



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.

Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions Pentecost Sunday



From the desk of:

DAVID DAYLER

Tuesday, May 26th

7:00 p.m. Intentions of Paul & Cindy Dowhaniuk
† Peter Lee
† Patricia Marcuk
Intentions of Giancarlo Carere

Wednesday, May 27th

8:00 a.m. † Alfeo Acierto
† Danny Flynn

Thursday, May 28th

8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Danny Shea

Friday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. † Frank Murphy
† Sheila Francis

Saturday, May 30th

5:00 p.m. † Gary Stewart
† Kyu-yul Han & Kum-sun Kim
† Emilio Petronio
† Frank Reid
† Kevin Dwyer

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Week of May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
Tuesday	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Wednesday	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, R.P.B.
Thursday	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Friday	Rev. David Lewis
Saturday	Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.

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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROSARY FOR CATHOLICS TODAY

For Catholics today, the Rosary remains one of the most beautiful and meaningful forms of prayer. In a world filled with noise, distraction, stress, and uncertainty, the Rosary offers peace, focus, and a deeper connection with God. Though it is a centuries-old devotion, it continues to speak powerfully to modern believers because it invites people into meditation, reflection, and trust in God through the life of Jesus Christ and the example of the Virgin Mary.

The beauty of the Rosary lies in its simplicity. Anyone can pray it: children, adults, the elderly, those new to the faith, and lifelong Catholics. The repeated prayers—the Hail Mary, the Our Father, and the Glory Be—create a gentle rhythm that calms the mind and heart. In a society where people are constantly rushing and multitasking, the Rosary encourages stillness. It gives Catholics a chance to pause and enter into sacred silence with God. Even when life feels overwhelming, the Rosary becomes a source of comfort and stability.

Another beautiful aspect of the Rosary is its focus on the mysteries of Christ's life. As we pray the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries, they reflect on important moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These mysteries are not simply stories from the past; they reveal truths that still matter today. For example, meditating on the Nativity reminds believers of humility and hope, while reflecting on the Crucifixion encourages perseverance through suffering. The Resurrection inspires faith in eternal life and victory over despair. Through the Rosary, we are invited to walk spiritually beside Jesus and learn from His example.

Mary's role in the Rosary is also deeply meaningful. As Catholics we do not worship Mary, but honour her as the mother of Jesus and a model of faith. In praying the Rosary, we ask for her intercession and guidance. Many Catholics find comfort in turning to Mary during difficult times because she represents compassion, tenderness, and trust in God's plan. Her words at the Wedding at Cana, "Do whatever He tells you," reflect the purpose of the Rosary itself: it always leads believers closer to Christ.

The Rosary also provides important spiritual benefits for Catholics today. One major benefit is inner peace. Anxiety and loneliness are common struggles in modern society, and many people feel spiritually disconnected. The Rosary creates space for prayerful reflection and helps individuals slow down. The repetitive prayers can quiet anxious thoughts and bring emotional healing. Many Catholics describe feeling calmer and more hopeful after praying the Rosary, especially during times of grief, fear, or uncertainty.

Another benefit is spiritual discipline. In a culture where attention is often scattered by technology and social media, committing to regular prayer can be difficult. The Rosary encourages consistency and devotion. Even praying one decade each day helps us build a habit of prayer and strengthen their relationship with God. Over time, this discipline can deepen faith, increase patience, and help believers become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives.

The Rosary also strengthens families and communities. Many Catholic families pray the Rosary together at home, especially during difficult moments or special seasons such as Advent and Lent. Family prayer creates unity and teaches children the importance of faith. In parishes and prayer groups, the Rosary brings people together across generations and cultures. It reminds us that we belong to a universal Church, united in prayer.

The Rosary remains especially relevant in today's world because it answers a deep human need for meaning and connection. Modern life often values productivity, entertainment, and material success, but many people still long for spiritual purpose. The Rosary gently draws us away from distractions and back toward what truly matters: faith, love, mercy, and eternal hope.

Ultimately, the Rosary is beautiful because it is a prayer of love—love for God, love for Mary, and love for humanity. Its benefits are spiritual, emotional, and communal. Through the Rosary, we find peace in suffering, strength in weakness, and hope in uncertain times. It continues to be a timeless devotion that nourishes faith and helps believers encounter Christ more deeply in everyday life.

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YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in

September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

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 18th Annual Taste of Ancaster Fundraiser, will take place on Thursday, June 25th 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!