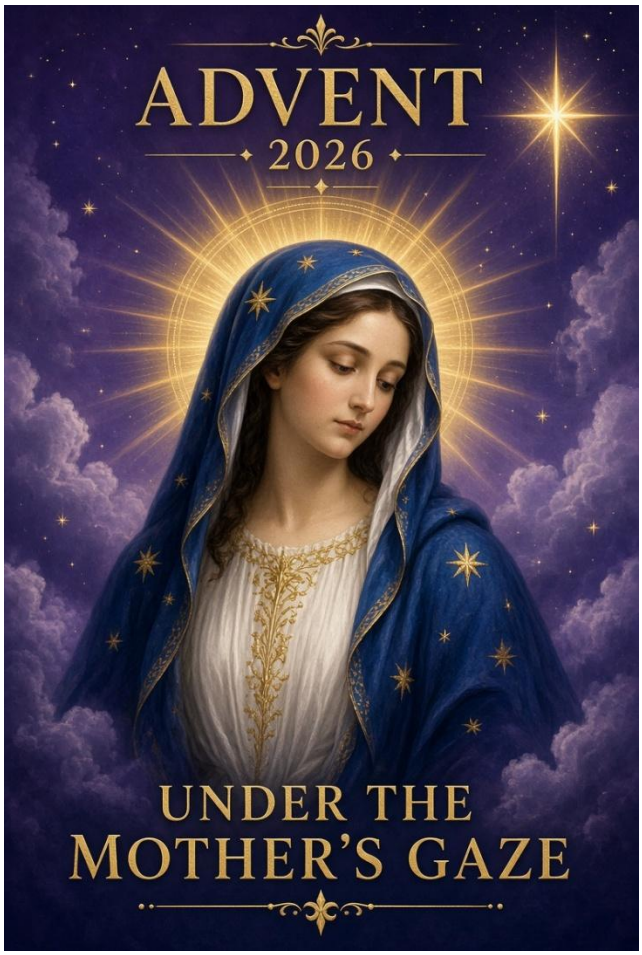


First Sunday of Advent

November 28-29, 2026



HERE I AM

LISTENING AND READINESS

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

The First Sunday of Advent

Lord, wake us up! Help us make room for you.

Liturgical Readings

1) Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 *Tear open the heavens and come down.*
2) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *God is faithful.*
3) Mark 13:33-37 *I say to all: keep awake!*

FOCUS: *Look for God in the quiet moments*.

What would a gatekeeper watch for? They would certainly take note of the events described in Isaiah: the dramatic signs in the heavens, quaking mountains and awesome deeds. But a good gatekeeper would also look for smaller signs: the whisper of wind, a new star's appearance, a newborn child in a manger. We must watch for the quiet signs so as not to miss the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Isaiah laments the wretched state of Israel: They have wandered from God and are living apart from his commandments. Isaiah pleads for God to return. Saint Paul thanks God for the Corinthians and encourages them to be steadfast and firm. Jesus reminds his disciples that they do not know the hour God will come, and so they should be like a watchful gatekeeper.

VOCATION CORNER – LET US PRAY: First Sunday of Advent



For vocations to the priesthood and lay missionary service: that, as Advent begins, those discerning may remain watchful in prayer and ready to bring Christ's hope wherever he calls them, let us pray to the Lord. For information on vocations, contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 21-22, 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
$2,390.00	$385.00

BOXED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Boxed offertory envelopes for 2027 are available this weekend, **November 28-29**. Please make sure to pick yours up promptly. The boxes are arranged alphabetically by surname. Please note, you may not have the same box number as before, therefore, we ask you to **discard all envelopes from previous years**. If you cannot find your boxed envelope, please contact the parish office. If you would like to start using offertory envelopes or Pre-authorized Giving, please contact the office to register.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2026-2027

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are available at all church entrances. The suggested donation is $5; envelopes are provided in the book for your payment, and you may place the envelope in the collection basket.

RENEWAL AND BLESSING OF PARISH MINISTERS THIS WEEKEND, THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we begin the season of Advent, we ask you to join us for the renewal and blessing of our Ministers. We give thanks for their faithful service and dedication to our parish community and pray for God's continued blessing as they share their gifts in service to our parish.

FIRST RECONCILATION THIS WEEKEND

Please keep the children of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Sunday, November 29,** after the Mass. As they take this important step in their faith journey, may they feel the warmth of God's unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Reminder to our Confirmation candidates and their families: we will meet on, **Sunday, December 6**, for the next formation session, following the 9:30 am Mass.

FAITH IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

There is still time to register!! We welcome you to come and explore Pope Leo XIV's new Encyclical *"Magnifica Humanitas"* (Magnificent Humanity) on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. This Advent program will be offered at St. Anne's on **Wednesday, December 2** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Church Hall to discuss the document. There will be an informed panel of parishioners as well as Fr Luca and Fr Brian who will provide an overview of the chapters with time for discussion and questions. If you are interested in attending, please register with Barbara at the Parish Office.

KITCHENER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR SALE: The Kitchener Knights of Columbus are conducting the sale of Christmas-themed decorations after the weekend Masses of **December 5-6**. This annual fundraiser is in support of local charities. Cash only, please.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Take time this Advent to reflect, seek forgiveness, and renew your relationship with God. Our Advent Penitential Service will be on **Saturday, December 12**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The service will begin with a 30-minute time of reflection and guided meditation, to prepare for reconciliation. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 pm (Christmas Vigil – Children's Mass)
Thursday, December 24 at 8:00 pm (Christmas Vigil)
Friday, December 25 at 9:30 am (Christmas Day)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26 at 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 27 at 9:30 am

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31 at 4:00 pm (Vigil)
Friday, January 1 at 9:30 am



IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please note the upcoming events at our parish – more information will follow next week!

Sunday, December 13 - Bambinelli Sunday – a beautiful Advent tradition

Sunday, December 13 - Coffee Sunday with special visitors from the North Pole

Sunday, December 20 – Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Eve presentation – calling all angels and wisemen!

Wednesday, December 23 - Volunteers needed for help decorating the church for Christmas

Mass Intentions and Diocesan Prayer Calendar for November 30 - December 6, 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, November 30 8:00 am	**Int of** Selena Rossetti † Lorraine Springer † Frank Petric and deceased members of Petric family † Archie and Irene Hummel	**Feast of St Andrew** Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Tuesday, December 1 8:00 am	† Frieda Senger	Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Wednesday, December 2 8:00 am	† Erika Kompter † Frank Frankovic	Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37	Religious Life Candidates
Thursday, December 3 8:00 am	**Int of** Michael Levacic	Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
Friday, December 4 8:00 am	† Manuel and Maria Branco † Paulino Matias	Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31	†Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
Saturday, December 5 4:00 pm	**Int of** Bowman Family † Max Domingues † Virgilia Alves † Roger Cann † Roger and Beatrice Roussy	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Sunday, December 6 9:30 am	Intention of All Parishioners		***2nd Sunday of Advent***

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.