



St. Agnes Catholic Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026



Focus: *The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

Jesus' words at the end of today's Gospel are some of the most reassuring in Scripture. He is present whenever God's people gather, as we do at every liturgy. When we gather in love and unity, we are fulfilling Paul's instruction in the second reading when he says: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another.

NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome!

**On holiday MONDAY, September 7th, there WILL be Mass at 9am.
On September 8th & 9th, Mass is cancelled for the Priest's Seminar.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH!

CWL GENERAL MEETING September 15th at 7pm in the Parish Centre
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING September 17th at 7:30pm in the Conference Rm
*****You must register online BEFORE these sacramental prep meetings*****
FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: September 27th after 9am Mass
CONFIRMATION MEETING: September 27th after 7pm Mass

*Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains,
than the bounty of the age-old hills.* - **Genesis 49: 26**

SENDING OUR SPIRIT OF LOVE: After a very short visit to earth the time comes for each of us to pass from this world to the next. We have been sent into the world as God's beloved children, and in our passages and losses we learn to love each other as spouse, parent, brother, or sister. We support one another through the passages of life, and together we grow in love. Finally, we ourselves are called to exodus, and we leave the world for full communion with God. It is possible for us, like Jesus, to send our spirit of love to our friends when we leave them. Our spirit, the love we leave behind, is deeply in God's Spirit. It is our greatest gift to those we love. - **Henri Nouwen**

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.

Please update your parish information if your phone, email or address has changed. You may also [email a request for a baptismal certificate](#) if you are registering a child for first communion or confirmation and it can be forwarded directly to the sacramental preparation team.

CURSILLO is a Spanish word meaning “*short course*”. It is an enriching prayer and joy-filled weekend consisting of a short retreat, with a series of talks given by priests and lay people in an atmosphere of spirituality and friendship. After the weekend, the Cursillo method encourages participation in on-going small friendship sharing groups and larger group meetings called Ultreyas. The goal of the movement is that Christ be the primary influence in society. The objectives of the Cursillo Movement are to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their role to bring Christ to their families, as well as to the places where they work and socialize, and to sustain them as they live their journey of faith. Cursillo is a method of growing closer to Jesus through a tripod of **Piety, Study** and **Action**. Its intent is to develop strong Christians who feel the love of Christ and wish to ultimately bring His Good News to others. Thus, the long-term purpose is to increase the awareness of the love of Jesus in our environment – at home, work and play. Bonds are quickly formed. Prayer, song, solitude and fellowship make for a deep spiritual experience that is powerful and positive. Participation in Cursillo is open to anyone. Applicants are sponsored by another Cursillista.

The next weekend for women is October 15-18. Registration due by October 1st. For information please contact: Marg Weber @ 416-427-7102



A colorful illustration for a 'Men's Social Hour' event. At the top, a yellow banner with a coffee cup icon reads 'Men's Social Hour'. Below it, an orange sign says 'Join us on Monday, September 14 at 1:00 pm'. In the center, four men are sitting at a table, drinking coffee and eating Timbits. To the right, a television screen displays 'CLASSIC CARS' with four classic cars (red, yellow, blue, and red). A red box of Timbits is on the table. At the bottom, a green banner reads 'CONFERENCE ROOM – enter by back doors' and a blue banner says 'Please call John Vogan at 226-978-4013 for more information.'

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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.

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Registration deadline is September 11. For all information and to register, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/2026-youth-ministers-retreat/>.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2026: The Young Adults are organizing the annual Conference on Saturday, September 19th at St. Raphael Parish from 9:30am to 7:00pm. During the conference we will have spiritual talks, praise and worship band, Art Booths, Adoration, confession and Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The theme for the conference will be "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12) All young adults (single and married) ages 19 to 40 years are encouraged to join. Price is \$25.00. For more information, please visit: <https://cyaconference.ca/>.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LEONOR SORGER: All are warmly invited to a Memorial Mass for Leonor Sorger, who passed away on January 12, 2025, at the age of 94. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Friday, September 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. In 1978, Leonor co-founded the Office for Refugees, Diocese of Hamilton, a ministry that continues to welcome and sponsor refugees seeking safety and a new beginning in Canada. Please join us as we give thanks for Leonor's extraordinary legacy of faith and service and pray for the repose of her soul. All are welcome.

MULTICULTURAL MASS: All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

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 September 6 – September 13			
SUNDAY	10am	†Erika DeMelo	Urbana Macedo
	7pm	†Gertruda Giwojno	Agnes Das
MONDAY	9am	Victims of human trafficking	Randy Cormier
TUESDAY	9am	†Dorothy Kennedy	Corinne & Family
		Mr. & Mrs. Chinedu Enemor	Enedor Family
		David & AnneMarie Turalija	Zrinka Turalija
		Priests & Religious of Hamilton Diocese	Serra Club
FRIDAY	7pm	†Jim Lehman	Barb Lehman
SATURDAY	9am	World peace & conversion of sinners	Saturday Morning Rosary Group
	5pm	†Joseph Cormier	Randy Cormier
SUNDAY	9am	Pro Populo	
	11am	†Francis & Maria Nguyen	Nguyen Family
	7pm	†Mother	Sylvia

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