

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

5:00 p.m. **†** Virgilio Ignacio *by Minia Family*
S.I. of Carol Cyr

Sunday, February 1 FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
S.I. of Douglas Husk *by John & Tracy Husk*
11:00 a.m. **†** C.R. George
by Mary, Terence & Bruce Aranjo

Monday February 2 FEAST: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 p.m. **†** Mike & Cathy Sautner
Living & Deceased members of the K. of C.
Council # 7160

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Christina Casciano *by Family*

Thursday, February 5

7:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving *by Luisa Casciano*

Friday, February 6 ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT with an opportunity for confession

9:00 a.m. **†** Lorraine Weber *by Sister M. Irene*

Saturday, February 7

5:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving *by Elaine Thacker*

Sunday, February 8 FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Wanda Arciszewski
by Nicole & Merle Whitwell
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
S.I. Minerva Colley *by Linda & Keith Clubbe*



OFFERTORY January 25 2026

Envelopes: \$1,2624.00, E-transfer: \$280.00; Non-Envelopes \$417.25 U.S.: \$100.00;
January Pre-Authorized: \$3,104.00

Thank you for your support

Please continue to support the parish by dropping the collection envelopes in the **PARISH MAILBOX** at the front door of the **Rectory** OR You may use **Online banking (e-transfer)**. The money you transfer will directly go to our BMO parish account. For this purpose, please use our parish email: stanthonykincardine@hamiltondiocese.com OR You may consider **pre-authorized giving**. Authorization Form is available on our website: www.stanthonykincardine

LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: (*Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13*).
The prophet holds out hope of salvation for those who seek God and who practice integrity and humility.

Responsorial Psalm:
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: (*1 Cor 1:26-31*).
God chooses the poor, the weak and the lovely people who are conscious of their limitations and who therefore rely on God rather than on themselves.

Gospel: (*Mt 5:1-12*).
We see the values Christ preached and lived – values he wishes to see in his followers.



BEATITUDES: "THE IDENTITY CARD OF CHRISTIANS"

Zephaniah 2:3-13; Psalm 146.6 - 10; 1Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

The Sermon on the Mount is the summary and essence of Christ's teachings. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* presents it as "the heart of Christ's teaching." The Eight Beatitudes - "the poor in spirit, those mourn, the meek, the hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted, the despised and accused for the sake of righteousness (Mt.5:3-10) - is the manifesto of Christ for the whole humanity to follow and enter the Kingdom of God. These are the core values Jesus of Nazareth preached and lived and wished to see in his followers.

What is our understanding of the first beatitude - poor in spirit? All the eight beatitudes are included in it. For Jesus, the 'poor in spirit' is one who puts his/her trust in God alone and not in his/her wealth, or other human standards of living. In this sense, there has been only one person who has been perfectly poor. It is Jesus of Nazareth. He was so, not because he lacked the necessities of life, but because during his life on earth he put all his trust in his Father, was obedient and humble even unto death on the cross.

Everybody, whether they sense it or not, is powerless and helpless and unclean and unworthy before God. In this sense, objectively speaking, everybody is poor in spirit. The 'poor in the spirit' is the one who is conscious of his/her weakness, limitations and sinfulness and badly feels the need for God's forgiving love and grace. The tax collector who standing in the temple before God and beating on his breast saying, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner" is a perfect example for the "poor in spirit" (Luke 18:9-14).

As Pope Francis commented (*Wednesday, 29 January 2020*) "The Beatitudes provide the identity card of Christians. It is our identity card because they outline the face of Jesus himself, his style of living...His message to his disciples. It is a message for all of humanity to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful... and share the blessedness of his Kingdom.

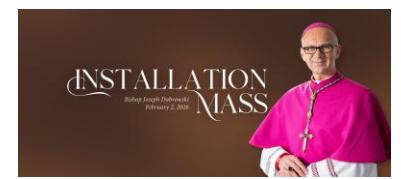
The beatitudes challenge us to live our lives by following the eight values engraved in the "manifesto of Christ" - love, meekness, mercy, perseverance, humility, purity of heart and mind. Hundreds of years earlier, the Psalmist prayed, "This poor man called, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his distress" (Ps 34:6). We, the 'poor in spirit', shall listen to the Lord speaking 'blessed are you, for I will be with you, I will help you, I will strengthen you, I will uphold you always and I promise that yours is the kingdom of God as he announced it to the repentant and humble thief " Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

May God bless all of us
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI



ANNOUNCEMENTS

10th BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A will be installed as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Let us continue to pray for Bishop Dabrowski as he prepares to begin his new ministry in the diocese.

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

We would like to begin a bible discussion group. The group will decide what is to be discussed. An example of the kind of question we might like to cover could be "How and why we pray". These would be practical discussions about relevant bible verses, whether aimed at listening or making requests, and hearing people's candid opinions and experience. The group could meet once a week for 60-90 minutes at the church. If you are interested, please contact Dermott O'Reilly: 519-368-7263 or oreilly@bmts.com .

FIRST RECONCILIATION/ FIRST COMMUNION

The **FIRST MEETING** for First Reconciliation/ First Communion will be held on Sunday **February 8th** during the 11 am Mass.

THANK YOU

From the 2nd of February 2026 Luisa Casciano will not continue as the secretary of the parish. We thank her for the committed and always cheerful service to the parish as its secretary. We extend prayerful best wishes to Luisa for the years ahead of her.

WELCOME

Maggie Lutz will be the new parish office secretary. She will take up the responsibility on Wednesday the 4th of February 2026. We heartily welcome Maggie to the parish office.

PARISH SOCIAL SUNDAY

We invite all parishioners to our monthly parish social this Sunday February 1st following the 11 a.m. Mass.

CWL CHILI DINNER

The Social Committee is hosting a chili dinner on Wednesday, February 11th in the parish hall. Vegetarian and meat options provided, along with salad, rolls and dessert. We would appreciate assistance in serving and clean up. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Cost is free will offering, any leftovers will be offered for sale so bring a container!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection Boxes are always out in the Narthex. Your donations help those in need in our community and are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU - CWL ROCK SALES FOR CHALICE

The CWL was able to raise \$576.22 through painted rock sales this past December, which will be donated to Chalice.ca for "Classroom repairs/new classroom construction" to improve the educational environment for children in 3rd world countries. We plan to make this an annual fundraiser for the same cause.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

The Charitable Donation Tax Receipts for 2025 are available in the narthex. They are alphabetically arranged. Anyone who has contributed \$ 20.00 or more and have included name and address on the offertory envelope, will receive a tax receipt.

Welcome to all our visitors and guests.

We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.

St. Anthony of Padua Church

"Sharing Our Faith in God Through Service to Our Neighbour"

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FEBRUARY 1, 2026



Welcome to St. Anthony's

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Luisa Casciano
Parish Bookkeeper: Rene Renaud
Custodian: Mr. Wayne Brownrigg

Sunday Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor to make arrangements **at least 1 year** prior to the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

519-386-2485



Catholic Women's League

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Knights of Columbus

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Elementary School

St. Anthony's - 519-396-4330



High School

Sacred Heart - 519-881-1900

Bequests and Wills

In your kindness, please remember our St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, please add the following clause: "I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$.... to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Kincardine, Ontario, to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities."