



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, Jim Galvin — jgalvinkoc26@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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. Monday, December 8th – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 9th

7:00 p.m. † Jordana Krikorian-Page
† Maria, Nicola & Bianco Family
† Frank Conway
Intentions of Yvette & Peter Lobo
Intentions of Renii Buckley

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet
† Lorenzo D'Avanzo
† Antonina Di Lisi

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet

Friday, December 12th

8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet
Intentions of Zenobius Kim & Genovefa Park
† David Murry

Saturday, December 13th

5:00 p.m. † Josè Joaquim Correia
† Silvana Scudetto
† Joshua Hincks
† Marilyn Lazzarato
Intentions of The Mauro Family
† Brian Pinto

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of December 7, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wednesday	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thursday	Catholic Young Adults
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe <i>National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples</i>
Saturday	Rev. Michael McHugh

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. P. EDWARD LUC

Enter into the season of Advent with an open heart

Advent returns each year as a gentle invitation to slow down. As our world speeds up, our schedules fill up early, and store windows already sparkle with lights, the liturgy whispers to us: “Watch... prepare the way of the Lord.” Advent is not just a waiting for the memory of Christmas; it is the concrete hope that God continues to come into our lives today.

This season calls us to a threefold attitude: watchfulness, conversion, and hope. To watch is to pay attention to what is already sprouting around us: a fraternal gesture, a possible reconciliation, a light we no longer expected. To convert is to dare to let go of what weighs us down: easy judgments, discouragement, routines that dry up the soul. Finally, to hope is to believe that Christ comes to meet us as we are, personally, right now.

To live these four weeks of Advent in a tangible way, here are some concrete suggestions:

1. Light one candle per week with a commitment.

Let's associate a gesture with each candle on the wreath. For example: first week, a time of daily prayer; second, forgiveness given or asked for; third, an act of solidarity; fourth, a free time to listen to someone.

2. Rediscover the Word of God.

Choose an Advent Gospel (for example, Luke 1-2) and read it with your family or alone for a few minutes each day. Write down a word or phrase that touches your heart and live by it throughout the day.

3. Simplify to welcome others.

Why not make a voluntary act of simplicity? Less shopping, less screen time, less noise to leave more space for prayer and relationships.

4. Offer your presence.

Visit someone who is isolated, write a letter, or send a card to someone you have neglected, offer practical help to a neighbor. Advent is the ideal time to reconnect.

5. Return to the sacrament of reconciliation.

A peaceful heart is an open heart. Entrusting ourselves to God's mercy prepares us to welcome the joy of Christmas more fully.

May this Advent 2025 be for each of us a humble, simple, and luminous journey, where we allow God to be born anew in our hearts, our daily actions, our gaze, and our choices. Have a blessed journey to Christmas!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

The Immaculate Conception is about the moment when Mary was conceived in her mother's womb. At that moment, God protected Mary from original sin.

The Church officially taught this in 1854 when Pope Pius IX explained it in a document called *Ineffabilis Deus* ("Ineffable God").

Four years later, in 1858, something very special happened. Mary appeared to a young girl named St. Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. During one of the apparitions, Mary said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This was a beautiful sign that confirmed the Church's teaching about Mary's sinlessness.

After many years of prayer and reflection, the Church confidently teaches that Mary was free from sin from the very first moment of her life. Every year on December 8, we celebrate this great truth on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

This year, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

- **Every Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
- **Every Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- **Special Evening of Reconciliation:**
Wednesday, December 17th, starting at 6:30 p.m. and continuing until all are heard.
Guest confessors will be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts during Advent as we await and celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Knitters and VBS staff will be sponsoring a coffee *Sunday and Christmas Bake Sale the weekend of December 13 & 14th following each Mass*. We will conclude with a reception following the Choir Christmas Concert at 2:30 p.m. – We are looking for volunteers to provide baking for our sale. This is a perfect time to come out and pick up some Holiday Treats. Baking can be dropped off on Friday, December 12th at the parish office until noon or, anytime Saturday afternoon, at the parish centre.

At the event, we are planning on a wine draw and some festive surprises! Come join us after Mass or for the Fabulous Christmas Choral Concert - Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 p.m.

ST. ANNS CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

Sunday December 14th 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the St. Anns Adult choir and Children's choir during an afternoon of music, fellowship and community. After the concert, there will be light refreshments and a raffle in the parish

centre. Bring your family and friends. A free will cash offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to St. Ann's parish. Thank you!

ST. ANN'S CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is that time of year to start planning for our annual *Christmas Pageant which will take place prior to the 5 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve*. We are hoping to have a large turnout this year for this lovely presentation of the Christmas Story. Children, grades SK (please no younger) to Grade 6 are invited to participate. We will gather for 1 hour after the 11a.m. Sunday mass on November 30th, December 7, 14, 21st and then, at 3p.m. on December 24th to prepare for our presentation. To express your interest please email David at dgdayler@gmail.com

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

This coming weekend, pick up your 2026 Offering Envelopes in the Parish Centre after masses. *To ensure accuracy for tax and accounting purposes, please do not use old envelopes of any kind as your number may have changed. Please only use new 2026 envelopes in the New Year.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

This Christmas, your donations helped to provide stocking gifts for 20 residents at Willowgrove Age Care. In addition, \$500.00 worth of grocery gift cards will be donated to the Ancaster Community Services, to be included in their Christmas Baskets for needy families in our community.

Through your kind generosity, you share in our mission to serve Christ with love, respect, justice and hope for the poor.

ST. LUCY FEAST AND CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFET AND DANCE

St. Lucy Feast and Christmas Dinner Buffet and Dance will be held at Our Lady of All Souls Parish Hall, 21 Barton St. W., Hamilton, on Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

For tickets \$40 please call All Souls Parish office at 905-528-1513 or 289 700-4641.

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US!