



# St. Agnes Catholic Parish

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



**Focus:** *We are invited to bring our thirst to God.*

*In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again.*

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at St. Agnes Parish at 6:30pm in advance of the 7pm Mass. Join us for this wonderful devotion and make it part of your Lenten journey this year.



**LAST SESSION:** Tuesday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come down to the Parish Center for the presentation. Please call the office to let us know if you need help with the lift.

**MEN'S SOCIAL HOUR:** Please come join us on Monday March 30 at 1:00 pm in the conference room for our monthly men's social hour at St. Agnes. In addition to coffee and lively conversation, we will have a presentation on the Walkerton Water Tragedy- 25 Years Later. Please call John Vogan at 226-978-4013 for more information.



**SERRA CLUB MEETING MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>** and on the second Thursday of the month. Join us for Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 and Mass at 7:00. There will be a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall after Mass. Serrans are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life, all dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations. Serra International (“Serra”) is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 pm. Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U All are welcome! Contact [ma\\_zister@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_zister@hotmail.com).

# Vacation Bible School 2026!

Questions? email: [vbs.stagnes@gmail.com](mailto:vbs.stagnes@gmail.com)

Up Up & Away in the Assorted Saints hot air balloon! Take flight with your copilots, Juan Diego, Brigid of Ireland, Martin de Porres, Nicholas of Myra, and Kateri Tekakwitha on a five-day adventure! At an altitude of 1500 feet float over land and sea. Let the wind propel you and DISCOVER the timeless virtues of faith, hope, and love at each DESTINATION!



Click [HERE](#) to register!

**WHEN?** Mon-Fri., July 6-10, 9am – 12:15pm.

**AGE?** Going into SK to going into grade 6 (born 2015 to 2021)

**COST?** \$35 per camper, with subsidies available

**Youth Volunteers** – registration soon!

It is wonderful that we have had a lot of interest in youth leadership at VBS! Watch for Youth Leader registration opening very soon.

**Adult volunteers are always needed!**

There are various roles to fill, including:

- Planning and preparation
- Helping guide younger campers
- Helping run a center (arts and crafts, music, faith, sports, and games)

There are roles to suit any comfort level and to make use of each one's unique gifts! Please email [vbs.stagnes@gmail.com](mailto:vbs.stagnes@gmail.com)

# ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE

*Small Talks on Big Topics*

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**God Speaks to Us in Many Ways - Are We Listening?  
Overcoming Spiritual Deafness in Our Noisy World**

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**Presented by Fr. Raphael Ma, CR**  
*Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener*

## **About the Event**

During Lent, we are invited to go deeper into an examination of our relationship with God. How do I see Him working in my life? How is He calling me? Am I truly listening & responding? In our noisy world there are many voices competing for our attention. We should ask ourselves, whose voice is loudest in my life —the voice of the culture, or is it God's voice deep within me, calling me to the fullness of life in Him. God is always working in our lives, sometimes through others to reach us & teach us. We may be spiritually blind or deaf, maybe unwilling to listen. We need to be still, to go to that quiet place away from the "noise" of our busy lives, like Jesus did. There we can ponder in quiet prayer, especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus is looking at us & we at Him. Like Samuel, we too should humbly say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening".

**Sunday March 29th**

**St. Agnes Parish Hall 2:00–3:30 pm**

75 Bluevale St N, Waterloo • 45 minute talk + Q&A and Refreshments

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**SCHEDULE CHANGE: April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> evening Masses are moved to 9am.  
There will be no holy hour on April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## **St. Agnes Parish** **Lent and Easter Schedule 2026**



### **Ash Wednesday**

Mass at 10am with St. Agnes School  
7pm Evening Mass

### **Extra Confession Times:**

Tuesday, March 24	9:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday, March 25	12pm - 4pm
Wednesday, April 1	5pm - 8pm

### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm in advance of the 7pm daily Mass.

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** - March 28/29

Weekend Mass times as usual: Sat. 5pm; Sun. 9am, 11am & 7pm.

### **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper** - April 2, 7pm

**Vigil of Adoration** until 7am.

### **Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord** - April 3, 10am & 3pm

**Stations of the Cross** at 7pm

### **Holy Saturday** - April 4

**Blessing of the Easter Food** 12pm

**Easter Vigil** 8 pm

\*\*Incense will be used

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 5 - Masses at 9am & 11am

\*\*No 7 pm Mass



# 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.stagnescatholicchurch.org/119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish-CharityProfile)

**E-transfers** can be made to St. Agnes Parish at any time at [stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Please put your **first AND last name** in the memo line or we cannot create a tax receipt.

**CANADA  
HELPS  
QR CODE**



## MASS INTENTIONS for March 8 - 15

SUNDAY	9am	†Yu Thi Ngan	Hoang Family
	11am	Pro Populo	
	7pm	†Ed Dobson	Phyllis Sprout
TUESDAY	9am	†Gerry Knorr †Herold Simon Cutinho & Catherine Cutinho	The Family Navis Family
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Roger Dupuis	Janet & Family
THURSDAY	7pm	All Priests & Religious of Hamilton Diocese Jennifer-Haller Buchanan †Anthony & Rajeshwan Navis	Serra Club St. Luke Staff Navis Family
FRIDAY	<b>6:30pm</b> 7pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> †Godwin	Suze D'Costa
SATURDAY	9am	Rita & Roger Boudreau & Family	Moser Family
SATURDAY	<b>9:30 – 10am &amp; 3:30 – 4:15pm CONFESSIONS</b>		
	5pm	Pro Populo	
SUNDAY	9am	†Helen Smith	The Johnstons
	11am	†Ostyn Family Members	Bea Mohaupt
	7pm	†Anna Maria & Joseph Nguyen	Nguyen Family

## Contact Us

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