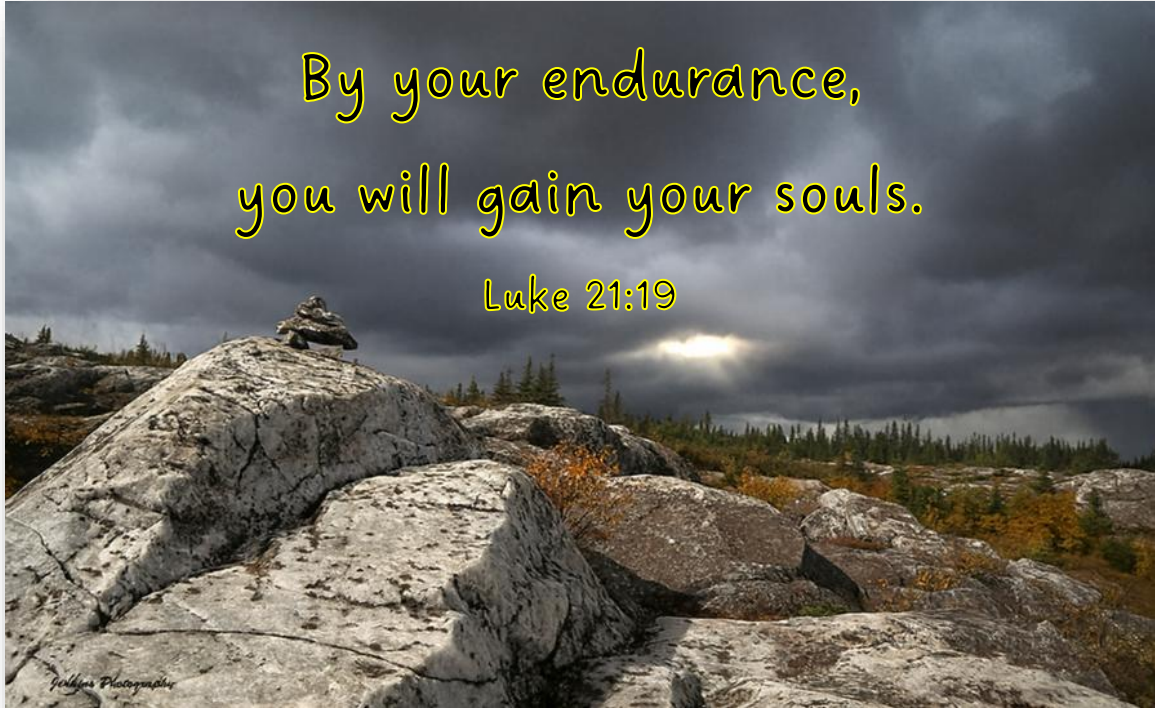


# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025



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

**Focus:** *We are called to persevere in faith until the day Christ returns.*

*As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice. If we persevere in faith, we can anticipate this coming with joy.*

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## **ETERNAL REST continues...**

Session three in the Parish Centre from 7-8:30pm with Father Jeff. Resources about Catholic Funeral Rites and for planning ahead are also available on the side table.



**CRAFTERNOON** continues Thursday with a snowy craft idea! Join Liz Costello at 1pm in the Parish Centre.  
[Liz.costello@rogers.com](mailto:Liz.costello@rogers.com) or call 519-574-2872



**CANADIAN ROSARY BRIGADE INVITES ADULTS** interested in making Mission Rosaries in their spare time; we meet most Monday evenings. When invited, we go into schools leading students and staff in making their rosary. No cost to join us. A Vulnerable Persons Police Check is necessary. For more information, please email [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com)

**ST. AGNES SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** will be helping many families in need at Christmas time this year. We are thankful for the generous support of our parishioners for our Christmas hampers in the past and would appreciate your help again. Beginning the weekend of November 22/23, our angel tree will be at the back of the church. Please take one or more angels from the tree, purchase the gift indicated on the card and return it in a gift bag along with the angel no later than Sunday December 7th. This gives us enough time to organize our hampers which will be given out the following Saturday. All our toys are kindly supplied by the Knights of Columbus, so none are needed. Thank you so much!

## **CWL CATERED DINNER, Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

The CWL invite all women of the parish for a delicious catered dinner in our Parish Centre. Whether you are single or married, aged 16 to 101, new to St. Agnes or a long-time member, all are welcome to attend. Plan to arrange a babysitter or a carpool so you can meet and visit with one another for an evening of laughter and information. We welcome all ladies to come and learn about or be renewed in the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The cost is \$25 for the meal. **Please contact Teresa Milton, CWL President** by email: [saintagnescwlpresident@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnescwlpresident@gmail.com) or phone: 519-745-8788 to **reserve your seat.**

## **Some have asked...WHAT IS CANADA HELPS?**

The Diocese of Hamilton has provided all parishes with a secure online giving option through Canada Helps. This is a preferred method by parishes as it eliminates all time and costs associated with administration of donations from the parish offices and handles it securely. This option allows you to make a secure donation directly to St. Agnes Parish on this webpage [119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish | CharityProfile | Donate Online](https://119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish-charityprofile.donateonline.com) (or any parish in our Diocese) using a major Credit Cards, PayPal, and Google Pay. You can get your tax receipt through Canada Helps.

