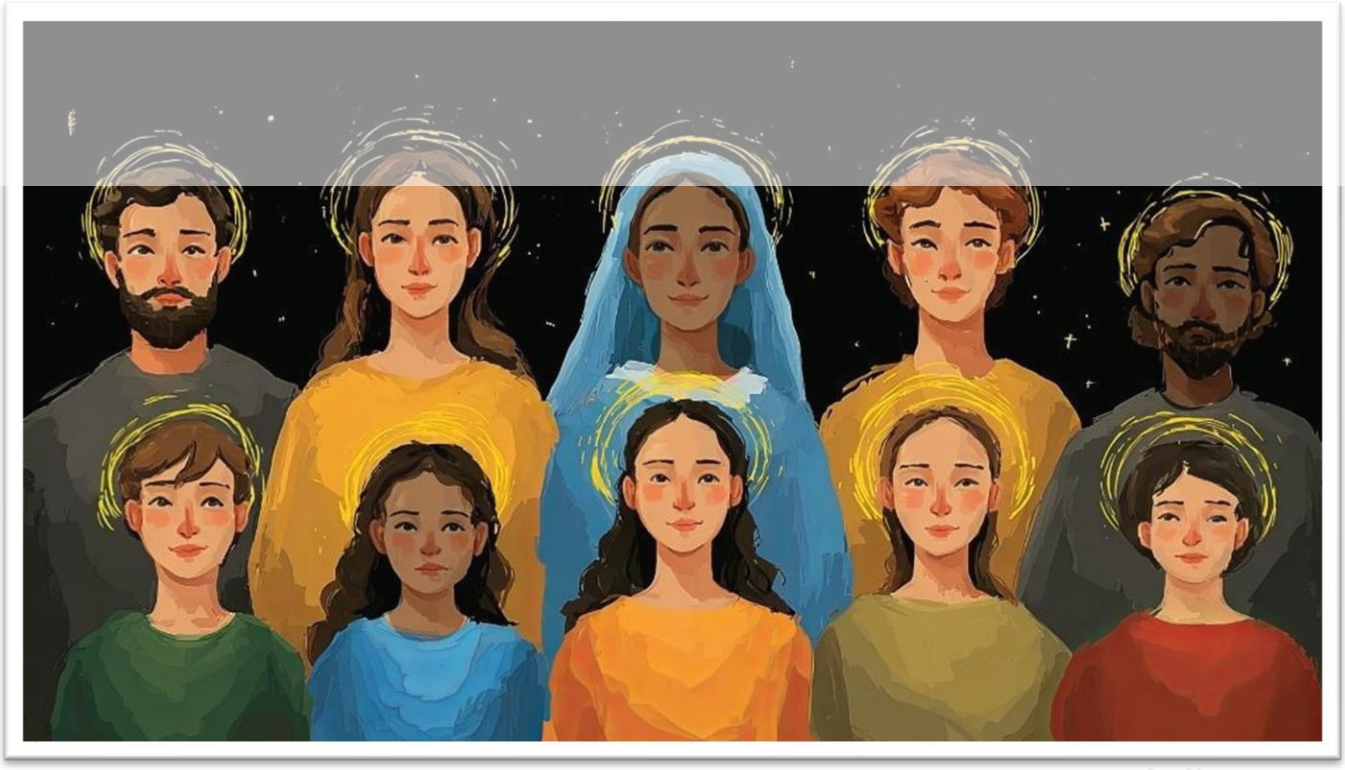
ALL SAINTS' DAY



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Focus: *Called to holiness – living the Beatitudes.*

God gathers a great multitude of faithful people from every nation.
Jesus shows the way to holiness through the Beatitudes.
We are called to become saints by following Jesus each day. Choose mercy, peace, faithfulness, and love even when it is difficult. Choose one Beatitude to practice today. Look for one simple way to live it.

