

First Sunday of Lent

February 21-22, 2026

Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 11:00 am, for registered parishioners.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Thursday, at 6:00 pm, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
For registered parishioners. Please contact the office at least one year in advance of your preferred date.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
The RCIA provides spiritual and catechetical formation for those seeking entry into the catholic church. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care
Available for our faith community. Please contact the office to arrange for anointing of the sick, or to receive Holy Communion outside of church.

Adoration
Every Thursday at 7:30 pm, following Mass.

The Church Offering Report
Published weekly, in the bulletin. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off in the parish mailbox. Please call the office to pick up your Church envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Giving
The withdrawal is on the 15th of every month.

Parish School
St Anne Elementary School: 519-745-7847

Mass Times

Monday	8:00 am
Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	6:00 pm *Confession*
	7:00 pm *Mass*
	7:30 pm *Adoration*
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:30 am
	2:00 pm *Vietnamese Martyrs Community*

Welcome to
St. Anne Parish

We hope you will find prayerful and spiritual support during your time with us. If you plan to attend regularly, we encourage you to register with our parish.

Registration forms are available at the church entrances and will help simplify processes for pastoral references and sacramental preparations.

If you are just visiting, thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you again!

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THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE

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Do not interact with the devil, but with the word of God.

Liturgical Readings

1) Genesis 2:7-9; 16-18, 25; 3:1-7 *You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden.*
2) Romans 5:12-19 *By the one man's obedience, the many will be made righteous.*
3) Matthew 4.1-11 *Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.*

FOCUS: Jesus is the obedient Son.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what true sonship requires.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading from Genesis, God creates man and places him in a garden. Adam and Eve disobey God by eating from the tree of knowledge. In the second reading, Paul compares the disobedience of Adam to Jesus' obedience, transgression to gift. The Gospel recounts Jesus' time in the desert, where he is tempted by the devil.

VOCATION CORNER

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact:



Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
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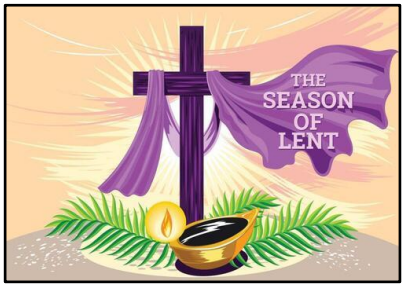
SEASON OF LENT



Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, we will read the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord on the mountain. The Evangelist invites us to contemplate the splendor of the transfigured Christ with the words: "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white." During our baptism, the priest placed a white robe on us and spoke of the dignity we acquired through Baptism—the dignity of being children of God. On this weekend, as a community, we will renew our baptismal vows as a sign of our commitment to being called by God to live a holy life.

Stations of the Cross will be after 8:00 am Mass on Fridays.
The Lent Penitential Service will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 pm.

FIRST SESSION OF SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION THIS WEEKEND!



The first information session is for the candidates **AND** the parents/caregivers **THIS WEEKEND Sunday, February 22**, following the 9:30 am Mass. The next session will be after Mass on Sunday, March 8. **We welcome the young people and their families and prayerfully support them on their journey of faith.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for weekend of February 14/15 and Pre-Authorized Giving on February 15

We are grateful to all who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support our parish community and our mission. Your 2025 tax receipts were mailed last week. Please allow two weeks for delivery, after which, if you have not received your receipt, please contact the office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Regular Envelopes	Pre-Authorized Giving Regular Offertory	Loose	Seminary Offering	Pre-Authorized Giving Seminary Offering	Building Fund
$2,200.00	$7,171.00	$295.00	$150.00	$565.00	$2,075.00

ALTAR CROSSES – RESTORE AND RENEW

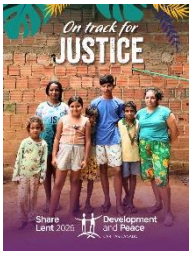
We thank everyone for their enthusiastic response to this project. If you would like to donate towards the restoration of the crosses and have a cross with your name or your intention inscribed on the back, please consider coming to the office during the week (8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday to Friday) to choose where your cross will be. The suggested offering is $30 for each cross. The office will also be open THIS WEEKEND Saturday, February 21, and Sunday, February 22, **after** Mass, if you are not able to attend office hours during the week. Please call the office if you have questions. Thank you!

WINTER BRUNCH THANK YOU!



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Pancake Brunch through time and donations as well as everyone who came out to enjoy the food, build community and support our raffle table. Approximately 110 attended to help raise $1000 from brunch sales plus $420 from the raffle tickets for a total of $1420 for our building fund. The 3rd Sunday of every month is coffee Sunday; the next one will be **Sunday, March 15**. Our Parish BBQ will be **Sunday, June 14**, so mark your calendars!

SHARELENT: This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice



"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking." Pope Leo XIV (Dilexi te, §75). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. How? By donating online at www.devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on **March 22**, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world. Also, you can get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at www.devp.org/lent/resources.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT SERIES

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents *Journey Through Lent*. This video series, a joint project of the CCCB's National Liturgy Office and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, provides weekly Lenten spiritual reflections. Reflections based on the readings for Sunday Mass will be available weekly until Palm Sunday. Designed for individuals, families, and communities, *Journey Through Lent* encourages viewers to reflect on the Sunday readings. This year's reflections are presented by The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough. Visit www.cccb.ca for more information.

ST ANTHONY DANIEL: BEING SAINTS TODAY

St. Anthony Daniel Parish invites you to their Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Lobsinger, March 14 to March 17. Bishop Lobsinger will be focusing on the theme: "Being Saints Today" as he preaches at our weekend Masses March 14/15, as well as at a special 7:00 pm Mass on Monday, March 16 and our regularly scheduled Tuesday, March 17 Mass AT 7:00 pm. A light reception will follow Mass on March 17.

Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for February 23 – March 1, 2026

Mass Intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have immense spiritual value. If you would like to request a Mass Intention for someone (living or deceased), please contact the parish office.

	Mass Intentions	Liturgical calendar	Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
Monday, February 23 **8:00 am**	† Angela Chow	**Memorial of St Polycarp** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46	Rev. Joonbin Lim
Tuesday, February 24 **8:00 am**	**Int of** Liz Mestyan † Borbala Iski Hasulyo	Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Wednesday, February 25 **8:00 am**	**Int of** those living with cancer † Louis Pfeifer	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
Thursday, February 26 **7:00 pm** *followed by Adoration*	**Int of** Donna Donnait † Frank Boote † Jim Kernahan	Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 Matthew 7:7-12	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Friday, February 27 **8:00 am,** *followed by Stations of the Cross*	† Scott Morrison	**Memorial of St Gregory of Narek** Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26	Rev. Kevin Upendran
Saturday, February 28 **4:00 pm**	**Int of** the Souls of the family of Henry † Manuel Lameira	**Sunday Mass** Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Sunday, March 1 **9:30 am**	**Int of** all Parishioners		**2nd Sunday of Lent**

Please consider volunteering your talents! The following Ministries and Parish Organizations would warmly welcome you! Please contact the office for more information.

- Altar Serving
- A.R. Goudie visitor
- St Vincent de Paul
- Social Committee
- Ministers of the Word
- Music Ministry
- Ministers of the Eucharist
- Hospitality Ministers
- Children's Liturgy
- Rosary Prayer Group
- Funeral Lunch Committee

St Anne Parish is entrusted to the pastoral care of the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus.
519-744-4680 / combonimissionaries.org

For 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have traveled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people. Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organization dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most marginalized people, often working in unstable political climates amid extreme poverty. Despite these challenges, our missionaries are dedicated to their mission of serving God's people.

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