



St. Agnes Catholic Parish

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jeff Bergsma

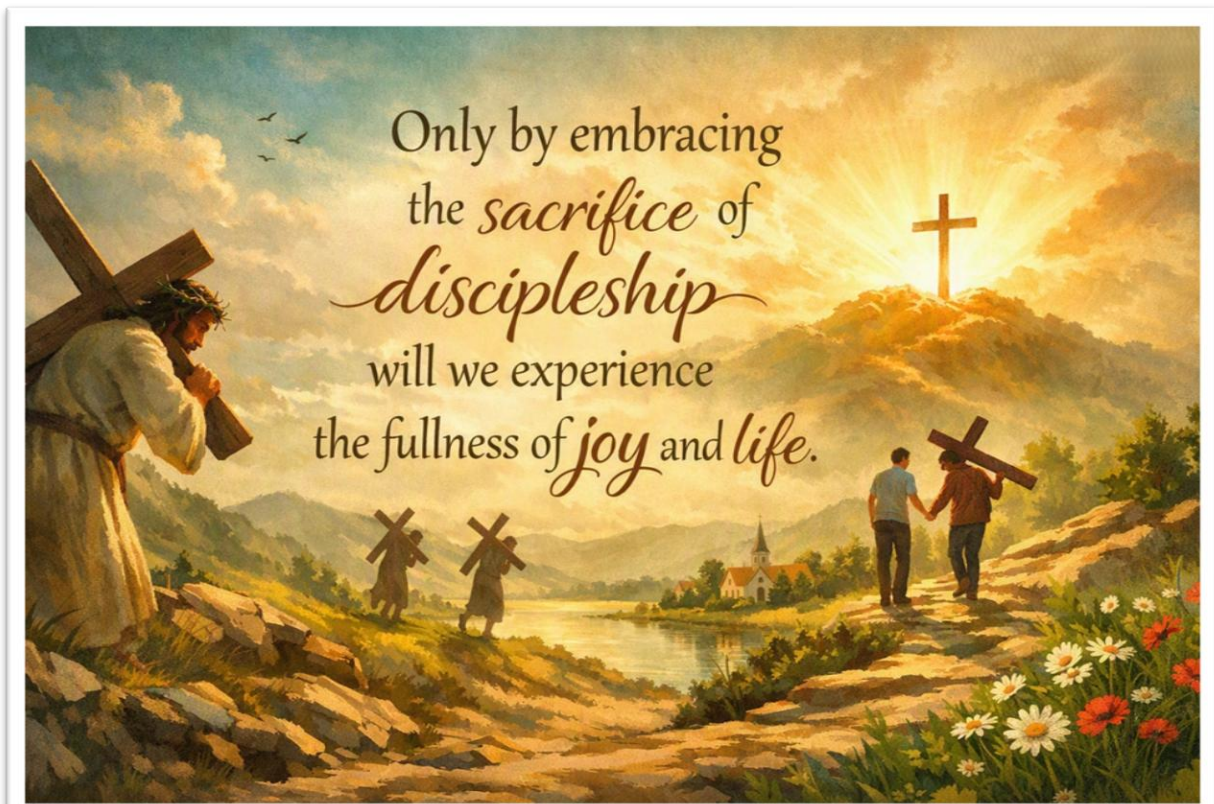
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Ed MacIntosh

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Deb MacIntosh

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Kathy Bader

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026



Focus: *Only by embracing the sacrifice of discipleship will we experience the fullness of joy and life.*

Jesus reminds us that if we wish to follow him on the path of discipleship, we will have to pick up and carry our own cross. Just as Jesus was willing to give his all to fulfill the Father's will, we must be willing to give our all to fulfill his will in our lives. It is only through such sacrifice that we will experience the fullness of joy and life.

NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome!

Last date of Summer Schedule: September 6;

Regular Schedule resumes September 13th- Saturdays 5pm; Sundays 9am, 11am & 7pm.

All weekday Masses remain the same.

On holiday MONDAY, September 7th, there WILL be Mass at 9am.

The Mass of Christian Burial for the late Pat McCarthy will take place here on September 3, 2026, at 10am.

OUR FELLOW TRAVELLER: When we walk with Jesus we can know that we have a fellow traveller, someone-with-us. Jesus is God-with-us, the one we can trust with our whole life, the one who shows us the way. **- Henri Nouwen**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be at the exits of the church this weekend to gratefully accept donations. Envelopes are available in the pews for those who would like a receipt at year's end. Thank you for helping us to support our Neighbours in Need.

FORMATION WORKSHOPS in the Diocese of Hamilton are posted on the Bulletin Board and on the Parish and Diocesan websites. If you are interested in becoming a [Minister of the Word](#) or [Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion](#), or helping with [Children's Liturgy](#) or [RCIA](#), please check out these training programs.

FALL RETREAT at the CARMEL: The Carmel of St. Joseph is hosting their Fall Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The theme of the retreat, led by Fr. Peter Turrone, is the Little Way of St. Therese. Men and women welcome. Registration opens Monday, September 7, 2026 until Tuesday, September 22 – spaces are limited. Visit www.thecarmel.ca to inquire and register.

