



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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions Fifth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday, May 5th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Colleen & Mark Selkirk
† Olivia Smosarski
† Jordana Krickorian-Page
† So-Ying Cheng

Wednesday, May 6th

8:00 a.m. Intention of Melissa
Intentions of Helen Boradfoot

Thursday, May 7th

8:00 a.m. † Giuseppe Trevisan
† Angelo Musitano

Friday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Krystyna Budyta
Intentions of Louanna Mootoo

Saturday, May 9th

5:00 p.m. † Janina & Jozef Stanko
† Emily Green
† Robert Carson
† Frank Murphy

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of May 3, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Bradley Markus
Tuesday	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Wednesday	Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.
Thursday	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Friday	Rev. David Reitzel
Saturday	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam

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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026

As we begin to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2026, we reflect upon the great blessing that we have here in our St Ann's community. We have four elementary schools, St Ann's, St Joachim, Holy Name of Mary, and Immaculate Conception and one secondary school, Bishop Tonnos, as a vital part of our faith community. This coming Sunday Immaculate Conception and St Joachim will be celebrating with us at our 11 am Mass as part of our continuing School Community Mass initiative.

Catholic schools play a vital role in nurturing not only the intellectual growth of students but also their spiritual, moral, and social development. Rooted in the teachings of the Gospel, Catholic education seeks to form the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—guiding students to become compassionate, responsible, and faith-filled individuals. During Catholic Education Week, this mission is especially celebrated, as communities reflect on the unique contribution Catholic schools make to both the Church and society.

One of the defining features of Catholic schools is their commitment to integrating faith into everyday learning. Religion is not treated as a separate subject but is woven into all aspects of school life. Students are encouraged to see the presence of God in their studies, relationships, and actions. This holistic approach fosters a sense of purpose and belonging, helping young people understand their role in building a more just and loving world.

The relationship between the parish, home, and school is central to the success of Catholic education. These three pillars work together to support the faith formation of children. The home is often described as the "domestic Church," where parents are the first teachers of faith. They introduce their children to prayer, values, and the teachings of the Church through daily life. Catholic schools build upon this foundation by providing formal religious instruction, opportunities for prayer, and a community where faith is lived and shared.

The parish, in turn, connects students and families to the wider Church community. Through participation in Mass, sacraments, and parish events, students experience a living faith that extends beyond the classroom. This partnership ensures consistency in the messages children receive about faith and values, reinforcing their understanding and commitment. When parish, home, and school work in harmony, students are more likely to develop a strong and lasting relationship with their faith.

Catholic Education Week is a special time to celebrate this collaboration. Schools often host liturgies, service projects, and community events that bring together students, families, and parish members. These celebrations highlight the shared mission of forming disciples of Christ and emphasize the importance of community in living out the Gospel. It is also an opportunity to recognize the dedication of teachers, who serve not only as educators but also as role models of faith and service.

Moreover, Catholic schools emphasize the importance of social justice and service to others. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, students are encouraged to care for the poor, respect the dignity of all people, and work toward the common good. This focus helps students develop empathy and a sense of responsibility for the world around them.

Catholic schools are more than places of academic learning; they are communities of faith that shape the hearts and minds of young people. The strong partnership between parish, home, and school ensures that students receive a consistent and meaningful formation in their faith. Catholic Education Week serves as a reminder of this shared mission and an opportunity to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education.

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HELP NOT HARM CAMPAIGN

Please visit our website: www.stannparish.ca (bottom of our homepage) for letters regarding Bill C-218:

1. **A letter from Bishop Joseph Dabrowski**, inviting the faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton to participate in the *Help Not Harm* campaign and to support initiatives that uphold the dignity of human life and provide

compassionate care for those who are suffering.

2. **A letter from Cardinal Leo**, addressed to the Prime Minister of Canada, expressing concern regarding current federal legislation and broader developments related to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).
3. **A similar letter from Cardinal Leo**, addressed to Members of Parliament, outlining these same concerns and encouraging careful consideration of the moral, social, and pastoral implications of existing and proposed legislation.

Faithful across Canada are invited to visit:

HelpNotHarmCanada.ca, where they may easily contact their Member of Parliament to express support for legislation that promotes care, recovery, and protection for those experiencing profound suffering.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day celebrations can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. **Join this special tea on Sunday May 10, 2026** for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us, but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions, or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at 667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, ON. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW. RSW.; www.cardinalconnection.ca; or call (905)-537-9638.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Ann Knights of Columbus will be selling Right to Life roses (peel and stick) after all the masses on May 9-10th. Cash donation only.



St. Ann, Pray for Us



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

April 27, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you!

“In him was life, and the life was the light of all people” (John 1:4)

As we journey through this Easter season, we are reminded in a profound way that the life revealed in Jesus Christ—through His death on the cross and His resurrection—is a light that no darkness can overcome. In this light, we bear witness to the sanctity of every human life, a cornerstone of our Catholic faith, especially in our care for those who are most vulnerable.

