



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.

Fifteenth in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the desk of:

**FATHER DOMINIC
THOMAS, C.M.I.**

Tuesday, July 14th

7:00 p.m. † Jordana Krikorian-Page
† Kyu-yul Han & Kum-Sun Kim
† Giustina & Vincenzo Forcione
† Nicola Cornacchione
Special Intentions of Adriana

Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of David Grady

Thursday, July 16th

8:00 a.m. † Stelio DiPietro

Friday, July 17th

8:00 a.m. † Krystyna Budyta
Special Intentions of Teresa Campbell
Special Intentions of Ralph & Petra Guerra

Saturday, July 18th

5:00 p.m. † Josh Macri
† Stan & Maria Filice
† Francesco, Maria & Natale Gallo
† Anna Galama
Special Intentions of Mary

Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of July 12, 2026

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Tuesday	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Wednesday	Missionary Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, (M.S.M.M.C.)
Thursday	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Friday	Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A
Saturday	Rev. Philip Reilly, 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.

St. Ann, Pray for Us!

Dear Parish Friends,

Greetings from Fr. Dominic Thomas CMI, Associate Pastor, at St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. I am very happy to serve you with my whole heart and mind. I am looking forward to know each one of you in the coming months. Let us work as a family in the garden of Jesus with deep faith, love and charity.

I would like to introduce myself to you all. I was born in Kerala, India on April 24, 1964. We are four brothers and two sisters. My younger sister belonged to Sacred Heart Congregation, a religious sister. My father passed away in the year 2018 and my mother died in the year 2025. I belonged to the Carmelite of Mary Immaculate (CMI) congregation which was started in the year 1831, in Kerala, India. I joined the seminary in the year 1981 and was ordained on the 6th January 1997, in Kerala, India.

I am the third born child of my parents. My father was a teacher and hardworking person. I was influenced by him to join the seminary because of his deep faith and commitment to the catholic community. I have completed my studies; an LL. B, a M.A. in English, a MSW in social work, and a diploma in Development in Leadership from St. Francis Xavier University Antigonish, Canada in the year 2018.

I was working in North India in the province of Uttaraprash and Uttarakand in India. I worked as a manager of the schools, Superior of the different Houses, parish priest of different parishes and director of NGO at different levels: Regional, National, and International. I am an advocate and was doing advocacy work in the Supreme Court of India.

After 25 years of my priestly ministry in India, I joined a global mission in Brazil in the year 2021, in the diocese of Santeream in the Amazon region. I used to travel two days in the Amazon River by boat to reach my mission parish and traveling 120 kms through the Amazon forests to reach my parish. It was a very enriching experience for me. I returned to India in the year 2023. I came to the Diocese of Hamilton in the year 2024 at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek. In the year 2025, I moved to St. John the Baptist

Parish in Burlington. On June 24th I joined St. Ann Parish, Ancaster.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and to share in the life of this parish. As we walk together with Christ, may we continue to deepen our faith through prayer, the sacraments, and lives of loving service. United in His love, may we become an ever stronger and more faithful parish family. May God bless you always.

Welcome Father Ross & Father Dominic

Please join us in the Parish Centre following each Mass this weekend for coffee and cookies with our new Pastoral Team! Stop by and give them a warm St. Ann's welcome.

ST. ANN NOVENA

A Novena will be said after mass beginning on Saturday, July 18th. The Novena will conclude on the Feast Day of St. Ann, Sunday, July 26th.

We invite you to join us for this special celebration of the Eucharist and to pray through the intercession of St. Ann. Please plan to attend and participate in these meaningful events.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, the fifteenth Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ who sows the seed of God's word in our hearts. In light of Isaiah's prophecy, and Christ's parable of the sower, the Church enjoins us to evaluate our relationship with the Word of God. So, we must ask ourselves today, what has the word of God achieved or changed in my life?

In the first reading, Isaiah compares the Word of God to the rain and snow that falls on the ground: *"As the rain and snow come down from the heavens and do not and do not return without watering the earth...so my words do not return to me empty, without fulfilling its mission..."* This is because, the word of God is viable and active. It has the full potency to rejuvenate and nourish our life. As a two-edged sword (Heb 4:12), it also acquits and convicts one. So, either way, it accomplishes its mission because: *"The word of God is, Yes and Amen"* (2 Cor 1:20).

In the second reading, Paul makes a very important statement: *"...Creation is eagerly waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God..."* This manifestation means, to reveal what is within us. Therefore, as vessels filled with the Word of God, we are expected to emit good fragrance when we are eventually manifested.

What is to be revealed, are the fruits of the Holy Spirit through the word of God, and the anointing we received in Christ. This means that as adopted children of God who bear his Word, there is a great expectation from us. Hence, the product of this expectation should be positive. It must be edifying, because the seed of the good news sown in us is viable.

In today's gospel, Jesus employs the parable of the sower to speak personally to each of us. If we sincerely examine ourselves in the light of today's parable, we will convincingly find our place within it. The spreading of the seeds everywhere without considering the nature of the soil, and where they fall is an indication of God's willingness to give everyone the opportunity to hear his word. It shows the universality of Salvation, and a sign that God has no favorite. He wishes that all nations hear the good news, repent and live (Acts 10:34).

One point is clear from both the first reading and today's gospel. This is the fact that the word of God is a viable seed. In other words, the problem is not with the seed. Rather, the problem is always with the receiver. That is, one's attitude towards the word of God.

Unfortunately, for some of us, God's word has lost its meaning and significance. It has become an old-fashioned story repeated for ages. Anyway, let us listen to it once more, and continue with our lives! For others, it is an obstacle on our way as Paul said: *"...We proclaim Christ crucified (the Word of God Made flesh), a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles"* (1 Cor 1:23). Glory be to God, for many, it is still alive, and new every day.

The way we receive, value and treat the word of God determines who we are and what it achieves in, and for us. It is not meant to be received and quarantined. Rather, it is meant to be lived. It is not meant to be passive in us. Rather, it is meant to nourish and become one with us, just as food forms flesh and becomes one with our mortal bodies. It is supposed to shape our personality. That is, the way we live, speak, walk, and relate. So, as it was one with God who sent it (in the beginning, Jn 1:1-4), so, it is meant to become one with us today and always.

Finally, the word of God shapes our faith, and our faith depends on it. Hence, Paul reminds us that: *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."* (Rom 10:10-17).

May God help us to grow and mature in our faith, through His life-giving word we hear every day. Amen.

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