## **POINSETTIAS**

For those of you who ordered poinsettias, we thank you for your support! Pick up day is December 6/7<sup>th</sup> and cash/cheque payment is due at pickup. Please make cheques payable to St. Agnes Church.

## **SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia with an afternoon of Sacred Music at Sacred Heart Parish, Kitchener on **Saturday, November 22, 1-3pm.**

Featuring performances by choirs from across KW, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Free-will offering.

## **NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR!**

The Church year, that is...! Next week is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and then Advent arrives! For those of you who were asking, the new missals for 2026 here, as well as your 2026 Offertory Envelopes. Please be aware that you MAY have been assigned a new envelope number.

# **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE**

**Small Talks on Big Topics**

## **Forgiving Each Other – *and Ourselves*** **God's Mercy Meet Us in Our Sin & Suffering**

**Presented by Fr. Francisco Cruz**

Pastor, St. John's Parish, Kitchener  
Missionary of Mercy, Appointed by Pope Francis

### **About the Event**

*"... Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again" (Jn 8:11)*

We all sin, alienating ourselves from our loving God, who gave us freedom to choose to follow Him or to wander away from Him. When we choose to follow God's will, we feel His peace, no matter what life brings us. When we choose to sin, we separate ourselves, losing that peace & true happiness He wants for us.

***But God is full of mercy & always ready to forgive us!*** He seeks us relentlessly, wanting us with him, & to free us from the burden of sin & shame we may carry. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation Christ heals us. Here, through His priests, who are bound by the Seal, He meets us in our pain, forgives us, restoring our souls & our peace. We only need to open our hearts & ask His forgiveness. Then, trusting in Him, we must forgive ourselves.

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**St. Agnes Parish 6:30–8:00 pm**

75 Bluevale St N, Waterloo • 30 minute talk + Q&A and Refreshments



# DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

700 KING ST. W,  
HAMILTON

## EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

VATICAN APPROVED  
EXHIBIT DESIGNED &  
CREATED BY  
ST. CARLO ACUTIS

**10AM – 4PM**

INSIDE THE CHANCERY  
OFFICE

OPEN TO ALL



OFFICE OF  
**Youth Ministry**  
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



**WOMEN AT THE HEART OF JUSTICE Event** A speaker series hosted by Canadian Jesuits International, highlighting women as essential changemakers on the quest for peace and ecological justice. Keynote by Sister Laura Vicuna Pereira Manso, Franciscan catechist and member of Brazil's Indigenous Kariri People. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm. at St. Jerome's University Waterloo and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12-1 pm. at Holy Rosary Parish Guelph. Register via the CJI website: <https://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/fall-campaign-2025/>

### **A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The \$20 fee includes lunch.** Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**HOPE AFTER AN ABORTION** are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

**RESTART: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group** Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. It is held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Register here: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> anytime the week of the session, or contact Sarah at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by dr. Bill webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Our monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael parish, waterloo on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7 pm in the parish resource centre/library.

**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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *Dilexi te*, "I have loved you"** The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

## Mass Schedule



Mondays – **no Mass**

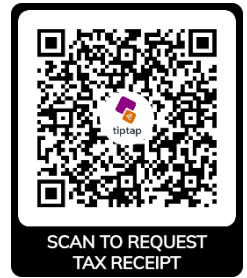
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays **9am**; Thursdays & Fridays **7pm**

### 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](mailto: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 18 – November 22			
SUNDAY	9am	†Anna & Peter Dinh	Nguyen Family
	11am	†Julian Farias	Victor & Marg Brito
	7pm	†Mary Margaret Murtha	Patrick, Lisa & Boy
TUESDAY	9am	†Holy Souls	Margaret Boland
		†Members of the McKenna Kreuzer Family	McKenna Family
WEDNESDAY	9am	For a Special Intention	McKenna Family
THURSDAY	7pm	Manuel & Margarida Oliveira	Brito Family
FRIDAY	7pm	†Genowefa Zielinska	Daughter
SATURDAY	9am	Tara McDonald & Family	Marilyn & Corinne
	5pm	†Tara Romain	Ruth Lam & St. Agnes Parishioners
SUNDAY	9am	Kathryn Wiersma	Katelin Becker
	11am	†Leonard Sherrer	Carol Levis
	7pm	Pro Populo	

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