

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5-6, 2026

Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 11:00 am on Saturdays, for registered parishioners.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Thursday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 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, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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	8:00 am
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Confession & 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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O that today you would listen to His voice!

Liturgical Readings

1) Ezekiel 33:7-9 *You have a responsibility to warn others about wrongdoing.*
2) Romans 13:8-10 *Love fulfills the law.*
3) Matthew 18:15-20 *Resolve conflict through loving correction and reconciliation.*

FOCUS: The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Jesus' words at the end of today's Gospel are some of the most reassuring in Scripture. He is present whenever God's people gather, as we do at every liturgy. When we gather in love and unity, we are fulfilling Paul's instruction in the second reading when he says: *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Ezekiel is appointed watchman for the house of Israel and is responsible for guiding the wicked to holiness. In the Letter to the Romans, Paul summarizes all of the commandments with the directive to love. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples how to resolve conflict. He says he is present when two or more are gathered in his name.

VOCATION CORNER



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact: Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SCHEDULE CHANGE THIS WEEK



The church will be closed from Wednesday, September 9 to Friday, September 11; Holy Mass will not be celebrated, nor will there be Adoration. There is a Diocesan-wide Priests Seminar taking place out of town. Please also note that the parish office will be closed on Labour Day (September 7), through to Wednesday, September 9. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, the 10th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: August 29-30, 2026

We are grateful to all who contribute their time, their talents, and their treasures to support our parish community and our mission. **Thank you!**

Regular Collection	Loose
$1,320.00	$245.00

BACK TO SCHOOL



Lord, we ask you to give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, school and Church. Open their ears, may they crave knowledge and seek it out, and may God bless all their educators. Amen.

SACRAMENTS FOR STUDENTS – Important Dates

We look forward to welcoming young people into the church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation). For children who are starting kindergarten or are in Grade 1 or Grade 2 and are unbaptised, please contact the office for information about Baptism. For this upcoming school year Confirmation will take place on February 7, 2027, and First Holy Communion on May 30, 2027. Information sessions will be:

- **Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, September 27**, following the 9:30 am Mass
- **Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Sunday, October 4**, following the 9:30 am Mass.

Information will be sent home with Grade 2 and Grade 7 students from St Anne School next week. Information letters are also available at the main church entrance.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

Fellow Parishioners, the work of St. Anne's St. Vincent de Paul Society is to distribute food vouchers to those of our Parish that need assistance with their monthly groceries. In order to receive service each client must register with the program. Clients who are in need are required to phone St. Anne's on the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month. To fulfill our mandate to continue to serve the poor, we need additional volunteers to receive the phone calls and prepare the voucher envelopes for mailing. If you are able to give the gift of time, your services are needed for 2 hours on the 1st and/or the 2nd Monday each month, between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. If you can help, please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 519-745-3324.

CALL FOR MINISTRIES

Please review the attached information regarding volunteer opportunities within our parish community, and prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer at St Anne Parish. Thank you.

COFFEE SUNDAY



Coffee Sunday will be resume on **Sunday, September 20** following the 9:30 am Mass. We hope you will join us to reconnect with family and friends who you may have missed over the summer months.

FALL RETREAT AT THE CARMEL

The Carmel of St Joseph is hosting their Fall Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, September 26, 2026**. The theme of our Retreat, given by Fr Peter Turrone, is the Little Way of St Therese. The Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, September 7, 2026, and closes Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – spaces are limited.

Please visit the Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view the Retreat Poster, Retreat Schedule, and a registration form. Enjoy a day of quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

Also, Holy Hour and Mass in honour of St Therese at the Monastery, **Thursday, October 1, 2026**. Holy Hour at 6:00 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm

Best wishes to everyone in our parish community;
Have a safe and happy long weekend!



St Anne Parish Ministries

Call for Ministries and renewed participation in our faith community!

Our parish has many opportunities for you to enrich your faith by participating in the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider where your gifts of time and talent can be shared within our parish family, and if God is calling you. "The laity can also feel called, or be in fact called, to cooperate with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community, for the sake of its growth and life." (CCC 910)

Liturgical Ministries:

Ministers of the Word



Ministers of the Word lead in our community by proclaiming Scripture and the Prayers of the Faithful at each Mass. Hearing God's Living Word allows us to reflect and respond. Anyone who has been Confirmed is welcome to inquire about becoming a Minister of the Word (sometimes also known as a Lector). Training and ongoing formation are provided. Rotating schedules are created several times per year.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are special ministers of Communion, authorised by the Church to share the Body and Blood of Christ with fellow worshippers. They assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Those who have been Confirmed and are 16 years of age and older are welcome to inquire about becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Training and ongoing formation are provided. Rotating schedules are created several times per year. Ministers of the Eucharist may also assist with bringing the Lord to our brothers and sisters who are homebound or in care homes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders



The Children's Liturgy program is offered to children age 4 to grade 2 at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays from September to May. The children are invited forward before the First Reading, process downstairs to the meeting room for their liturgy, and then return to sit with their families after the Prayer of the Faithful. The program is delivered each week by two adult volunteers who have been screened. At this time each committee member volunteers roughly twice a month.