"Blessed are the peacemakers." *- (Matthew 5:9)*

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All Saints

Main Message

- God calls everyone to holiness
- The saints show us how to follow Jesus
- The Beatitudes describe a holy life
- Heaven gathers people from every nation



The Readings

- First Reading — Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14: A great multitude before God
- Psalm — Psalm 24: Seek the face of the Lord
- Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3: We are children of God
- Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12a: Jesus teaches the Beatitudes

Key Scripture

"Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5:9)

Themes To Know

- Holiness
- Communion of Saints
- Beatitudes
- Hope of heaven
- Children of God

What This Means For Us

- Choose mercy instead of revenge
- Be a peacemaker
- Stand up for what is right
- Follow Jesus in everyday choices

Try This

Choose one Beatitude to live today.

Reflection Questions

- Which Beatitude is hardest for you?
- What makes someone a saint?
- How can you bring peace today?

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All Souls' Day

MAIN MESSAGE

- God holds the faithful close
- Death does not have the last word
- Jesus promises resurrection
- Our prayers help the departed



KEY SCRIPTURE

"I shall raise him on the last day."

(John 6:40)

THE READINGS

- First Reading — Safe in God's hands (Wisdom 3:1–9)
- Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)
- Second Reading — New life through baptism (Romans 6:3–9)
- Gospel — Jesus promises eternal life (John 6:37–40)

THEMES TO KNOW

- Hope beyond death
- Prayer for the departed
- Resurrection in Christ
- Communion of Saints

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Remember those who have died
- Pray with hope
- Trust God's mercy
- Care for the whole Church family

TRY THIS

Pray the Eternal Rest prayer for someone who has died.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Who can I pray for today?
- What gives me hope?
- How can I show mercy?

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All Saints Day, November 1st has a long history. It started in the early Church when Christians wanted to honor all martyrs. In the 4th century, the Church in the East began a special feast held on the Sunday after Pentecost. Later, the Church in the West also wanted a special day so in the 8th century, Pope Gregory III set November 1st as All Saints Day.

This day was chosen for a reason. It was the time of year when many people celebrated harvest festivals. The Church wanted to give a Christian meaning to these celebrations. So, All Saints Day became a time to honor these holy people.

All Saints Day grew in importance and by the 9th century, it was celebrated by many Christians as a day to remember and celebrate all saints.

All Souls' Day, November 2nd is a day when Catholics pray for the souls of the dead and we remember those who have died, especially those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death and our prayers can help them.

On All Souls' Day, Catholics often go to Mass and pray for the dead. Many visit cemeteries to pray for their loved ones who have died. The Church encourages us to pray for all the souls in Purgatory, not just our own family or friends.

All Souls' Day is different from All Saints' Day, in that All Saints' Day honors all the saints in Heaven. All Souls' Day focuses on helping those still waiting to enter Heaven. Both days remind us of the hope we have in eternal life.





CWL GENERAL MEETING

AND POTLUCK SATURDAY

NOV. 7, 12 - 2PM

Bring your favourite dish - we dine at noon!

MEMBERS - BRING ANOTHER LADY OF THE PARISH AS YOUR GUEST!

