

Sunday of the Word of God

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24-25, 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

Sunday of the Word of God

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The word of Christ dwells among you.

Liturgical Readings

1) Isaiah 9:1-4 *You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy.*
2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18 *Christ send me to proclaim the Gospel.*
3) Matthew 4:12-23 *Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.*

FOCUS: Jesus calls us to live in intentional and faithful discipleship.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples by name. Their response is immediate and total – they leave everything behind and accept his invitation. We gather today to celebrate this Eucharist because we, too, have been called to follow Christ in intentional and faithful discipleship. Today we ponder that call and renew our response.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah declares that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. God has restored their joy and smashed the rod of their taskmaster. Paul urges the Christian community at Corinth not to fall into factions but to be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples who respond to his invitation and follow him.

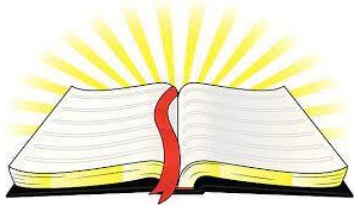
VOCATION CORNER

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 Visit: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: BIBLE SUNDAY, JANUARY 25



The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday. The celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how the bible speaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. Let us reflect on the words of Pope Leo XIV: **"Today, very often, we lose the ability to listen – truly listen. We forget to listen to our hearts, and it is in our hearts that God speaks to us that God calls us and invites us to know Him better and to live in His love. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and the womb in which the Words of God became flesh, teach us the art of listening, strengthen us in obedience to His Word, and guide us to magnify the Lord."** Prayer cards are available for everyone on the weekend of Bible Sunday to help you on your prayerful journey.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses for the support of our seminarians studying for the priesthood. Hamilton Diocese has 20 seminarians this year in formation. Yellow envelopes are available in the pews this weekend and next. Please note: If you are signed up for Pre-Authorized Giving, donations for this diocesan collection are not included in your plan, so please take an envelope for donation. Thank you for your kind support.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children who are planning on receiving Sacraments are reminded of the following:



First Holy Communion: The final catechetical meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 25** following the 9:30 am Mass. It is important for children **AND** parents/caregivers to attend this meeting. The celebration of the First Eucharist will be on Sunday, February 8 at 11:00 am.



Confirmation: If you have not registered your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill out the form, which can be found on the website, picked up at the main church entrance, or can be emailed to you (contact the office). If your child was not baptised at St Anne Church, you will need to include a copy of their baptismal certificate. The first information session is for the candidates **AND** the parents/caregivers, and is on **Sunday, February 22**, following the 9:30 am Mass.

WINTER BRUNCH

Our social committee invites everyone to St Anne's Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 am Mass on **Sunday, February 15**. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of January 31/February 1 and February 7/8, after Mass. $15 adults, $5 students, and under 14 are free. We hope you will join us!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEKEND OF JANUARY 17/18 – THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support our parish community and our mission.

Initial Offering	New Year's Offering	Regular Envelopes	Loose
$10.00	$15.00	$1,480.00	$225.00

TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

Your 2025 Donation Tax Receipts will be mailed to you in February. There will be two receipts sent for 2025 (January-February and March-December). If any of your contact information has changed, please contact the office to update your records. Thank you for your continued generous support. If you no longer wish to use boxed envelopes, please consider taking advantage of the Pre-Authorized Giving program in which your donations are automatically sent from your bank to the parish. The forms for Pre-Authorized Giving can be found at church entrances or on our website.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MAPLE SYRUP SALE!



The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will be selling our 500ml bottles of locally tapped maple syrup just in time for Shrove Tuesday. To continue this tradition, syrup will be available following the weekend Masses of **February 14 and 15**. Your support will help us with various local charities. Please, cash sales only.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass 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 www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 224

THOMAS TOAST: JANUARY 31



The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on **Saturday, January 31** at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr, Kitchener. Coffee will be available when the doors of the hall open at 9:30 am. At 10:00 am we will gather for Daytime Prayer and a talk by Dr. Peter Erb entitled: "Newman, Aquinas, and Pryzwara Revisited" followed by a toast to Thomas and a social until 12:00 pm. For more information visit: www.communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for January 26 – February 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, January 26 **8:00 am**	† George Raso † Gary Teeter	**Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus** 2 Timothy 1:1-8 Luke 10:1-9	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Tuesday, January 27 **8:00 am**	† Walter and Stella Januszkiewicz † Vida Pfeifer	**St Angela Merici** 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mark 3:31-35	Very Rev. David Wynen
Wednesday, January 28 **8:00 am**	**Int of** those living with cancer	**Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas** 2 Samuel 7:1-17 Mark 4:1-20	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.
Thursday, January 29 **7:00 pm** *followed by Adoration*	† Mary Richardson	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
Friday, January 30 **8:00 am**	**Int of** Caden Schmalz † Mary Frankovic	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mark 4:26-34	Rev. Marko Stefanec
Saturday, January 31 **4:00 pm**	**Int of** Kate Morrison † Mary Richardson † Souls of Peter Nguyen van Tram and Anna Pham Thi Sy	**Saturday: Memorial of St John Bosco** **Sunday:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Rev. Edward Mahony
Sunday, February 1 **9:30 am**	**Int of** all Parishioners		**4th Sunday 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.
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.