

# The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 16-17, 2026

### Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 11:00 am on Saturdays, 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

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| 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

# The Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them.*

## Liturgical Readings

1) Acts 1:1-11 *As they were watching, He was lifted up.*
2) Ephesians 1:17-23 *God raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right.*
3) Matthew 28:16-20 *Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

### FOCUS: Make disciples of all nations.

We were not present two thousand years ago, yet we are called to give witness to Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Let us reflect this mission through our words and actions today. Let our speech and deeds be marked by love, mercy, and compassion. May we be emboldened by the Spirit to serve with great joy and continual praise of the Lord.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The reading from Acts describes Jesus' activities and instruction during the forty days after his resurrection, followed by his ascension into heaven. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul prays that their hearts may be enlightened and that God may give them *a Spirit of wisdom*. In the Gospel, the disciples go *to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them*, and Jesus tells them: *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*.

### VOCATION CORNER



Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, please contact:
Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations / Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 / Visit: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

### MONTH OF MAY

The Month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Throughout this month, Christians offer homage to Mary by praying the Rosary. Praying the Rosary allows us the opportunity to focus our mind on contemplation and to be prepared to celebrate the Eucharist in a better way. During the month of May, after the Thursday evening Mass, we will recite the Rosary in the Garden of Our Lady (Pandora Avenue-side).

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for May 2-3, 2026, THANK YOU!

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

| Regular Envelopes | Loose | Unsolicited |
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| $2,005.00 | $270.00 | $840.00 |

### SPECIAL COLLECTION: POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

This weekend, **May 16-17**, the diocesan collection is for the Pope's Pastoral Works. This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father with his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world (aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters) as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Yellow envelopes are available in the pews.

## NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK (NFLW): MAY 10-17, 2026

As National Family and Life Week concludes, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the following prayer: *Good and gracious God, in you we place our trust, mindful of your constant presence and loving care. Through your goodness we have received life and the joy of living in relationship with one another. Guide our families during all stages of life to seek your strength and comfort. As we navigate the daily tasks of family life, may we call on your Spirit to lead and inspire us. Knowing the constant love you have for us, may we offer praise and thanks to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen*.

## KITCHENER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: THANKS!

On behalf of the Executive of the Kitchener Knights of Columbus our sincere thanks to the Parishioners of St Anne. The generosity of the good people of St Anne donated $475.00 for the Roses for Life Campaign, which will support the life-choice programs and services of our local Marillac Place. With heart-felt appreciation and continued blessings, Patrick Olinski, Deputy Grand Knight.

## ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR MARILLAC PLACE

Marillac Place is the only 24/7 staffed transitional shelter in Waterloo Region dedicated exclusively to supporting women who are pregnant or parenting a child under two, regardless of their age, race, or the circumstances that led to their experience of homelessness. There are more baby bottles available this weekend. Please consider picking one up (found at the church entrances) to donate your loose change for the next month or give online using the QR code found on the posters on the church bulletin boards. This campaign runs until Father's Day, June 21.

## COFFEE SUNDAY (and Parish Picnic save the date)



Please join us this weekend, **Sunday, May 17**, for Coffee Sunday, after the 9:30 am Mass. All are welcome downstairs in the hall for fellowship with those in our parish community. The theme of National Family and Life Week, which concludes on Sunday, is "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20). This is a perfect opportunity for our *parish family* to draw the week to conclusion. This will be the last Coffee Sunday until September 20. Next month, our Parish Picnic will be on June 14; sign-up for this free event starts this weekend! More news to come soon.

## CHURCH CLOSED NEXT WEEK: TUESDAY, MAY 19 TO FRIDAY, MAY 22

We kindly ask you to note that from Monday, May 18 following the morning Mass, through to Friday, May 22 the church will be closed for work. Mass Intentions for Tuesday, May 19 through to Friday, May 22 have been rescheduled.

## SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning in June 2026 the Thursday Mass will be rescheduled to 8:00 am. Adoration will be on Thursdays 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, and during this Holy Hour, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for those seeking confession.

## HELP NOT HARM CAMPAIGN

The Help Not Harm campaign encourages Canadians to engage respectfully and constructively with their elected representatives on matters affecting vulnerable persons and the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada. Faithful across Canada are invited to visit www.HelpNotHarmCanada.ca, where they may easily contact their Member of Parliament to express support for legislation that promotes care, recovery, and protection for those experiencing profound suffering. Please see the bulletin boards for more detailed information and letters from Cardinal Leo and Bishop Dabrowski.

## FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Young people entering grade 10 (age 15-16) this September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. The Diocese of Hamilton, Youth Ministry Office, offers this Catholic leadership program which is designed for young Catholics who want to expand their leadership skills and draw closer to Christ. See the bulletin boards for information.

***Wishing everyone a happy, and safe, Victoria Day long weekend!***



# Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for May 18-24, 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 |
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| Monday, May 18<br>**8:00 am** | **Int of** Curtis Schmalz<br>**Int of** Mary Patrice Schmalz | **St John I**<br>Acts 19:1-8<br>John 16:29-33 | Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.<br><br>*Victoria Day* |
| Tuesday, May 19 | **NO MASS & CHURCH CLOSED** | Acts 20:17-27<br>John 17:1-11a | Rev. Christopher Tracey |
| Wednesday, May 20 | **NO MASS & CHURCH CLOSED** | **St Bernardine of Siena**<br>Acts 20:28-38<br>John 17:11b-19 | Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P. |
| Thursday, May 21 | **NO MASS & CHURCH CLOSED** | **St Eugène de Mazenod**<br>Acts 22:30; 23:6-11<br>John 17:20-26 | Single Catholics |
| Friday, May 22 | **NO MASS & CHURCH CLOSED** | **St Rita of Cascia**<br>Acts 24:27; 25:13b-21<br>John 21:15-19 | Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R. |
| Saturday, May 23<br>**4:00 pm** | † Mary Frankovic<br>† John Eckert<br>† Manuel Lameira<br>† Souls in Purgatory | Acts 2:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13<br>John 20:19-23 | Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R. |
| Sunday, May 24<br>**9:30 am** | **Intention of All Parishioners** | | **Pentecost**<br><br>*World Day of Prayer for the Church in China* |

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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