzycki, is a source of fraternal consolation for me, personally. I look forward to working closely with Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, who serves with great generosity and conviction.

The Diocese of Hamilton has been exemplary through its excellent collaboration with Catholic Education at many levels, solid Catholic Health Care and Lay Ministry. In the diversity of your vocations and ministries — priests and deacons, seminarians and consecrated men and women, lay faithful, families, I see a living reflection of the Body of Christ. I will bring to my ministry of shepherding all that I am and all that I have — the spirituality and experiences that have shaped my vocation, the faith that has sustained me, and the love for the Church that gives meaning to my life. To those who are deeply involved in the life of the Church, I look forward to serving with you. To those who may feel distant or uncertain, please know that you have a place in the diocesan family. The Church is for everyone! Together, we will seek to be a Church that welcomes, that heals, that stands close to those in need, and that lives the Gospel with authenticity and joy.

During the recent celebrations for the Jubilee of Bishops in Rome, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that *“the Bishop is the visible principle of unity in the particular Church entrusted to him. It is his duty to build communion among its members and with the universal Church by fostering the variety of gifts and ministries given for its own growth and for the spread of the Gospel.”* I wish to be that kind of shepherd among you — one who builds unity, listens and joyfully works with you.

The saints we celebrate today remind us that holiness is not the privilege of a few but the vocation of all. They show us that when we allow God’s grace to work in us, our ordinary lives become extraordinary in love. May their example inspire us to walk forward with courage, hope, and trust in God’s mercy. Please pray for me as I begin this new mission among you — that I may be a faithful shepherd, a patient servant, and a joyful witness to Christ. Know that you are already in my heart and prayers. May the intercession of Mary, *“Mater Viventium”* and all the Saints strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may Christ, the Good Shepherd, guide us always in His love.

With gratitude in Christ,

+ Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Bishop-designate of Hamilton