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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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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026

Tuesday, March 17th

7:00 p.m. † Josh Macri & Leoandro Cuzzocrea
Intentions of Barry & Theresa
Mombourquette

Wednesday, March 18th

8:00 a.m. † Maureen Capelli

Thursday, March 19th

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Zenobius Kim &
Genovefa Park

Friday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. † Rosemarie Lesperance
Intentions of Mary
Intentions of Jaclyn & Chrystlin

Saturday, March 21st

5:00 p.m. † Zofia Szewczyk
† Alphonse Gambacort
† Beverley MacAulay
Intentions of Sandra Scime
† Joseph Jelich

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of March 15, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
Tuesday	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Wednesday	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
Thursday	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Friday	Rev. Luis Inacio
Saturday	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, O.M.I.

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

WHAT SAINT JOSEPH TEACHES US DURING LENT

March 19th we celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada, and so, I thought we might reflect today on what Saint Joseph has to teach us during this season of Lent.

Lent is a season of repentance, renewal, sacrifice, and deeper union with Christ. While we often focus on Jesus' forty days in the desert or Mary's sorrowful fidelity, the quiet figure of Saint Joseph offers powerful and practical lessons for our Lenten journey. Though Scripture records no spoken words of his, his actions speak volumes. As Catholics striving for holiness during Lent, we can look to Saint Joseph as a model of obedience, humility, silence, sacrifice, and steadfast faith.

One of the most striking qualities of Saint Joseph is his immediate and unquestioning obedience. When the angel appeared to him in a dream, telling him not to fear taking Mary as his wife, Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matthew 1:24). Later, he rose in the night to flee to Egypt to protect the child Jesus. Each time, he responded promptly and faithfully.

Lent calls us to deeper obedience — not only to the commandments, but to God's specific will in our daily lives. Obedience can be difficult. It may require surrendering our plans, our comfort, or our pride. Saint Joseph reminds us that holiness is not found in dramatic gestures but in faithful responsiveness. During Lent, we can ask ourselves: Where is God inviting me to trust Him more fully? Like Joseph, we are invited to say "yes" without hesitation.

Saint Joseph lived a hidden life. He was entrusted with the greatest treasures in human history — Jesus and Mary — yet, he sought no recognition. He did not preach publicly, perform miracles, or leave behind recorded teachings. His greatness lies precisely in his hiddenness.

Lent is a time to examine our motives. Are our sacrifices done for praise? Do we seek validation for our spiritual efforts? Jesus teaches us to fast, pray, and give alms in secret (Matthew 6). Saint Joseph embodies this hidden virtue. He teaches us that sanctity flourishes in ordinary, unnoticed faithfulness.

In a world that prizes visibility and achievement, Joseph shows us that holiness often grows quietly in the background. Our small, unseen Lenten sacrifice foregoing comforts, forgiving silently, praying faithfully — matter deeply to God.

Scripture records no words spoken by Saint Joseph. His silence is not emptiness but strength. It is the silence of a man deeply attentive to God. He listened in dreams; he discerned; he acted.

Lent invites us into silence. In a noisy world filled with distractions, Saint Joseph teaches us the value of interior stillness. Silence allows us to hear God's voice more clearly. It helps us recognize our sins honestly and receive grace more deeply.

Joseph's silence was also protective. He did not react with anger or public accusation when he discovered Mary's mysterious pregnancy. Instead, he sought a righteous and merciful solution. During Lent, we are called to guard our tongues, avoid gossip, and cultivate charity in speech. Joseph's quiet strength challenges us to replace criticism with compassion and reaction with prayer.

Saint Joseph embraced a vocation that required immense sacrifice. He accepted a child who was not biologically his. He endured the hardship of poverty, displacement, and exile. He labored daily as a carpenter to provide for the Holy Family.

Lent is fundamentally about sacrificial love. We fast not simply to prove discipline, but to unite our sacrifices with Christ's. Joseph's life reminds us that love is proven through responsibility and perseverance. He did not choose comfort; he chose fidelity.

In our own lives, Lenten sacrifice might mean patience with difficult family members, integrity in our work, or perseverance in prayer when we feel dry. Joseph shows us that true fatherhood — and indeed true discipleship — is about self-gift. His example teaches us that sacrifice borne out of love becomes redemptive.

Joseph's life was marked by uncertainty. An unexpected pregnancy, a dangerous journey to Bethlehem, a hurried flight into Egypt — none of this was predictable. Yet Joseph consistently trusted that God was guiding him.

Lent can sometimes feel uncertain too. When we confront our weaknesses and sins, we may feel discouraged. When we try to grow spiritually, we may encounter struggle. Joseph reminds us that trust does not eliminate difficulty; it steadies us within it.

He did not have all the answers, but he had faith. That faith anchored him through confusion and fear. During Lent, we are invited to deepen that same trust, especially when God's plan seems unclear.

The Church honours Saint Joseph as the Guardian of the Redeemer and patron of the universal Church. Just as he protected Jesus physically, he protects the Body of Christ spiritually. During Lent, we can entrust our spiritual growth to his intercession.

Joseph's closeness to Jesus was intimate and daily. He held Him, taught Him, and worked beside Him. Lent is about drawing closer to Christ. Joseph shows us that closeness to Jesus is cultivated in ordinary life — in work, family, and fidelity to duty.

Saint Joseph stands as a quiet but powerful guide for our Lenten journey. Through obedience, humility, silence, sacrifice, and trust, he models the path of authentic discipleship. His life reminds us that holiness is not about prominence but faithfulness.

As we journey toward Easter, may we ask Saint Joseph to help us respond to God's will with courage, embrace hidden sacrifices with joy, and grow in silent, steadfast love for Christ. In following his example, we prepare our hearts more fully for the Resurrection and for a deeper union with the Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday evening of Lent as we gather for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts not been picked up at the masses or the office to date, have been mailed out this week. Kindly allow 10 business days for the tax slip to arrive prior to calling the office. Thank you.

SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE BEAUTY OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Please support our Lenten Screening of *Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe*. All proceeds go to "[Restoring the Beauty of St. Ann](#)" Ancaster Campaign.

March 25, 2026 at 7 PM
Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre - Peller Hall
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