

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke 23:42

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Focus: Jesus is King of all creation!

Today's solemnity, which marks the close of the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king, judge, and ruler of all. He is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our baptism we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

POINSETTIAS

For those of you who ordered poinsettias and supported our Christmas SWAP 'n' SHOP, we thank you! Pick up day for your poinsettias is December 6/7th after masses, and cash/cheque payment is **due at pickup**. Please make cheques payable to St. Agnes Church.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, our Christmas Pageant is at risk of not going forward this year. To express your interest, please put your name forward to the parish office.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR!

The Church year, that is...! Next week, Advent arrives! For those of you who were asking, there are still a few copies of the **new missal for 2026** and you can place your offering in the small collection box beside the book rack.

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. Please take one or more angels from the angel tree at the back of the church, 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. If there are no angels left on the tree, please check again next weekend to help those who will call us this coming week. All our toys are kindly supplied by the Knights of Columbus, so none are needed. Thank you so much!



STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY



On the first Friday of Advent, December 5th at 6:30pm
Join the CWL as they present the Stations of the Nativity.

A series of reflections, meditations and prayers that help us enter into the mystery of God becoming man. Paralleling the Stations of the Cross, the Stations of the Nativity can help deepen our understanding of the Incarnation and the significance of Christ's birth.



An excerpt from the directive from the Chancery Office:

“During the year there have been many initiatives to celebrate the **Jubilee Year of Hope**...

...The *Episcopal Board* recommended that each Parish take up a special “**Spirit of Hope Collection**” in your Parish sometime before Christmas and designate the monies received for the support of the poor in your community. “

Our Spirit of Hope Collection

November 29/30th at all masses

Here at St. Agnes Church, a second collection will be taken up on the First Sunday of Advent weekend in accordance with the Diocesan directive above, to support the neighbours in need in our community. The St. Agnes Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be in timely need of these funds, as the Christmas Hampers will have gone out, the Christmas deliveries readied and paid for, leaving the shelves of our St. Vincent de Paul pantry depleted for the new year.

Please consider putting aside a little extra for this second collection on this day, as January and February can sometimes be a very difficult time for many who are trying to gather provisions in the post-Christmas season.

There are many ways you can make this donation besides the collection basket, on the reverse of this page. Please be certain that if you use an online form of giving, that you clearly indicate in the message your **FULL NAME** and that the donation is designated for the **SPiRiT of HOPE** collection. As always, your generosity is very graciously accepted and appreciated!

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...and other ways to give at St. Agnes!

- For those of you who choose envelopes, you can pick yours up today. Envelopes not taken today will be held in the office for a while longer in case you haven't been able to get here, then they will be reassigned.
- You may also choose to use an online giving option such as pre-authorized payments. To enroll, please fill out this: [form](#). You can mail or email [stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com] the completed form to the parish along with copy of a void cheque.
- You may e-transfer to stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com being certain to include your **FULL** name in the message so we can send a receipt at tax time.
- You may write a cheque to St. Agnes Parish - post-dated is also accepted.
- **Preferred Method:** The Diocese of Hamilton has provided all parishes with a secure online giving option through Canada Helps. This option allows you to make a secure donation [directly to St. Agnes Parish](#) (or any parish in our Diocese) using a major Credit Cards, PayPal, and Google Pay. You can get your tax receipt through Canada Helps.
- **TipTap Pay:** We now have TipTap pay for your convenience. Scan the



QR Code and register your card (one time only) and you will be able to receive a tax receipt. If you are using more than one device or card, register each one as you use it, as each separate device (even if you are using the same account) generates a different four-digit code. Our TipTap portal is in the narthex and has prefigured amounts of \$5, \$10 and \$20. You may tap as many times as you like. Our vigil candle stand also has a TipTap portal in the amount of \$2. This amount is not eligible for a tax receipt as it is considered a purchase; these funds cover the cost of the candles.

CWL Catered Dinner

Tuesday, December 9th at 6pm.

For all ladies of the Parish!



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 or phone: 519-745-8788 to **reserve your seat.**

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 3rd
St. Agnes Parish 6:30–8:00 pm

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

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

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**

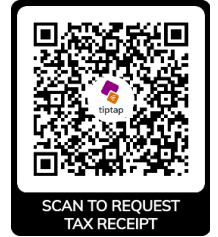
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays **9am**; Thursdays & Fridays **7pm**

Lord's Day Masses:

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

Holy Hour: Thursdays at **6pm**

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



CONSIDER MAKING YOUR OFFERING THROUGH CANADA HELPS: 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://www.stagneswaterloo.com/119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish/CharityProfile)

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 23 – November 30

SUNDAY	9am	Kathryn Wiersma	Katelin Becker
	11am	†Leonard Sherrer	Carol Levis
	7pm	Pro Populo	
TUESDAY	9am	†McKenna-Kreuzer Family †Miquelina Oliveira	McKenna Family Victor & Marg Brito
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Marg & †Bob McKenna	McKenna Family
THURSDAY	7pm	David & Annemarie Turalija †Martha Gonsalves	Zrinka Turalija Mendonsa Family
	FRIDAY	7pm	†Victor Gonsalves
SATURDAY	9am	Fr. Joonbin Lim	Corinne, Tara & Marilyn
	5pm	†Jack Ball	Ball Family
SUNDAY	9am	Pro Populo	
	11am	†Holy Souls	Brito Family
	7pm	†Antonio VanDalen	Messent Family

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