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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

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| 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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions
The Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

Tuesday, March 10th

7:00 p.m. † Josip Skrtic
Intentions of Colin & Deanne Day
† Aline Marie Thérèse Girard

Wednesday, March 11th

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

Thursday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 13th

8:00 a.m. † Victor Marasco

Saturday, March 14th

5:00 p.m. † Stan & Maria Filice
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo
† Alphonse Gambacort
† Fran Dowhaniuk
† Joseph Jelich

On March 6th we celebrated The **World Day of Prayer**, a global ecumenical movement that invites Christians of many traditions to unite in prayer and solidarity. For Catholics, this day is not simply an event on the calendar but an opportunity to live more deeply the Church's call to unity, charity, and shared witness to Christ.

The modern ecumenical movement has roots in the early twentieth century and found renewed encouragement within the Catholic Church during the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. In its decree, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, the Council affirmed that working toward Christian unity is not optional but essential to the Church's mission. Prayer, it emphasized, is the "soul" of the ecumenical movement. The World Day of Prayer embodies precisely this spirit: Christians coming together, not to debate differences, but to stand before God as sisters and brothers in Christ.

For Catholics, supporting the World Day of Prayer begins with understanding that ecumenism is not about diluting our faith. Rather, it is about deepening it. When we pray alongside Christians from other traditions, we do not compromise our identity; we rediscover it more fully. We return to the heart of what unites us — our shared baptism, our common belief in Jesus Christ as Lord, and our commitment to love our neighbor.

Catholics can support this day through intentional prayer in our homes and parishes. Offering a Rosary, participating in Eucharistic Adoration, or including special intercessions at Mass for Christian unity are powerful ways to align ourselves with the intention of the day. When we pray for unity, we echo the words of Jesus in John 17: "That they may all be one." This prayer of Christ remains unfinished in history, and we are invited to take part in its fulfillment.

Beyond prayer, the World Day of Prayer calls us to solidarity and action. Each year, offerings collected often support charitable and educational projects led by women and communities in need around the world. Catholics, with our strong social teaching tradition, can respond generously. The Church's emphasis on the

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of March 8, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

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| Monday | Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony |
| Tuesday | Rev. Patras Samuel Masih |
| Wednesday | Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M. |
| Thursday | Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I. |
| Friday | Parish & Chancery Staff |
| Saturday | Rev. Harry 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.

dignity of every human person, the preferential option for the poor, and the call to global solidarity harmonizes beautifully with the aims of this day. Supporting these initiatives becomes an extension of our lived faith.

We also benefit spiritually from participation. First, we grow in humility. Encountering other Christian traditions reminds us that no single community exhausts the richness of God’s grace. We hear Scripture proclaimed in new accents, see faith expressed through different hymns and gestures, and discover insights shaped by diverse histories. This does not weaken Catholic identity; it purifies it of complacency and narrowness.

Second, we cultivate hope. In a world often fractured by division, political tension, and cultural polarization, gathering in shared prayer is a prophetic act. It testifies that unity in Christ is possible even amid difference. For Catholics, who believe the Church to be a sacrament of unity for the whole human race, this shared witness strengthens our confidence in the Holy Spirit’s work beyond visible boundaries.

Third, we deepen charity. Praying together softens prejudices and heals misunderstandings. Many older generations remember times when relationships between Catholics and other Christians were marked by suspicion. Today, standing side by side in prayer fosters mutual respect and friendship. It builds the kind of trust that allows theological dialogue and cooperation in service to flourish.

Finally, the World Day of Prayer invites personal conversion. Ecumenism is not only about institutions; it is about the transformation of hearts. As Catholics, we can ask ourselves: Do I pray regularly for unity? Do I speak respectfully of other Christian communities? Do I seek opportunities for collaboration in works of mercy? This day becomes a gentle examination of conscience, calling us to greater faithfulness.

In supporting the World Day of Prayer, Catholics live out the Church’s mission in a tangible way. We become bridges rather than barriers, witnesses rather than critics. We recognize that unity is ultimately God’s gift, but one that requires our cooperation through prayer, openness, and love.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

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| DONATION RECEIPT | Date: _____ NO: _____ |
| | From: _____ |
| | Amount: _____ |
| | For: _____ |
| | Signature: _____ |

If you have not picked up your 2025 Tax Receipts, please do so this weekend after mass. They are in the Parish Centre.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

357 Wilson St E, Ancaster, ON L9G 2C1

Tickets: \$16.95 each

Advance Tickets only!

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TRIUMPH of the HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

LENTEN SCREENING

ONE NIGHT ONLY

All proceeds
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Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7 PM

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LENTEN FILM SCREENING: *Triumph of the Heart: The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Register now for a special Lenten screening of the acclaimed film *TRIUMPH OF THE HEART - THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE* on **Wednesday, March 25** at Ancaster Memorial Arts Centre, Peller Hall (Theatre) . [Advance tickets only](#). *Triumph of the Heart* is a feature film about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. Suggested PG13.

Tickets \$16.95 and all proceeds go to St. Ann's Ancaster Restoration Campaign/Fund.

Visit dunnmedia.ca/triumph to register. Limited number of complimentary tickets for clergy and students.