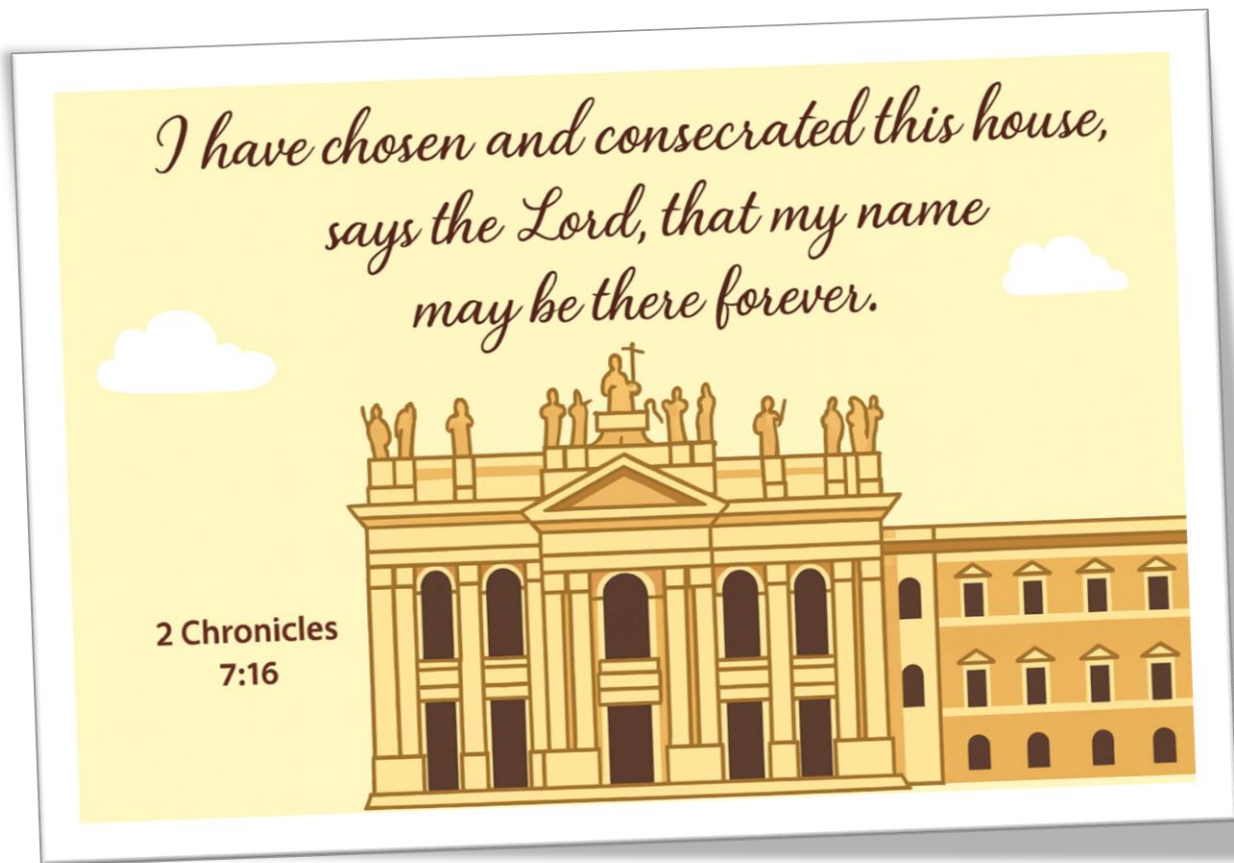


Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025



PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Jeff Bergsma
PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. Ed MacIntosh
Administrative Assistant: Deb MacIntosh

Focus: We are called to be God's temple, giving life to the world.

In baptism, we became temples where the Spirit of God came to dwell. He remains in us so long as we do not drive him out by mortal sin; his presence influences our lives and transforms our hearts more when we put no obstacles in the way of his action. Just as Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the Jerusalem temple, so we should ask him to drive out of our hearts all selfish desires so we can live fully for the glory of God and the service of others.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REMINDER! - LITURGY MEETING

November 12th at 7pm in the church, Father Jeff will meet with liturgical ministers to prepare for the upcoming Advent/Christmas seasonal celebrations.

CWL – we are still collecting Christmas items!

If you haven't yet, start sorting through your boxes marked "Xmas" and pulling out items for our Christmas Swap and Shop on November 15. Bring your Christmas trees, wreaths, decorations, tablecloths, holiday potholders and miscellaneous Christmas items you've collected or been gifted through the years. This is a great opportunity to share your loved items with others who are finding Christmas a tough time to splurge on extras. Share your Christmas items and make space in your basement at the same time! If you have large items you would like to donate, please call Tammy at 519-725-4431 or Julie at 519-746-5114.