Altar Servers

This ministry is open to all who have received their First Communion. Altar Serving is one of the ways young people can begin to live out their Baptism promises by serving others. The role of the Altar Server is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Children in Grade 3 and higher, who have received their First Holy Communion, may become Altar Servers.

Music Ministry



Led by our organist, Sean Simpson, this ministry provides leadership in music during liturgical celebrations. If you would like to join, please speak with Sean after Mass, or contact the parish office.

Parish Life Ministries:

Social Committee



We are the group that brings you Coffee Sunday, Spaghetti Dinner, St. Anne Feast, and other social activities! We meet most months for about an hour on Monday nights in the Meeting Room. Our meetings are always posted in the bulletin. If you would like to join us you can talk to any committee member during a Coffee Sunday, which is on the third Sunday of the month from September to June. We always welcome new members. If you do not want to come to meetings but want to help with particular activities that is welcome too.

Ministers of Hospitality



The Hospitality Ministers (also known as "Ushers") are the first and last people visitors will meet upon entering and exiting the church. It is the role of the Hospitality Minister to meet and welcome parishioners and assist them with seating and make them feel comfortable.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral council is a small group of parishioners who offer consultation to the Pastor in all matters surrounding the pastoral life of a parish. It involves parishioners, leaders of parish groups, parish staff and the Pastor working together to fulfil our mission as a Catholic Christian community.

Outreach Ministries:

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Mission of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy. The members of our St. Vincent de Paul society fulfill this directive by providing food vouchers to families within our parish neighbourhood. If you, or someone you know needs food hampers, please contact St Vincent de Paul at 519-745-3324. We are always in need of volunteers.

Parish Prayer Ministry

As a vital on-going service to our parishioners, please know that the Prayer Ministry is still available for people to contact, whenever you wish to have prayers said for you or your loved ones. This has been an on-going ministry of our parish for 40 years. When a prayer request comes in, within a timely period, there are multiple members of the St Anne Parish praying for you. Our prayer network welcomes new members.

AR Goudie Visitor

AR Goudie is a Long-Term Care and Retirement Home. St Anne Parish volunteers meet with seniors to share time with them and to provide pastoral care. Mass is celebrated at AR Goudie on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am, where residents have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion.

Faith Formation Ministries:

Adult Faith Formation

This ministry endeavours to strengthen authentic Catholic teaching and faith in the community. Our parish also has a lending library in the front entrance.

Sacramental Preparation

If you are interested in helping to prepare children for First Reconciliation and First Communion or youth for Confirmation, we welcome you. We are always looking for Catholics who are strong in their faith and willing to help us offer catechesis to our next generation. This is an excellent ministry for those who enjoy spending time with families, children and youth. We provide formation - you will not be asked to teach or present information above your comfort level.

Baptism Ministry

Do you enjoy working with young families? Is Baptism a sacrament you feel particular joy toward? Consider joining this ministry team who helps parents prepare for and appreciate the gift of Baptism! Members of the Baptism team generally meet once with each family on a rotating basis (frequency varies by number of Baptisms).

Please join us on September 20, at Coffee Sunday, to learn more and sign-up.

A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. Ministry work is important work, a noble calling, and volunteer teams are the backbone of a healthy church.



Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for September 7-13, 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, September 7 8:00 am	**Int of** Trevor Coelho ✝ Demerise Lafleur	Genesis 1:26 – 2:3 Matthew 25:14-30	Rev. Andrew Czarny *Labour Day*
Tuesday, September 8 8:00 am	**Int of** Dave and Barbara Hickman ✝ Erika Kompter ✝ Manuel and Maria Novo	**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:1-23	**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Wednesday, September 9 8:00 am	**CHURCH CLOSED / NO MASS**	**St Peter Claver** 1 Corinthians 7:1, 17, 25-31 Luke 6:20-26	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thursday, September 10 8:00 am	**CHURCH CLOSED / NO MASS**	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13 Luke 6:27-38	Catholic Teachers
Friday, September 11 8:00 am	**CHURCH CLOSED / NO MASS**	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 Luke 6:39-42	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Saturday, September 12 4:00 pm	✝ Jose De Sousa ✝ Nancy Ehiorobo ✝ Maria dos Anjos Dutra ✝ Paul Cyril Lehman	**Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary** Sirach 27:30–28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35	Rev. Livinus Okamgba
Sunday, September 13 9:30 am	Intention of All Parishioners		**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.
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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.