# ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ

Small Talks on Big Topics

# **Embracing Our Dysfunctional Families**

# Presented by Fr. Michael King

Diocese of Hamilton

#### **About the Event**

Fresh from our Christmas gatherings, and heading into Family Day, we can sometimes struggle with the challenges of family life and its complex relationships. Disagreements, conflicts, and criticisms ... yet the longing to have a "normal" family. How do we love, forgive and accept, despite those deep hurts and differences?

Join Fr. Michael King for insightful and helpful talk on family.

"... If the Word truly dwelt among us, then he was part of a family that, like most, was fairly dysfunctional, a mix of the good and bad, the saintly and the sinful, the glorious and the not so glorious. And this is such good news for us!"
-Bishop Robert Barron

# Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> St. Agnes Parish Hall • 2:00 - 3:00 pm

45 minute talk + Q&A and Refreshments

Watch for upcoming talks throughout 2020 - details coming soon!



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# **Upcoming Events**

with Guest Speakers from the Diocese of Hamilton

### **Sunday February 9**

2:00 pm

#### **Embracing Our Dysfunctional Families**

When family tensions run high, how do we love and forgive despite the offences and the hurt? (And how do we attend the next family gathering?)

## Sunday March 8

2:00 pm

#### What Are My Priorities?

How we spend our time and our money reveals a great deal about our priorities. An insightful talk on freedom from possessiveness and our responsibility to use our gifts wisely.

## **Monday April 27**

7:00 pm

#### **Trusting God In The Storm**

When life's burdens seem overwhelming and God seems distant, how do we believe, persevere and be patient? Through stress, anxiety and fear, we are called to trust God, not to be afraid, and to keep our focus on God.

## Sunday June 7

2:00 pm

#### Help! Our Kids Won't Go To Church Anymore!

From our teens who resist, reject, and question their faith and the church, to our adult children who will not baptize our grandchildren, how do we cope with the hurt and disappointment?

## **Tuesday September 22**

7:45 pm

#### **Forgiving Our Enemies**

Learning to forgive those who have hurt us. Freedom through mercy, and peace for restless souls. Even through conflict God's purposes are being achieved!

## Sunday November 1

2:00 pm

## Grief, Loss & The Role of the Catholic Funeral & Burial

Grieving the loss of a loved one, a job, health and beyond. Grief is complex but help exists for overcoming it and enjoying life again. Celebrating our Catholic Funeral Rites brings us God's healing grace and hope.

More info at saintagnescatholicchurch.org