



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, 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.

The Epiphany of The Lord

Mass Intentions The Epiphany of The Lord January 4, 2026

Tuesday, January 6th

7:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Zenobius Kim &
Genovefa Park
Special Intentions of The Fu Family
Special Intentions of Luisa Medeiros

Wednesday, January 7th

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Mary Newton
Special Intentions of Judy Newton
Special Intentions of Leo Burke
Special Intentions of Mike Kelly

Thursday, January 8th

8:00 a.m. † Nora Normore
Special Intentions of Maria & Gabe

Friday, January 9th

8:00 a.m. † Luigi Cascella
† Cosimo Fiorenza
† Maria, José & Joe Cordeiro

Saturday, January 10th

5:00 p.m. † Gabriel Runco
† Christina O'Sullivan
† Brian Pinto
† Alfonso E. Frisina Sr.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of January 4, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Mark Morley
Tuesday	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Wednesday	Diocesan Priests
Thursday	Rev. Pierre Edward Luc, S.J.
Friday	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Saturday	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

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.

St. Ann, Pray For Us!



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHER: WALKING WITH US INTO THE COMING YEAR

At the turning of the year, the Church places before our eyes a gentle yet powerful figure: Mary, Mother of God. On the threshold of what lies ahead —unknown joys, hidden sorrows, unexpected trials —we are not sent forward alone. We are entrusted to a Mother. In Mary, the eternal Son of God chose not only to enter history, but to enter a family. And in that choice, He gave His Mother to us as our own.

To call Mary *Mother of God* is not simply to honour her; it is to proclaim a mystery at the heart of our faith. The child she held in her arms was fully human and fully divine. The One who depended on her care is the One who holds the universe together. This title grounds our hope: God is not distant. He comes close. He enters our fragility. And Mary, who carried God within her, understands the closeness of God to our everyday lives better than anyone.

Yet Mary is not only the Mother of God; she is our spiritual Mother. At the foot of the Cross, as Jesus' life was poured out, He spoke words that still echo in the life of the Church: "Behold your mother". In that moment of suffering and surrender, Mary's motherhood was widened to include every disciple. She did not stop being a mother when Jesus ascended into heaven; she became, by grace, the mother of all who belong to Him.

As we face a new year, many of us carry unspoken fears. We worry about family tensions, financial pressures, declining health, loneliness, or the weight of responsibilities that seem heavier than before. Mary does not remove these struggles by magic. Instead, she teaches us how to carry them with faith. Her life was not sheltered from pain. Simeon's prophecy—"a sword will pierce your own soul"—was fulfilled not once, but many times. Mary knew uncertainty, exile, misunderstanding, and grief. Because she walked that road, she walks with us now.

Mary guides us first by her listening heart. At the Annunciation, she did not rush to speak, she listened. She pondered, questioned, and ultimately trusted. In a noisy world and an anxious culture, Mary teaches us to slow down, to make room for God's word, and to discern His voice amid confusion. As the coming year

unfolds, she invites us to begin not with fear, but with prayerful attentiveness: *Lord, what are You asking of me today?*

She also guides us by her courage. Mary's "yes" was not a safe or convenient answer. It placed her reputation, her plans, and her future into God's hands. Following Christ will ask the same of us. There will be moments this year when fidelity costs us comfort or approval. In those moments, Mary stands beside us, reminding us that surrender to God always leads, eventually, to life.

Mary guides us by pointing us to Jesus. At Cana, she spoke no words about herself. She simply said, "Do whatever He tells you". This remains her message to the Church. When we are overwhelmed, when prayer feels dry, when we do not know what to do next, Mary gently turns our gaze back to her Son. She teaches us that our strength is not found in controlling outcomes, but in trusting Christ's word.

Finally, Mary guides us by her quiet presence. After the Resurrection and Ascension, she is found praying with the disciples, waiting for the Holy Spirit. She is not always in the spotlight, but she is always faithful. In the year ahead, when answers do not come quickly and crosses do not disappear, Mary assures us that God is still at work, often in hidden ways.

As we step into the coming year, let us entrust ourselves to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. Let us place our struggles, our hopes, and our unanswered questions into her hands. With a mother's tenderness, she leads us not away from the Cross, but through it—toward the Resurrection. And as she has always done, she whispers to our hearts: *Do not be afraid. My Son is with you.*

FATHER PETER'S FAREWELL

JANUARY 10 and 11, 2026 will be Father Peter's final weekend here at St Ann's. We will be celebrating Father and saying farewell after each Mass that weekend.

All are invited to join us for a celebration following the Mass you attend January 10th or January 11th:

- Saturday following the 5 pm Mass - Wine and Cheese Reception with Father
- Sunday following the 9 am Mass - Breakfast with Father
- Sunday following the 11 am Mass - Farewell Luncheon with Father

Please join us at one of these celebrations as we say goodbye to our much loved pastor.

If you would like to assist us in any way with these receptions, please contact David Dayler at dgdayler@gmail.com or Diana Galama at dianagalama@gmail.com

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parent(s),

It is a joy to invite you to begin preparing your child to experience God's merciful love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive the Bread of Life for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

To help you in this important journey, we ask you to attend a **Parent Information Meeting**:

- **Place:** St. Ann Church
- **Date:** Thursday, January 29, 2026
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

At this meeting, we will provide essential information about your child's preparation and celebration of these sacraments. We kindly ask that at least one parent or guardian from each family be present. ***Please note: this meeting is for parents/guardians only, not for children.***

We look forward with joy to walking this faith journey with you and to celebrating these beautiful sacraments with your child.

THE SISTERS POOR OF JESUS CHRIST LUNCH STREET MINISTRY PROGRAMME

A heartfelt thank you dear parishioners for the very generous support you have shown over the last six (6) months (July-December) for the street ministry lunch program with The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ in downtown Hamilton. Your kindness not only supplied 125 lunches once a month but allowed St Ann parish to give The Sisters additional money for their ongoing ministries.

As we share this yearly commitment with Regina Mundi Parish, (their commitment is from January to June) you will be hearing from us again in late June as we prepare for another six (6) months of supporting this very important ministry with The Sisters!

God bless you for your generosity and Happy New Year!