



# 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.

# The Ascension of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

The Ascension of the Lord

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Parish Office is closed for  
Victoria Day**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Brad & Shannon McKay  
† Peter Lee  
† Georgina Howard  
† Katheryn Thompson  
Intentions of Pancreas Um

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † Kaj & Alice Nielsen  
Intentions of Liz, Matthew & Josh

**Thursday, May 21<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † Carol Rice

**Friday, May 22<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory  
† Samuel Agapay

**Saturday, May 23<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. † Ilario & Esterina Orsini  
† Paul Legris  
† Larry Legris  
† Pat Legris  
† Ruth Legris

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord  
World Communications Day

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M. <b>Victoria Day</b>
Tuesday	Rev. Christopher Tracey
Wednesday	Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P.
Thursday	Single Catholics
Friday	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Saturday	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, 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.



From the desk of:

**DAVID DAYLER**

As we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima this week, I thought we might reflect on how Our Lady, through the apparition of Fatima, speaks to us in our lives today.

On May 13, 1917, in the quiet countryside of Fátima, three shepherd children encountered a radiant woman who identified herself simply as “the Lady of the Rosary.” What began as a humble apparition to children soon became one of the most influential spiritual events in modern Catholic life. Yet the enduring importance of Our Lady of Fátima is not found merely in miracles, secrets, or historical fascination. Her role in the life of everyday Catholics today is deeply pastoral: she calls believers back to prayer, repentance, hope, and trust in God amid a troubled world.

Modern life often feels fragmented and noisy. Many Catholics struggle to balance work, family responsibilities, financial pressures, and spiritual life. In such a world, the message of Fátima sounds remarkably relevant because it is simple. Mary did not appear to theologians or political leaders; she appeared to ordinary children. This itself is a lesson for the Church today. God speaks through humility. Holiness is not reserved for the extraordinary but is offered to ordinary people living ordinary lives with extraordinary faithfulness.

At the heart of the Fátima message is the call to conversion. Mary’s repeated invitation was clear: “Pray, pray very much,” and “Do penance.” In contemporary culture, the word “penance” may sound harsh or outdated, yet its meaning is profoundly liberating. It is not about punishment but about turning the heart back toward God. Everyday Catholics encounter countless opportunities for this conversion: choosing patience instead of anger, forgiveness instead of resentment, generosity instead of selfishness, prayer instead of distraction. The spirituality of Fátima reminds believers that sanctity grows through daily acts of faithfulness.

The Rosary occupies a central place in the apparitions. Mary consistently asked the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world and for the conversion of sinners. For many Catholics today, the Rosary remains a source of stability and contemplation amid anxiety and uncertainty. It is accessible to

everyone: the elderly praying quietly at home, parents praying with children before bed, commuters praying during long drives, students seeking peace before examinations. The Rosary slows the restless heart and places the mysteries of Christ at the center of life.

The message of Fátima also speaks powerfully to a world wounded by violence and division. The twentieth century, marked by war, persecution, and ideological conflict, revealed the prophetic dimension of Mary's warnings. Yet, her message was never one of despair. Rather, it was a summons to hope rooted in God's mercy. Catholics today continue to live amid global instability, social polarization, and spiritual confusion. In this climate, Our Lady of Fátima reminds believers that prayer is not passive. Prayer changes hearts, and changed hearts can change history.

Another important aspect of Fátima is its emphasis on sacrifice offered in love. The shepherd children embraced suffering not with fear but with trust in God. Their witness challenges modern attitudes that often seek comfort above all else. Everyday Catholics are not usually called to dramatic martyrdom, but they are called to carry the crosses of life with grace: caring for sick relatives, enduring loneliness, remaining faithful in difficult marriages, persevering through illness, or maintaining integrity in hostile environments. Through Fátima, Mary teaches that suffering united with Christ is never meaningless.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of Our Lady of Fátima for everyday Catholics today is that holiness is possible in ordinary life. The shepherd children were not powerful or educated. They were simple, faithful, and open to grace. Their example encourages modern believers who may feel spiritually inadequate or overwhelmed. God continues to work through humble hearts willing to pray, trust, and persevere.

More than a century after the apparitions, the light of Fátima still shines because the human heart still longs for peace, meaning, and hope. Mary's message remains profoundly contemporary: return to prayer, repent with sincerity, trust in God's mercy, and live courageously in faith. For everyday Catholics navigating the complexities of modern life, Our Lady of Fátima continues to serve as a gentle but urgent guide toward Christ, reminding the Church that even in times of darkness, heaven has not abandoned the world.

## DIocese

Time is running out to register for The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. Join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski in celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm.** (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us on **May 28, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** for our last screening of the season with **War for the Woods**. The film follows journalist Stephanie Kwetásel'wet Wood as she underscores the impact of clearcut logging and the devastation of old growth forests. Clayoquot Sound, B.C, the site of protests against clearcut logging 30 years ago, serves as the backdrop as the film explores how First Nations and environmentalists are again taking a stand to balance environmental stewardship with economic needs, as protecting these ancient forests becomes ever more complicated. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Council 10009)

### ANNUAL TASTE OF ANCASTER

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Ancaster fundraiser, will take place on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. -9 p.m. at Marquis Gardens, 1365 Sandhill Dr., Ancaster. Sample foods, wines and brews from the best restaurants in Ancaster and the neighbouring area. Tickets are \$65 dollars and can be purchased at Rastin's PharmaChoice and include all foods, beverages, and entertainment. All proceeds from this event support local charities. For more information visit the Taste of Ancaster Facebook page.

**ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US!**