Women's Weekend is right around the corner!



The next **WOMEN's weekend** is **November 20th – 23rd**, 2025.

Please contact Marg Weber at 416-427-7102 for information or to register. marg.weber@sympatico.ca

DILEXI TE: On Love for the Poor is the title of the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV. *It highlights the Church's love for the poor in scripture, tradition, Church teaching and pastoral practice. It calls us to listen to the cry of the poor amidst the great crises of our time, to encounter them, to walk with them. Thus, the relationship between the very mission of the Church and our personal as well as communal responses becomes clearer and stronger. (From a letter penned by Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J., Prefect of Integral Human Development, October 2, 2025.)*

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: Since 1982, the Lectures in Catholic Experience have brought leading scholars, activists, religious leaders and other professionals to St. Jerome's to offer opportunities to engage with the critical issues of our time, particularly as they intersect with faith and the life of the Church. This year's theme is ***"Living Mission on the Margins."*** Each lecture is hosted in the Notre Dame Chapel on the St. Jerome's campus and is free and open to the community to attend. Lectures can be attended in-person, streamed live online or viewed in perpetuity on YouTube. The full list of lectures for the 2025-2026 academic year can be found here: www.sju.ca/lce

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE:

Our God is a God of the living, not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. If you believe God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

REKINDLING THE LIGHT: A RETREAT DAY FOR BUSY MINISTERS The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is very pleased to offer a full-day retreat for all adult ministry leaders on **Saturday, November 15, 2025**, at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge. Join us for a day of prayer and sharing of the graces of pastoral ministry. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT: Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



DIocese of CHARLOTTETOWN

P.O. BOX 907, CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, C1A 7L9

November 1, 2025 – Solemnity of All Saints

To the Faithful, Clergy, and Consecrated Men and Women of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep gratitude and humility, I greet you on this joyful Solemnity of All Saints — a day that reminds us of that cloud of witnesses, those countless men and women who, by God's grace, lived lives of holiness, sacrifice, courage, and love. The joyful witness of the Saints fills us with hope and strengthens our resolution to follow Christ with joyful hearts. It is on this feast that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed me as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. I accepted this call with trust in God's providence. I am profoundly grateful to the Holy Father for his confidence and to the Lord who continues to surprise us with His plans for us.

Being appointed in this Jubilee Year fills this new beginning with even deeper meaning. As the Church invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope, I too set out on this journey with you — walking together in faith and trust, confident that “the God of hope will fill us with all joy and peace in believing” (Romans 15:13). It is with a heart full of faith that I prepare to begin this ministry among you.

I am a priest of the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel. They call us “Michaelites!” For many years, I have had the privilege of living, leading and ministering with my brother Michaelites in the North American Vice-Province, and especially in your neighbouring Diocese of London. As a religious priest and now a bishop, I have learned that the Church is truly one family that transcends boundaries. Moving from country to country, from diocese to diocese, I have always been blessed to find communities that welcomed me with warmth and generosity. That spirit of welcome is, for me, the hallmark of Christian life. One of the central charisms of my religious community is our commitment to minister to young people — helping them to discover God's love and their mission in life. I look forward to continuing that vibrant ministry among the youth of this diocese, who are the hope and promise of the Church. I come among you in Hamilton — ready to listen, to learn, and to serve.

I know well that the Hamilton Diocese has grown to become the second largest English-speaking Roman Catholic Diocese in Canada, encompassing the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Grey, Halton, Waterloo, Wellington, and four Townships in the County of Dufferin. The Diocese of Hamilton has flourished through the leadership of its Bishops and the faith of its clergy, religious communities, pastoral and administrative Diocesan staff and dedicated parishioners. As I begin my ministry in Hamilton, I am deeply aware of the rich legacy of faith and service that has shaped this diocese. I thank God for Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., whose many years of devoted and generous service have been a blessing to this diocese and to the entire Church in Canada. Bishop

Crosby truly lived out his motto *Trahe Nos* – meaning “Draw Us” every day. His zeal for collaborative ministry has borne much fruit for Hamilton and for the Church in Canada. Knowing that he will remain in the Diocese of Hamilton, along with your emeriti Bishops Anthony Tonnos and Matthew Ustrzycki, is a source of fraternal consolation for me, personally. I look forward to working closely with Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, who serves with great generosity and conviction.

The Diocese of Hamilton has been exemplary through its excellent collaboration with Catholic Education at many levels, solid Catholic Health Care and Lay Ministry. In the diversity of your vocations and ministries — priests and deacons, seminarians and consecrated men and women, lay faithful, families, I see a living reflection of the Body of Christ. I will bring to my ministry of shepherding all that I am and all that I have — the spirituality and experiences that have shaped my vocation, the faith that has sustained me, and the love for the Church that gives meaning to my life. To those who are deeply involved in the life of the Church, I look forward to serving with you. To those who may feel distant or uncertain, please know that you have a place in the diocesan family. The Church is for everyone! Together, we will seek to be a Church that welcomes, that heals, that stands close to those in need, and that lives the Gospel with authenticity and joy.

