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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY — A REFLECTION

Lent invites us into a deeper attentiveness to suffering—not as something to be avoided at all costs, but as a place where God quietly works transformation. In the tradition of the Church, the Seven Sorrows of Mary offer us a path into this mystery through the heart of a mother who walked closely with both sorrow and hope.

Mary's sorrows begin early, with Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce her soul. Even in moments of joy, there is a shadow—a reminder that love always carries vulnerability. Lent teaches us the same truth: to love deeply is to risk deeply. Yet Mary does not withdraw. She consents to love fully, even knowing it will cost her.

The flight into Egypt reveals another sorrow: fear, displacement, and uncertainty. Mary becomes a refugee, protecting her child in a hostile world. Many today live this same reality. In Lent, we are called to see them—not as distant strangers, but as reflections of the Holy Family. Mary's sorrow opens our eyes to compassion that is not abstract, but concrete.

When Mary loses the young Jesus in the temple, we encounter the anguish of not understanding God's ways. "Why have you done this to us?" she asks. It is a question many of us carry in our own lives. Why this suffering? Why this silence? Mary does not receive a full answer, but she continues to trust. Lent asks us to hold our questions without letting go of faith.

As Jesus carries the cross, Mary meets him on the road to Calvary. This is the sorrow of helpless love—the pain of watching someone you love suffer, unable to take it away. Yet her presence matters. Sometimes, the most faithful thing we can do is simply remain with one another in suffering. Mary teaches us the ministry of presence.

At the foot of the cross, her sorrow reaches its fullness. She stands there, not collapsing in despair, but steadfast in love. This is not passive endurance; it is courageous fidelity. In a world that often turns away from pain, Mary remains. Lent calls us to this same courage—to stand at the crosses of our world and not look away.

When Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in her arms, Mary holds the broken body of her son. This is grief in its rawest form. And yet, even here, there is

Tuesday, March 24th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Frank & Angie Vanderzalm
† Richard Wildeman
† Michael Kelly
† Albert Hannon

Wednesday, March 25th

8:00 a.m. † Kyra Roberts

Thursday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of The Alexandre Family

Friday, March 27th

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

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 p.m. † Nicola & Maria Bianco & The Bianco Family
† Alphonse Gambacort
† Alfonso & Antonia Frisina
† Ergina Mathioudakis
† Leopoldo Rojas-Guayacan

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of March 22, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tuesday	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wednesday	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Thursday	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Friday	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Saturday	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

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!

a quiet tenderness. Love does not end, even in death. It remains, wounded but real.

Finally, as Jesus is laid in the tomb, Mary enters into the silence of waiting. This is perhaps the hardest sorrow—the not-knowing, the in-between. Lent often feels like this: a long pause before resurrection, where hope is not yet visible.

But Mary’s journey through sorrow is not without meaning. Each sorrow becomes a doorway to deeper trust, deeper love, and ultimately, to resurrection. She shows us that suffering, when united with God, is not the end of the story.

As we conclude our walk through Lent, may we walk with Mary. May her sorrows teach us how to carry our own—with honesty, with compassion, and with hope that even in the darkest moments, God is quietly preparing new life.

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 p.m.

Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre - Peller Hall
357 Wilson St E, Ancaster, ON L9G 2C1

Tickets: \$16.95 each

Advance Tickets only!

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HOLD THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

July 6 – July 10th

From 9 am – 12:00 noon - Cost 60.00

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They’ll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life’s storms.

Rainforest Falls was designed with more than fun in mind—it’s a faith-driven adventure rooted in helping kids grow in their relationship with God.

TO REGISTER Contact David at: dgdayler@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, March 27th, we gather for our last Lenten Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please find below the Confession and Mass schedule for Holy Week.

CONFESSIONS

Every Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Every Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Lenten Confession: **MARCH 25th**, starting at 6:00 p.m., and continuing until completed.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD : MARCH 28TH

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

MARCH 29TH

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD’S

SUPPER: **APRIL 2ND**

7:00 p.m.

Adoration until 10:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre

GOOD FRIDAY – THE PASSION OF OUR LORD: **APRIL 3RD**

Solemn Liturgy 11:00 a.m.

Solemn Liturgy 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: **APRIL 4TH**

Blessing of Easter Food 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: **APRIL 5TH**

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.