FOCUS: SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT IDEAS





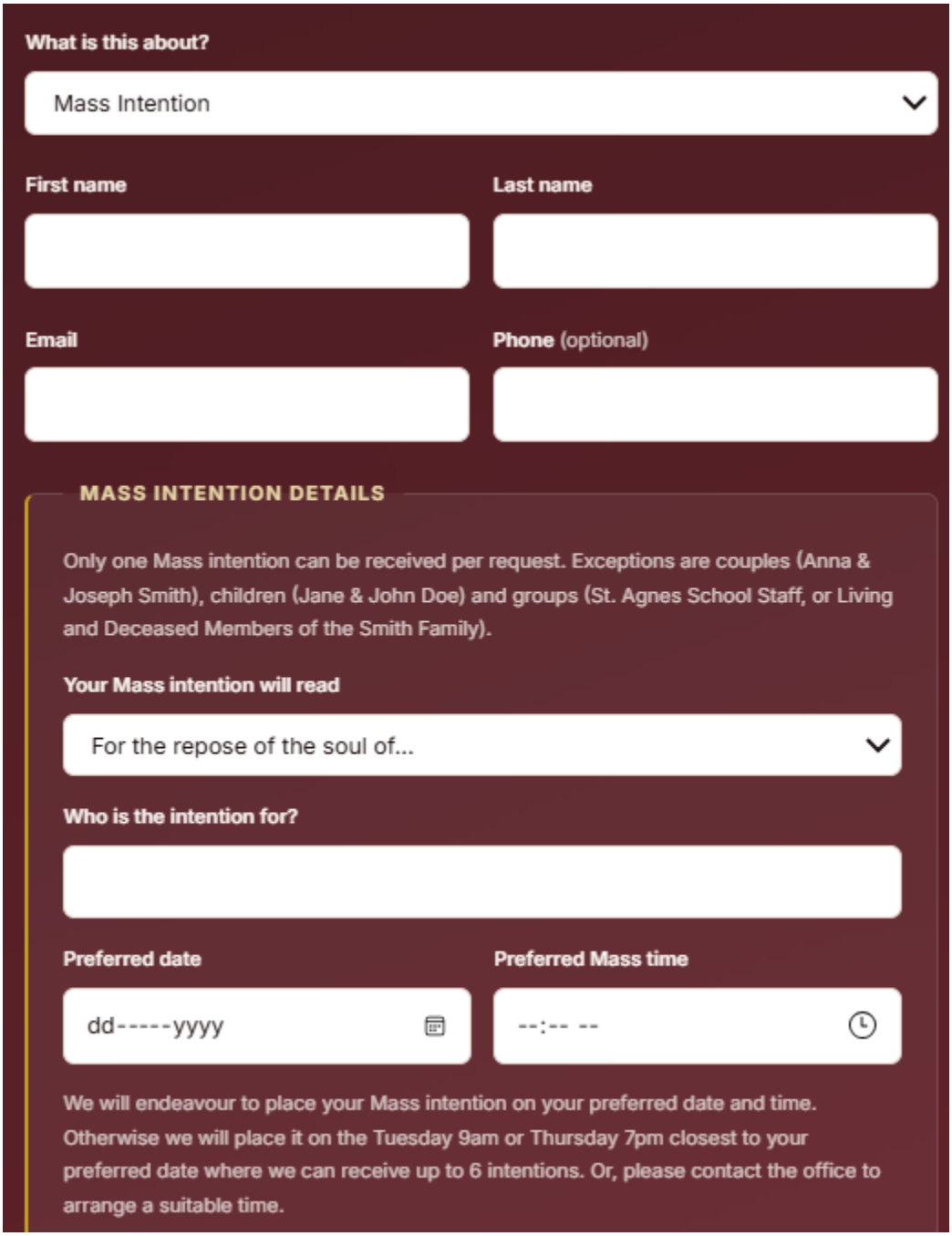
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Tour around our website and find your favourite links! Look for new options – such as our **MASS INTENTION REQUEST.**

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 

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Read the Mass Intention Details and follow the prompts to make your request.



NEWS & EVENTS at ST. AGNES PARISH

Where everyone is welcome!

Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ***- ISAIAH 35:6***

CLAIMING JOY: The great challenge is to claim the joy that Jesus offers us. Jesus is God of the living. Jesus came to bring life, and life in abundance. Jesus came to break the chain of wounds and needs and to overcome death. He came to give life, and life is joy. "I want my joy to be yours and for your joy to be complete" (John 15:11). Jesus says, "I came to overcome death and to give you life that does not end." ***- Henri Nouwen***

POINSETTIA SALES - ORDER YOURS NOW!



Mark the dates in your Christmas planner to support St. Agnes Parish with your purchase of Christmas poinsettias again this year! Orders/Sales have begun and will finish on November 8th. Flowers will arrive for the first week of December. Go to EVENTS for pricing and sizes. **When making e-transfers**, YOU MUST PUT YOUR FULL NAME and "POINSETTIA" IN THE MEMO LINE so we can apply the transfer to your sale. No need to indicate the contents of your order in the message.
E-transfer to: stagneswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com



Plan to come to Mass on

All Soul's Day –

Monday, November 2nd at 7pm.

2027 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: In November, Offertory Envelopes will be available for the 2027 year. If you are currently using offertory envelopes, you are already on the list, *although your envelope number may change* from year to year. If you have moved to an online form of giving, please contact the office if you wish to cancel your personal set of paper envelopes. If you are not using envelopes and would like to, we can sign you up for your own envelopes. If you frequently use pink visitor's envelopes, we encourage you to ask for a personal set of envelopes, as this makes our administration much more efficient. The parish makes donation receipts available **FOR PICKUP** at the church at year's end. It is of utmost importance to have your personal information accurate in our database, therefore you are encouraged to make any changes known to the parish office. Consider if you have moved, changed your email, added or lost a family member, gotten married and changed your name, moved your financial records to the care of another person, or other circumstances.
Preferably, detail your changes in an email to office@saintagnescatholicchurch.org or simply click on the red UPDATE/REGISTER icon.



November is here, and it is a very popular time to offer a Mass intention for the repose of the soul of a loved one, or for the intention of a loved one. Offering a mass intention is easy and can be done by emailing, calling or dropping by the parish office. You now have a **NEW OPTION** to request a Mass intention directly from our website.
When requesting Mass intentions, it is only fair that your intentions be at different Mass times, for example, you will not be able to book two or three Sunday morning masses in a row, but you may use many various times through the week. Keep in mind that a Sunday Mass is no more efficacious than a weekday Mass, and while it is also nice if we can attend Masses we offer, it is not a requirement in order to fulfill that Mass intention.
Typically, a $10 offering is the stipend, and these funds go to the education of diocesan priests or other designations such as the care of retired priests. This may be left in the *after-hours dropbox* in the sacristy, dropped in the *mail slot on the office door*, dropped in a *marked envelope in the collection basket*, *or e-transferred* to stagneswaterloo@hamiltondicese.com marked **"stipend".**

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION:
For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is required and what is involved in the admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:

1. Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately.

For more information about this session, feel free to contact:
Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program,
tvert@hamiltondiocese.com
OR
Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program,
mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

"CALLED TO SERVE" VIDEO SERIES:
We are excited to introduce **"Called to Serve,"** a new video series featuring bishops and priests sharing their personal vocation stories and experiences of serving God and His Church. New videos are released **every Friday** on our Diocesan website. You can watch and follow the series here:

Website: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/priesthood-and-consecrated-life/called-to-serve/

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Mondays – **no Mass**
Holy Hours: Thursdays at **6pm;** Fridays (without incense) at **6pm**
Reconciliation: Thursdays from **6 – 6:45pm**; Saturdays at **9:30-10:15am; 3:30 – 4:15pm** or by appointment.

Plan to come to Mass on All Soul's Day – Monday, November 2nd at 7pm.

9am Tuesday: †Bernie Hollohan *by Marg Weber*
9am Wednesday: †Brenda McKenna *by John McKenna*
7pm Thursday: David & AnneMarie Turalija *by Zrinka Turalija;* Fr. Jeff & all Priests & Seminarians *by Friends of the Pallottines*
7pm Friday: Living & Deceased Members of the Collins and McDonald Families – *Tara McDonald*
9am Saturday: Holy Souls in Purgatory *by Saturday Morning Rosary Group*
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday (**5pm**) Anna Van Dalen - *Messent Family* (**9am**) †Joseph Nguyen Luong – *Nguyen Family;* (**11am**) †Anna Wachnicka – *Family* (**7pm**) Pro Populo

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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.

BEQUESTS and MEMORIAL DONATIONS to St. Agnes Parish: Information HERE.