YOUTH MINISTER'S RETREAT We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. If you are interested in attending contact youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL?? PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS??

This is the best time of year to [update](#) your personal information or [register](#) in the parish. And if you are preparing for kindergarten, or the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, **you will need a copy of your Baptismal certificate**. Contact the parish office and [request your copy now](#) and we will be happy to forward your copy directly to the Sacramental Preparation Team for you.



CAN YOU HELP SERVE AT MASS? We always need altar servers for weekend masses. We particularly need adult servers for weekdays and special occasions such as funerals and weddings. If you think you can help with this or would like to learn about serving at mass, please approach Fr. Jeff and express your interest.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

WYD 2027 The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have 82 young pilgrims preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45th International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com.

PROJECT RACHEL Struggling After an Abortion? Yours or someone else's? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Join Fr. Jeff on 4 Tuesday evenings in the Parish Centre to explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist in a presentation entitled:



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation!

4 Tuesday evenings: Sept 22, 29, October 6 and 13 at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Exploring Pope Leo's Vision for Responsible Technology

JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP ON
POPE LEO'S
FIRST ENCYCLICAL



Join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas***, and discover the Church's vision for artificial intelligence, human dignity, and responsible technology.



WORKSHOP DATES



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
St. Anthony Daniel
Kitchener

🕒 1:00–3:00 PM



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Chancery Office
Hamilton

🕒 1:00–3:00 PM

REGISTER TODAY!



SCAN TO REGISTER

Or visit:
<https://forms.gle/C7FEVWUnUAJ1tmeRA>

THE OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS PRESENTS

Fall Book Club

Step into the rich world of J.R.R. Tolkien and discover how his stories illuminate timeless truths about faith, hope, virtue, and the Christian life. Join us for a book club exploring *Into the Heart of Middle-earth* by Kaitlyn Facista, where together we'll uncover the spiritual themes woven throughout Tolkien's beloved works and reflect on what they can teach us about following Christ today. Whether you're a lifelong Tolkien fan or simply curious about the deeper meaning behind Middle-earth, all are welcome!

**Join us on Tuesdays from
1:00–2:00 PM on Zoom.**

October 6

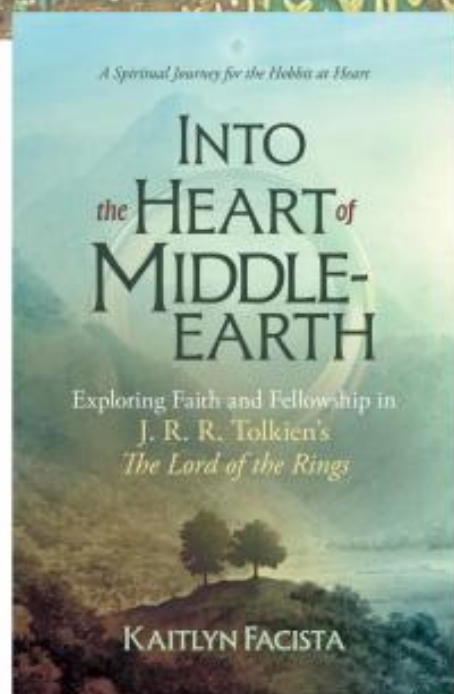
October 13

October 20

October 27

Register at:

bit.ly/4wI7B9k



Books are available for purchase from the Chancery Office, or can be sourced independently.

Please reach out to us if you would like to purchase a book in advance.

\$25.00 including shipping



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On holiday MONDAY, September 7th, there WILL be Mass at 9am.
SEPTEMBER 13th, regular Mass schedule resumes!

Mass Schedule

Mondays – no Mass

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 6pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 9:30 – 10am; 3:30 – 4:15pm; or by appointment

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS for August 30 – September 6

SUNDAY	10am	†Erika DeMelo	Urbana Macedo
	7pm	Pro Populo	
TUESDAY	9am	†Bob & Diane Kirk	Sat. Morn. Rosary Group
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Brenda McKenna	John McKenna
THURSDAY	7pm	Fr. Jeff, all Priests & Seminarians †Maria Giwojno	Friends of the Pallottines Agnes Das
FRIDAY	7pm	†Kurt Lade	Pete
SATURDAY	9am	†Mary Frankovic	Nancy Frankovic
	5pm	CWL Members of Hamilton Diocese	CWL Ontario Provincial Council
SUNDAY	10am	†Erika DeMelo	Urbana Macedo
	7pm	†Gertruda Giwojno	Agnes Das

Thank you for supporting St. Agnes Parish!

PREFERRED METHOD: 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](https://119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish/CharityProfile) | [CharityProfile](#) | [Donate Online](#)



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HELPS
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E-transfers can be made to St. Agnes Parish at any time at stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com

Please put your first AND last name in the memo line or we cannot create a tax receipt.

If you are e-transferring for another purpose [i.e., mass stipend or spaghetti dinner, for example] please include that in your message on your e-transfer. Otherwise, your funds are deposited directly into general offertory.

Contact Us:



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

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