I stand together with Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, in my deep concern with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada. In his recent letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney, he noted that, “euthanasia and assisted suicide are indeed contrary to the dignity of the human person.” I join him and many Canadians who are troubled by the expansion and development of MAiD, especially in its impact on vulnerable individuals who may seek assisted death during moments of suffering, isolation or hopelessness.

In response to these concerns, legislation currently before parliament—Bill C-218, the Right to Recover Act—seeks to restrict the expansion of MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. This moment invites careful reflection on how we, as a society, are called to care for those who are suffering; not by expediting death, but by providing compassionate accompaniment and hope.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a national initiative entitled “Help Not Harm” to raise awareness about these important issues and to encourage respectful engagement with Members of Parliament. Through this campaign, you are able to contact your Member of Parliament in support of Bill C-218 through the HelpNotHarmCanada.ca website. I encourage you to participate in this initiative in the spirit of charity, and concern for the common good.

We must continue to build a society that chooses life, accompanies those most in need, and reflects the compassion of Christ.

Entrusting you to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† *Joseph Dabrowski*, CSMA

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton

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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Sent via e-mail

20 April 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

I am mindful of the many sacrifices made to lead our country. Know of my prayers for you and your family. As the Archbishop of Toronto, providing spiritual leadership for close to two million Catholics, I write to you keenly aware of our collective obligation to safeguard the dignity of every human life and to serve the common good.

As you know, our Catholic faith opposes the taking of any human life and it is with great disappointment and anguish that we have seen our country expand Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) at a rapid and alarming rate since legislation was passed in 2016, despite the commitments made and the safeguards promised. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are indeed contrary to the dignity of the human person.

You are certainly aware that many Canadians are increasingly troubled by the speed and scope of these developments, and by the inevitable harmful effects on vulnerable individuals who may feel pressure — whether subtle or overt — during moments of profound suffering, isolation, or despair, to seek assisted death.

A society is rightly judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable members. There is growing anxiety that the normalization and expansion of assisted suicide risks undermining a culture of compassion, weakening investments in palliative support, and diminishing the collective commitment to accompany those suffering.

Before Parliament at present is a Private Members' Bill, C-218 – An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying) that would restrict the expansion of MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. As Parliament considers Bill C-218, I respectfully urge you to allow a free vote among Members of Parliament within the Liberal Party of Canada. This legislation raises profound questions of conscience that transcend partisan alignment and touch on deeply held moral, ethical, and spiritual convictions. I ask you to choose life and not death; to help build a civilization that cares for those suffering and does not eliminate them, but instead surrounds them with dignity, compassion, and love.

I would also urge you and the Minister of Justice to consider measures that restrict any further expansion of assisted suicide in our country and instead prioritize investments in palliative care, mental health support and resources for those who are increasingly marginalized and isolated, especially seniors and Canadians living with disabilities.

I remain available to speak with you directly on this or any other matter in the days ahead and reiterate my prayers for you and for all who serve in public office. May you be guided by wisdom, courage, and a steadfast commitment to the common good.

Yours Sincerely,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

cc. Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada



Communication to all Members of Parliament in the Archdiocese of Toronto

20 April 2026

Dear Member of Parliament,

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family, mindful of the many sacrifices made to serve your constituents and our country. As Archbishop of Toronto, I serve as the spiritual leader for close to two million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, an area that includes your constituency.

I am deeply concerned about the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada. As you likely know, our Catholic faith opposes the taking of any human life, and it is tragic that MAiD has expanded at an alarming pace since legislation was passed in 2016. Many Canadians are increasingly uneasy about the speed and scope of these developments, particularly the inevitable harmful effects on vulnerable individuals who may feel pressured to seek assisted death — whether subtle or overt — during moments of profound suffering, isolation or despair.

A society is rightly judged by how it cares for its most vulnerable members. There is growing anxiety that the normalization and expansion of assisted suicide risks undermining a culture of compassion, weakening funding for palliative support, and diminishing the collective commitment to accompany those who are suffering. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are indeed contrary to the dignity of the human person. As a civilized and caring country, we are called to protect those experiencing mental illness, not hasten death.

Currently before Parliament is Private Members' Bill C-218 – *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)* – which would restrict the expansion of MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. As you consider this legislation, I respectfully urge you to vote according to your conscience. This bill raises profound questions of moral and ethical principles that transcend party lines and touch on deeply held convictions regarding the sanctity of life.

I also encourage you to advocate for policies that prioritize investments in palliative care, mental health supports, and resources for individuals who are increasingly marginalized or isolated, particularly seniors and Canadians living with disabilities, rather than efforts to further expand access to assisted suicide. I ask you to choose life and not death; to vote in favour of Bill C-218 and to help build a civilization that cares for those suffering and does not eliminate them, but instead surrounds them with dignity, compassion, and love.

I reiterate my prayers for you and all who serve in public office, that your decisions may be guided by wisdom, courage, and a steadfast commitment to the common good.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto