



St. Agnes Catholic Parish

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026



Focus: *As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.*

Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome!

CWL GENERAL MEETING – WELCOME BACK! September 15th at 7pm in the



Parish Centre. We start with a short meeting followed by light refreshments and fun games. Let's get to know one another and learn about the upcoming ideas and events the CWL will be involved in! We are collecting items for Canadian Food For

Children (CFFC). Our church has had a collection box in the Narthex for many years, and we want to remind everyone of what items they accept. See the link below for the list or look at the printed list on the box. Collection will occur at the end of September giving you time to shop for food or bring needed used household items, toys, children's books, etc., from home (see list).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o1uis0VKUqjJlXbYH2tbhbO5H-3kEtbh/view>



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING September 17th at 7:30pm in the Conference Room

*****You must register online BEFORE these sacramental prep meetings*****



FIRST COMMUNION MEETING:

Sept. 27th after 9am Mass

CONFIRMATION MEETING:

Sept. 27th after 7pm Mass



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. - Ephesians 1:3

RETURNING AGAIN AND AGAIN: Lord, give me faith, faith in your endless mercy, your boundless forgiveness, your unfathomable goodness. Let me not be tempted to think that my sins are too great to be forgiven, too abominable to be touched by your mercy. Let me never run away from you but return to you again and again, asking you to be my Lord, my Shepherd, my Stronghold, and my Refuge. Take me under your wing, O Lord... - **Henri Nouwen**

FAITH SHARING AT ST. AGNES: Do you have an interest in beginning, or being a part of, a faith sharing group or prayer group at St. Agnes? A Moms/Dads & Tots group? A couple's faith-sharing group? A men's or women's group? Bring your ideas to Fr. Jeff and ask more about how that can happen!

BECOMING CATHOLIC: Have you, a friend or a relative, thought of becoming Catholic? Are you interested in enriching your faith? Or helping as a prayer partner? Or a team member? The **Rite of Christian Initiation – RCIA**, may be right for you. If you are interested, please call or email the office with your inquiry and for more information.

CURSILLO Message from Bishop Dabrowski:

Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit continually raises up movements and communities that help the faithful to encounter Christ more deeply and live their Baptism with renewed joy and dedication. Cursillo is one such gift to the Church. Through this 3-day experience and ongoing community life, it has helped many discover the love of God in a new way, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and become active witnesses to the Gospel in their homes, workplaces, parishes and communities, grounded in the sacraments of Christian initiation and empowered for the mission of evangelizing the world. The word Cursillo means “little course” but its impact on the lives of the participants is often profound and lasting. The experience invites people to reflect on their faith, to pray, share with others and recognize the call each of us received in Baptism: to be missionary disciples and joyful witnesses of Christ to others. I warmly invite you to consider this opportunity to seek a deeper relationship with the Lord, a renewed purpose in your faith journey or fellowship with other Catholics striving to live the Gospel, Cursillo may be a grace-filled path for you. For information on upcoming women's Cursillo October 15-18, 2026. Please contact marg.weber@sympatico.ca or 416-427-7102 Men's weekend 2027 TBD.

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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.

The advertisement features a yellow banner at the top with a coffee cup icon and the text "Men's Social Hour". Below this, an orange box says "Join us on Monday, September 14 at 1:00 pm". The central illustration shows four men sitting around a table, drinking coffee and eating Timbits. To their right is a television set displaying four classic cars (red, yellow, blue, and red) under the heading "CLASSIC CARS". A red Timbits box is on the table. At the bottom, a green banner reads "CONFERENCE ROOM – enter by back doors" and a line of text says "Please call John Vogan at 226-978-4013 for more information."/>

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

AI AND HUMAN DIGNITY The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us as we explore Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* and our call to protect human dignity in an age of technological revolution. There will be 2 locations for this series:

Kitchener: Saturday, October 24th, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm): St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

Hamilton: Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 (1:00 – 3:00pm): Chancery Office, Hamilton

Registration and more information can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/ai-and-human-dignity-workshop/>.

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/>.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, 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. 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, October 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 13 - 20

SUNDAY	9am	Pro Populo	
	11am	†Francis & Maria Nguyen	Nguyen Family
	7pm	†Mother	Sylvia
TUESDAY	9am	†Ann Louise Cormier	Randy Cormier
		†Lloyd Haffner	Celeste Haffner
WEDNESDAY	9am	†Dominic Dawson	Agnes Das
THURSDAY	7pm	†Erika DeMelo	Urbana Macedo
FRIDAY	7pm	Ron Paleczny	Friends at St. Luke
SATURDAY	9am	†Bob & Diane Kirk	Saturday Morning Rosary Group
	5pm	St. Joseph for Canadian Unity	Sylvia
SUNDAY	9am	†Tran Canh	Hoang Family
	11am	Lauren Cormier	Randy Cormier
	7pm	Pro Populo	

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 | CharityProfile | Donate Online](https://119110450RR0101-st-agnes-parish.CharityProfile)



**CANADA
HELPS
QR CODE**



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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