During the recent celebrations for the Jubilee of Bishops in Rome, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that *“the Bishop is the visible principle of unity in the particular Church entrusted to him. It is his duty to build communion among its members and with the universal Church by fostering the variety of gifts and ministries given for its own growth and for the spread of the Gospel.”* I wish to be that kind of shepherd among you — one who builds unity, listens and joyfully works with you.

The saints we celebrate today remind us that holiness is not the privilege of a few but the vocation of all. They show us that when we allow God’s grace to work in us, our ordinary lives become extraordinary in love. May their example inspire us to walk forward with courage, hope, and trust in God’s mercy. Please pray for me as I begin this new mission among you — that I may be a faithful shepherd, a patient servant, and a joyful witness to Christ. Know that you are already in my heart and prayers. May the intercession of Mary, *“Mater Viventium”* and all the Saints strengthen us for the journey ahead, and may Christ, the Good Shepherd, guide us always in His love.

With gratitude in Christ,

+ Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Bishop-designate of Hamilton

ST. AGNES PARISH POINSETTIA SALE

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

- Purchase as gifts for friends, family, customers and clients.
- Invite others to order.
- Collect orders from your place of work to support St. Agnes parish (ask for a team sheet).

Our poinsettias are greenhouse quality for longer life, competitively priced and come in a variety of colours and sizes.

Flowers from Warren's Greenhouses in your choice of red, pink or white.

There are three sizes:

4.5 inch: great for small areas, small tables and centerpieces;

6 inch: great for tables and centerpieces;

8 inch: make a statement in entrances, on floors and large tables.

Note: Every effort will be made to obtain your colour choice; in rare cases a substitution may occur.

Orders are due Sunday, November 16th by the end of the 7pm Mass.

Payment is due upon pickup, by cash or cheque only (payable to St. Agnes Parish).

Order pickup Dec. 6/7 after all masses.



Thank you for your participation and support!

The St. Agnes Parish Poinsettia Sale 2025

<u>Pricing:</u> (including HST)	
4.5 inch	\$8.00
6 inch	\$15.00
8 inch	\$30.00

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Orders must be placed by Sunday Nov. 16th

- Place order in green Poinsettia Order bag at rear of church or in Sunday Collection.
- Drop off to office or email to: office@saintagnescatholicchurch.org
- Pick up dates: Saturday Dec. 6/7th after all masses
- Payment: Cash or cheque (Payable to St. Agnes Church) due at pick up
- Order form available at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org under 'Events'

Size of Plant	Colour	Quantity	Cost	Total
Total purchase:				

WHY@Breakfast presents

Keeping Watch

*Join us and learn what St. John Henry Newman and Pope Leo XIV
have to say about keeping watch in Advent!*

Speaker:

Monsignor Con O'Mahony

Vicar for Education, Diocese of Hamilton

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Doors open at 9:30 AM

Presentation 10 AM to 11:30AM

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church

173 Lourdes Street, Waterloo, ON

For information and registration, see <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

Mass Schedule

Mondays – **no Mass**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays **9am**; Thursdays & Fridays **7pm**

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday **5pm**; Sunday **9am, 11am & 7pm**

Holy Hour: Thursdays at **6pm**

Reconciliation: Saturdays at **4pm** or by appointment



E-transfers can be made to St. Agnes Parish at any time.

Send to stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

Please remember to put your first AND last name in the memo line or we cannot send you a tax receipt.

MASS INTENTIONS for November 9 – November 16

SUNDAY	9am	Pro Populo	
	11am	†Simone Boyer	Carol Levis
		†Anna Maria Mung Tuyet Dinh	Chien Dinh
	7pm	†Anna Van Dalen	Messent Family
TUESDAY	9am	†Bento Neto	Maria Neto
		David & Annemarie Turalija	Zrinka Turalija
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Thomas Murawsky	
THURSDAY	7pm	José Abdoral de Oliveira	Family
		Chigoziem Enemor	Family
FRIDAY	7pm	†Ron & †Pauline Craig	Family
SATURDAY	9am	Rita & Roger Boudreau & Family	Moser Family
	5pm	†Dolores Alexander	Ruth Lam Family
SUNDAY	9am	†Anna & †Peter Dinh	Nguyen Family
	11am	†Julian Farias	Victor & Marg Brito
	7pm	†Mary Margaret Murtha	Patrick, Lisa & the Boys

Contact Us

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