

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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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In my anguish, I called to the Lord, and He heard my voice.

Liturgical Readings

1) Ezekiel 37:12-14 *I am going to open your graves and bring you up.*
2) Romans 8:8-11 *You are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.*
3) John 11:1-45 *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

FOCUS: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Today's Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus. It is also about ours. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share Christ's resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

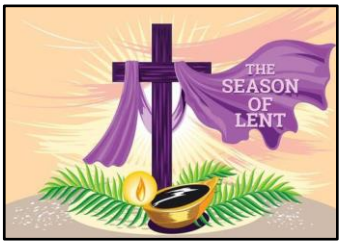
In Ezekiel, the Lord says he will open the graves and breathe his spirit in them. In Romans, Saint Paul teaches that we belong to Christ in that we share his Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus discovers that his friend Lazarus has died. Although he had been dead for four days, Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead.

VOCATION CORNER



"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact: Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations / Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 / Visit: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

SEASON OF LENT



Next Sunday, March 29, we reach Palm Sunday in our Lenten journey, With Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week, a time to celebrate, reflect on, and experience the mysteries of the Lord's Passion and Death. This week is the heart of the liturgical year, and we are called to live it with intensity, humility, and hope in Him who, for our salvation, embraced our weaknesses and healed our disobedience through His obedience unto death, even death on the Cross. During Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm and on Sunday at 9:30 am, we will bless the palms to commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and we will hear the Gospel of the Passion according to Saint Matthew. May these days leading up to Holy Week provide us with a special opportunity for conversion, prayer, and acts of charity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we ask you to join us on Fridays, after 8:00 am Mass to meditate on the Passion of our Lord.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- **Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 pm at St Anne Parish**
- Saturday, March 28 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener
- Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, St Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The next confirmation session is on **Sunday, April 12,** following the 9:30 am Mass. We pray for the 30 young people that they may learn how to live a life of discipleship, and that we, their parish community, may be a good example of how to do this.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for weekend of March 14, 15 & PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG) MARCH 15

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

Regular Envelopes	Loose	ShareLent	PAG Regular	PAG Building	PAG ShareLent
$1,650.00	$245.00	$455.00	$7,660.00	$540.00	$535.00

SHARELENT: THIS LENT, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS WEEKEND



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world." — Mikaell Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on **April 3**, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: www.commissariat.ca, in the "Support Us" link.

BIBLE STUDY: ST LOUIS PARISH

"The Eucharist in the Scripture", a short, three session long Bible Study presented by Scott Hahn from St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. It will be offered at St. Louis Parish (53 Allen St. E, Wat.) in April on Sundays April 12, 19 & 26 from 12:30 to 1:45 PM with lunch provided, or on Mondays, April 13, 20 & 27 from 7:30 to 9 PM with refreshments. You may come to any session that is convenient. It consists of three topics based on Scott Hahn's three books: *The Lamb's Supper, The Fourth Cup* and *Consuming the Word.* The Eucharist in Scripture examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. The first half an hour is available at this link: https://my.stpaulcenter.com/play/the-eucharist-in-scripture . There is no fee and no need for any preparation. Contact St. Louis parish office at stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-743-4101 for more information or to register.

There are many posters and flyers displayed on our church bulletin boards. Please check the boards frequently to keep up to date on events and activities that are happening in other churches, in our local community, and within our Diocese.



Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for March 23-29, 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, March 23 **8:00 am**	**Int of** Patricia Gascon ✝ Peter Ingram ✝ Pat O'Connor	**Memorial of St Turibius of Mogrovejo** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64 John 8:1-11	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tuesday, March 24 **8:00 am**	**Int of** Erica Pfeifer ✝ Erika Kompter	Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wednesday, March 25 **8:00 am**	✝ Kawall and Dorothy Luckhai	**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38	**The Annunciation of the Lord**
Thursday, March 26 **7:00 pm** *followed by Adoration*	✝ Draga Znidarsic	Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Friday, March 27 **8:00 am,** *followed by Stations of the Cross*	✝ Nadia Joanisse ✝ Corado Uliana	Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13 John 10:31-42	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Saturday, March 28 **4:00 pm**	✝ Manuel Lameira	**Sunday Mass** Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
Sunday, March 29 **9:30 am**	**Int of** all Parishioners		**Palm Sunday** **The Passion of the Lord**

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.