



# 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](mailto:jamantval@hotmail.com)

## Legion of Mary — phone/text Julia 289-489-9487

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Jim Galvin — [jgalvinkoc26@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Dorothy Callaghan  
† Agustina & Pedro Ravarra  
† Elisa Fracassi  
† Alex Aduna

#### Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Intention of Eldres Ravarra

#### Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory  
† Rosalie & Avellino Cicchi

#### Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. † Enrico & Allagrina Savelli & Family  
† Carlton W.

#### Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. † John Pawlikowski  
† Josh Macri  
† Stan & Maria Filice  
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Michael McHugh
Tuesday	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.   <i>Canada Health Day</i>
Wednesday	Seminarians
Thursday	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Friday	Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.
Saturday	Rev. Peter Meyer

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!*  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



From the desk of:

**DAVID DAYLER**

### MARY: UNDOER OF KNOTS

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and so I thought we might reflect throughout the month on ways Mary accompanies us on our spiritual journey as intercessor, model and guide. Today, through the lens of Mary Undoer of Knots we explore Mary's role as intercessor.

The role of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an intercessor has long been a source of comfort and theological reflection within Christianity. Far from distancing believers from Christ, Marian devotion is understood as a pathway that leads more deeply into relationship with Him. By examining Mary's intercessory role—especially through the devotion known as “Mary, Undoer of Knots”—we can better appreciate how she serves as a spiritual bridge connecting humanity to her Son, Jesus Christ.

From the earliest moments of her life, Virgin Mary is uniquely positioned in salvation history. Chosen to bear the Son of God, she demonstrates perfect openness to divine will with her “yes” at the Annunciation. This complete trust establishes her as a model disciple, but also as someone deeply united with Christ's mission. Because of this intimate union, Christians have long believed that her prayers carry special efficacy—not because she possesses independent power, but because of her closeness to Jesus.

Intercession, in its simplest form, means praying on behalf of another. Scripture itself offers a clear example of Mary's intercessory role at the Wedding at Cana. When the hosts run out of wine, Mary brings the need to Jesus' attention. Though His response initially seems hesitant, He ultimately performs His first miracle at her request. This moment is significant: Mary does not solve the problem herself, but she directs others to Christ with the instruction, “Do whatever He tells you.” Her role is therefore not to replace Jesus, but to guide people toward Him.

The devotion to Mary as “Undoer of Knots” provides a vivid and relatable illustration of this intercessory role. The image originates from a baroque painting depicting Mary patiently untangling knots in a long ribbon, assisted by angels. These knots symbolize the struggles, sins, and complications that bind human

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lives—broken relationships, anxiety, guilt, and spiritual confusion. In this devotion, believers entrust their “knots” to Mary, asking her to intercede and present these difficulties to Jesus.

What makes this imagery powerful is its emphasis on process and care. Knots are not cut violently; they are gently loosened. This reflects the way grace often works in human life—not instantaneously, but through patient transformation. By turning to Mary under this title, believers are not bypassing Christ; rather, they are asking for her maternal help in bringing their struggles more fully into His healing presence.

Mary’s intercession is also rooted in her spiritual motherhood. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary to the beloved disciple, symbolically extending her motherhood to all believers. As a mother, her concern is not abstract or distant—it is deeply personal. This maternal dimension helps explain why many Christians feel drawn to her in times of distress. She is seen as one who understands human suffering intimately and who brings those concerns tenderly before her Son.

Critics sometimes argue that focusing on Mary risks overshadowing Jesus. However, authentic Marian devotion consistently points beyond itself. Mary’s entire identity is Christ-centered: she magnifies the Lord, as expressed in the Magnificat, and continually directs attention to Him. The “Undoer of Knots” devotion reinforces this dynamic. The goal is not simply the removal of difficulties, but a deeper trust in Christ’s ability to redeem and restore.

Furthermore, Mary’s role as intercessor highlights the communal nature of Christian faith. Believers are not isolated individuals approaching God alone; they are part of a larger spiritual family. Just as Christians ask one another for prayers, asking for Mary’s intercession is understood as participating in this broader communion. Her unique relationship with Jesus simply makes her intercession especially meaningful.

In practical terms, devotion to Mary as Undoer of Knots encourages reflection, humility, and surrender. It invites believers to identify the “knots” in their own lives and to acknowledge their need for divine assistance. This act of entrustment can be transformative, fostering a sense of peace and hope even before external circumstances change.

Ultimately, Mary’s intercessory role does not compete with Christ’s mediation but complements it. She is a

guide, a mother, and a companion on the journey of faith. Through her, believers are gently led closer to Jesus, where true healing and reconciliation are found. The image of her patiently untangling knots serves as a reminder that no problem is too complex for God’s grace—and that, through Mary’s loving intercession, even the most tangled situations can be brought into the light of Christ.

### **ALTAR SERVER AWARDS**

*Congratulations* to Sabina Aragon, Zak Bonilla Vargas, and Zaly Bonilla Vargas on receiving the Bishop’s Altar Server Awards! We are truly blessed by their faithful service, reverence, and dedication to our parish. Their example inspires us all to serve with love and humility.



### **HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

Baby Bottles will be available to take after the Masses this weekend; kindly return the bottles on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Fathers’ Day. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your coins, paper money or cheque. Hamilton Right to Life needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion and other life-threatening issues. You can learn more about Hamilton Right to Life at [www.HamiltonRightToLife.org](http://www.HamiltonRightToLife.org) or by calling 905-528-3065.