



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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions
The Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026

Tuesday, March 3rd

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Zenobius Kim &
Genovefa Park
Intentions of Steve & Corinne Dunn
† Janis Leslie
† John Dollack

Wednesday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. † Ken Dunn Sr.
† Peter Lee

Thursday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Lorraine Fucciarelli

Friday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. † Benedicto Ngo Tran
† Ergina Mathioudakis

Saturday, March 7th

5:00 p.m. † Gabriel Runco
† Alphonse Gambacort
† Maureen Worrone-Sauve
† George Korkis

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of March 1, 2026

Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse

This week we **especially** pray for:

Monday	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Tuesday	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Wednesday	Society of African Missions, S.M.A.
Thursday	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Friday	<i>World Day of Prayer</i>
Saturday	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis

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:

DAVID DAYLER

LENT A SEASON OF CONVERSION OF THE HEART

Lent is a season the Church gives us not as a burden, but as a gift—a sacred invitation to come home. Each year, on Ash Wednesday, we step forward to receive ashes on our foreheads and hear the solemn words: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” These are not words of condemnation. They are words of love. They are the voice of a Father calling His children back to Himself.

For us, as Catholics, Lent is not merely about giving up chocolate or taking on extra prayers, though these practices have their place. Lent is about conversion of heart. The Church uses the word *metanoia*—a deep, interior turning. It is not cosmetic change. It is not spiritual window dressing. It is a reorientation of our whole being toward God.

We see this call echoed in the parable of the prodigal son. The turning point in that story comes when the son “comes to himself.” Conversion begins when we wake up—when we recognize our hunger, our distance, our need. Lent gives us the grace to “come to ourselves” and remember who we are: beloved sons and daughters of the Father.

The ashes we receive are a powerful sign. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These words humble us. They remind us that our lives are fragile, our time limited. But they also remind us of something hopeful: God breathes His own life into dust. He is not afraid of our weakness. In fact, it is precisely there that He meets us.

Throughout these forty days, the Church places before us three great practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not random disciplines. They correspond to the deepest movements of the human heart.

In prayer, we turn toward God. We make space for Him in the noise of our lives. Perhaps Lent is the time to return to daily Mass, to Eucharistic adoration, or to lingering with Scripture. The same Jesus who fasted in the desert now waits for us in the Eucharist. In every Mass, we encounter the sacrifice of Jesus Christ—the One who gave everything for us.

In fasting, we turn inward. We confront our attachments. Fasting reveals what controls us. It teaches us freedom. When we willingly embrace small sacrifices, we train our hearts to desire God above all else. We learn that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In almsgiving, we turn outward. We remember that conversion is never private. A heart that is truly turned toward God will also turn toward neighbor. Lent invites us to see Christ in the poor, the lonely, the forgotten. Charity stretches our hearts and makes them more like His.

Yet conversion is not achieved by sheer willpower. If Lent depended on our strength alone, we would quickly grow discouraged. True conversion is the work of grace. It is the Holy Spirit who softens hardened hearts, who heals old wounds, who breaks chains of sin. Our part is to cooperate—to say yes.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation becomes especially precious during Lent. When we enter the confessional, we do not meet a judge eager to condemn. We meet Christ the Good Shepherd, who rejoices more over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance. Confession is not humiliation; it is liberation. It is the embrace of mercy.

As we journey through Lent, we walk with the whole Church toward Easter. The desert leads to the empty tomb. The cross leads to resurrection. Our small sacrifices, united with Christ's sacrifice, prepare our hearts to rejoice fully when we proclaim, "Alleluia!"

Conversion of heart means allowing God to love us where we are—and loving Him enough not to remain there. It means forgiving long-held grudges. It means breaking patterns of gossip or impatience. It means choosing hope over cynicism, generosity over self-protection, faith over fear.

Lent is not about becoming someone else. It is about becoming who we truly are in Christ. The saints were not people who never struggled; they were people who kept turning back to God. Again and again. That is the rhythm of Lent: return, receive mercy, begin anew.

So as we enter these forty days, let us not be afraid. Let us open the doors of our hearts. Let us allow the Lord to search us, to heal us, to renew us. If we give Him even the smallest opening, He will do the rest.

And when Easter dawns, we will not simply celebrate an event that happened long ago. We will celebrate something that has happened within us: hearts made new, lives restored, love rekindled.

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." This is not just the beginning of Lent. It is the beginning of joy.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts can be picked up in the Parish Centre after mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every 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 this weekend, February 28/March 1st.

ANCASTER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

The 34th annual Ancaster Community Food Drive is looking for volunteers for food collection on March 7th.

Please check website: 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/>

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US!



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 23, 2026

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent presents to us the privileged paths of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to strip away all that holds us back from a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer connects us with the very Author of life, while fasting sharpens our attention to those things which truly nourish our spirit. Almsgiving, in turn, is an essential expression of our Lenten journey, allowing us to put our faith into action by serving the Lord through those whom He holds so dearly: the poor and the disadvantaged.

Giving to those in need not only helps to transform their lives—a worthy pursuit in itself—but it transforms our own hearts and lives as well. Serving Christ in His poor configures us more closely to the Lord and draws us nearer to the Kingdom He proclaimed during His public ministry. In *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation, our Holy Father reminds us: "*I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry.*"

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. I am deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

This collection takes place during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by the Holy Father to mark 800 years since the saint's passing to eternal life. The life of Saint Francis bears enduring witness to the inseparable bond between Christ and the poor, reminding us that self-giving love for Christ bears abundant evangelical fruit in every generation. May his example inspire us to respond generously to those in need this Solidarity Sunday.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: "*to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God*" (Micah 6:8). With gratitude and prayerful best wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Dabrowski

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton

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