



# 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](mailto:jamantval@hotmail.com)

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

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Jim Galvin — [jgalvinkoc26@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## First Sunday in Lent

**Mass Intentions**  
The First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026



From the desk of:

**REV. PIERRE  
EDWARD LUC**

### **Walking the Desert: A Lenten Reflection with Pope Leo**

Lent is a precious gift, a time to pause in the midst of our busy lives, to slow down, and to return to what truly matters. It is a journey inward, a season in which we are invited to look honestly at our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. As Pope Leo reminds us: *“Lent is not primarily an accumulation of efforts or deprivations. It is a journey. An inner journey, discreet, sometimes demanding, but deeply liberating.”*

This journey often leads us into the desert, a place where distractions fade, masks fall away, and God’s voice can be heard more clearly. Pope Leo writes: *“Where noises subside, where securities fall away, where masks crack, God speaks to the heart.”*

In the quiet of this season, we are invited to reflect and to listen. Lent is not about guilt, but about truth. *“Only truth opens the way to conversion,”* Pope Leo teaches. Conversion does not mean becoming someone else; it means becoming more fully the person God created us to be. It is letting His love shape us, adjusting our priorities, purifying our intentions, and moving from a habitual faith to a living, heartfelt relationship with Him.

The practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and sharing, help guide this transformation. Prayer opens our hearts to God. Fasting frees us from attachments that bind us. Sharing connects us with the needs and dignity of our brothers and sisters. Together, these acts reorient us from ourselves to God, and from God to others.

Lent is also a season of hope. Every act of love, every sacrifice offered sincerely, carries within it a promise of new life. Pope Leo reminds us: *“Nothing that is offered sincerely is lost. God works secretly in our hearts, like a seed buried in the ground that sprouts silently.”*

As a parish, we walk this journey together. Praying, serving, studying Scripture (this year is about the Gospel of John), forgiving, and listening to one another

#### **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. † Anna Maria Passaretti  
† Lucia Ianni  
Intentions of Wayne & Veronica Hannon  
† Dan Summers  
† George Marasco

#### **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † Henry Winsa  
Intentions of Eleanor Troisi & Family  
Intentions of Madi Wong  
Intentions of Eileen McQuade

#### **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † Henry Winsa  
† Peter Lee

#### **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † Frances Dowhaniuk

#### **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Zenobius Kim &  
Genovefa Park  
† Alphonse Gambacort  
† Nicholas Groppo

### **Diocesan Prayer Calendar** Week of February 22, 2026

This week we **especially** pray for:

Monday	Rev. Joonbin Lim
Tuesday	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Wednesday	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
Thursday	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Friday	Rev. Kevin Upendran
Saturday	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

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.

are ways we make this season a shared experience of growth and grace. We support one another, learning to trust in God’s mercy and love.

May this Lent be a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. May our hearts be open to God’s love, our hands ready to serve others, and our spirits strengthened as we walk together from the desert to the light of Easter. As Pope Leo reminds us: *“The desert is not the end of the road: it opens onto the light of Easter.”*

**Discover the Heart of the Gospel this Lent  
“That You May Believe: A Study of the Gospel of John”**

Join Father Ed, David and Richard Shields this Lent for a transformative Bible Study on the Gospel of John – a journey into the mystery of Jesus, the Word made flesh. John’s Gospel invites us to see with the eyes of faith, to encounter Christ personally, and to experience the depth of God’s love revealed on the Cross.

Through prayers, reflection, and group discussion, we will explore themes of light and darkness, belief and doubt, and the promise of new life. Whether you are new to Scripture or a lifelong reader this study will deepen your understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him more closely.

**Come and meet the One who calls you by name!**

- When: Thursdays in Lent  
(Feb. 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26)
- Time: 7 pm – 9 pm
- Where: Parish Center
- To Register: Call or email David at 905 648 6874 or [dgdayler@gmail.com](mailto:dgdayler@gmail.com)

Let this Lent be a time of renewal through the living Word of God.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday evening of Lent we gather for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul Society collection at the exit doors of the church next weekend, February 28/March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ANCASTER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Ancaster Community Food Drive is looking for volunteers. Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, St.

John's Parish Hall on Halson St., 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for flyer delivery and March 7<sup>th</sup> for food pickup. Please check website for details. Also, we are asking for donations of rice to be brought to the church on the week of February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please check website: [www.ancasterfooddrive.ca](http://www.ancasterfooddrive.ca)

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE –  
SHARE LENT 2026**

Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and sharing. For Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, it is an opportunity to call on your generosity in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

This Lent, join us On Track for Justice, walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South that are mobilizing so that their rights and the environment may be respected.

For more information on the Share Lent 2026 Campaign, please check website: <https://devp.org/en/work-in-canada/campaigns/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
SPEAKING SYNODALITY**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join our three-part workshop series on Synodality and its applications in local parish settings. This seminar is encouraged for those involved in parish councils, pastoral planning, and leadership at all levels of Catholic community living. There will be 2 locations for each 3-part session series: Hamilton (with a Zoom option) and, Guelph. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**SPRING BOOK CLUB: “ON LOVE OF THE POOR”** The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV’s first Apostolic Exhortation, *“On Love of the Poor.”* Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father’s message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

**ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US!**