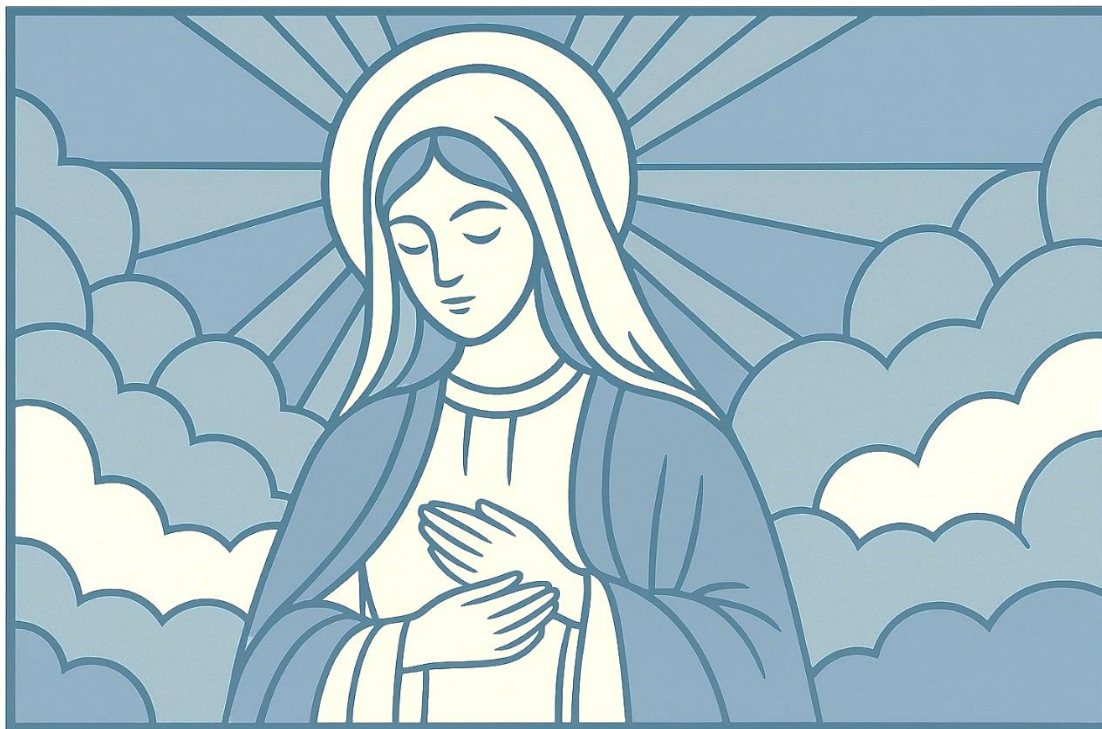


The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2026



PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Jeff Bergsma

PERMANENT DEACON: Rev. Mr. Ed MacIntosh

Administrative Assistant: Deb MacIntosh

Focus: Let us strive to imitate Mary with trust and simplicity of heart.

Jesus was born into the humblest of settings, amid circumstances that were less than ideal for the birth of a child. Despite all of this, Mary trusted God's plan. When the shepherds arrived and saw Jesus, their lives were changed. Trusting in God even when our circumstances aren't what we hope them to be, we, like Mary, can help others to see the presence of God in our midst.

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever." Entrance Antiphon

Ave Maria!

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH 971

"All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit and greatly fosters this adoration." The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.



975 *"We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of the members of Christ" (Paul VI, CPG # 15).*

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Christmas isn't over yet - and St. Agnes Parish welcomes you! Thank you for joining us on this Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Come back and celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend, and why not finish the Christmas season with us the following week as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



SPAGHETTI DINNER IS BACK!

St. Agnes Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 24th immediately following the 5pm Mass. Adults: \$20; Kids 2-12: \$10; under 2: free! Watch for ticket sales coming up in January! Join us in the Parish Centre for one of our favourite pasta-times!



CWL ST. AGNES COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting is on **Saturday, Jan. 17th, 10am to 12noon**. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. We begin with discussion and vote on the 2026 Budget and have an instructed vote on National League matters regarding by-laws. Afterward, we will enjoy games/cards and fellowship. Refreshments

will be provided. **Plan to attend Mass at 9am** to pray for a successful meeting.



ST. AGNES PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Is searching for a parish volunteer with experience in budgeting and forecasting to join our finance council. If you can help, please contact the parish office to put your name forward.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8



CRAFTERNOON

Crafternoon is back on Thursday afternoon, **January 8th** at 1pm with a cozy craft to try! Come out and warm up and we'll keep you in "stitches"!



SERRA CLUB MEETING

The Serra Club is glad to resume meetings here at St. Agnes Parish on **the second Thursday of each month after the evening Mass**. Serrans are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life: lawyers, doctors, accountants, business people, nurses, engineers, sales people, clerks, retirees etc., all dedicated to promote and foster vocations. Serra International ("Serra") is formally recognized by the Holy See as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.



MEN'S SOCIAL HOUR

Watch the bulletin for details about our new monthly men's social hour beginning later in January. Come enjoy a coffee and some lively conversation about a topic of interest to the group. Please call John Vogan at 226-978-4013 for more information.

ALL PARISHIONERS

As the year comes to a close (and tax receipt time is around the corner), it is very important that you have your personal information (name changes, phone, address, email) up to date at the parish office to ensure accurate information goes on your tax receipt.

Also, if you use any form of electronic giving, we are unable to issue tax receipts if we don't have your complete name attached to your transaction. There are still a number of donors who use only a first name; please check the information on your banking profile for your e-transfer or pre-authorized payment.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Mass Schedule



Mondays – **no Mass**

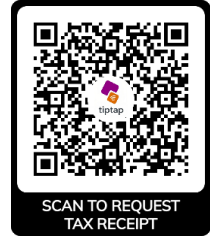
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays **9am**; Thursdays & Fridays **7pm**

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://119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish.CharityProfile)

E-transfers can be made to St. Agnes Parish at any time at 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 January 1 – January 11			
THURSDAY	10am	†Dan & †Alice MacIntosh	The Family
FRIDAY	7pm	†Mary Dillon	Theresa Dillon Coles
SATURDAY	9am	Tara McDonald	Corinne & Marilyn
SATURDAY	5pm	†Ronnie Wall	David & Rachel Parker
SUNDAY	9am	Pro Populo	
	11am	†Ed Motz	Cecile Motz
		†Elizabeth & John Tolti & Family	Julia Dan
	7pm	†Sydney Pink	Georgette Rozon
TUESDAY	9am	David & AnneMarie Turalija	Zrinka Turalija
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Edwin Dillon	Theresa Dillon Coles
THURSDAY	7pm	Priests & Religious of Hamilton Diocese	Serra Club
		Fr. Jeff & Priests & Seminarians	Friends of the Pallottines
FRIDAY	7pm	†John Mack	Theresa Dillon Coles
SATURDAY	9am	Fr. Joonbin Lim	Corinne , Tara & Marilyn
	5pm	†Adrian Vath	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
SUNDAY	9am	Deacon Ed & Debbie	Kennedy Family
	11am	†Mike Hehn	Marg & Doug Weber
	7pm	Pro Populo	

Contact Us

Office Phone: 519-885-4480

Office Hours: 9am – 4:30pm

75 Bluevale Street North Waterloo, ON N2J 3R7

***SSVP Food Assistance:** 519-504-8399

Email: office@saintagnescatholicchurch.org

Website: <https://saintagnescatholicchurch.org/>



“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8