

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17

5:00 p.m. S.I. of Minerva Colley
by Harold & Judy Keelan

Sunday, January 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. S.I. of the Blick Family by Finnie Family

11:00 a.m. ✠ Arnold Marsman
by Jerry & Anne Dalton

Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 p.m. S.I. of Marcus Casciano by Family

Wednesday, January 21

9:00 a.m. ✠ Allison O'Farrell
by St. Mary's Nursing Class 1958

Thursday, January 22

7:00 p.m. For the Unborn by Elaine Thacker

Friday, January 23

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Matthew Geddes by Family

Saturday, January 24

5:00 p.m. S.I. of Maureen & Yanis Smit by Guest Family
Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

Sunday, January 25 THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

9:00 a.m. S.I. of Jeannette Chiasson
by Nicole & Merle Whitwell

11:00 a.m. ✠ Brad Stoppa by Finnie Family

LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: (Isaiah 49.3, 5-6).

This talks about the servant God has chosen to bring Israel back to him and not just Israel, but all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm:

“Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.”

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1.1-3).

Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness.

Gospel: (John 1.29-34).

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. He is God's Chosen Servant who takes away the sins of the people and baptizes them with the Holy Spirit.



When we read the Bible, we ask: What does it say? What does it mean? What does it mean to me? I What am I going to do about it?

Father, I thank you for the gift of your Word. Open my heart: Let your Spirit speak to me As I read your living word
Father, I thank you for speaking to me through your Word. May your Word be a lamp for my steps.

WE ARE SERVANTS TO MANIFEST GLORY OF GOD AND BRING OTHERS TO CHRIST

Isaiah 49:3-6; Ps 40:1 - 9; 1Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

What is our understanding of a 'servant'?

Isaiah was a servant and a messenger of God who gladly declared “here I am send me...” (Is.6.8). “...For you to be my servant...I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Is.49.6). When Isaiah spoke about the servant in 49:3-6, the prophet was speaking about the Servant of Yahweh, Jesus Christ.

The gospel reading for this Sunday recounts the meeting of Jesus with John the Baptist. John the Baptist, another servant of God, spontaneously proclaimed when he saw Jesus “the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world...”. John also witnessed the coming down and remaining of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and witnessed “I have seen and have testified that he is the Son of God.” With these generous words John, the good and generous servant of God, presented and directed people to Jesus, John manifested the glory of God through his words and action.

One of the titles for Jesus is the Servant of God. He is Son of God and servant of God (Acts.3.26). He came not to be served but to serve (Mt.20.28). Jesus' washing of the feet of his disciples, another act of a servant, was a challenging example for his disciples. “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all” (Mk.9.35).

Following the example of Christ, Church is understood today as a servant. We, the people of God are the Church and the servants who are at the service of people. As servants, our mission is to spread His light around us. As servants, we are messengers of Good News to those around us and to the whole world. The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (n. 3, Documents of Vatican II) tells us that the Church is a servant like Jesus Himself who came "not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

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We are the servants and through us the glory of God is manifested to the world. We are the aroma of Christ to God and others and through us the fragrance of the knowledge of the Lord is spread everywhere. (II Corinthians 2:14 -17).

May God bless all of us

Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI

CELEBRATION OF THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis launched an appeal to all the faithful to keep the Sacred Scriptures always close and to read them frequently. ...One of the greatest gifts of our time is the rediscovery of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church and the faithful. The Pope also recalled a saying of St. Jerome, the great 5th century Biblical scholar and Doctor of the Church: “Whoever ignores the Scriptures ignores Christ.” And, the Pope added, the reverse is also true: “It is Jesus Christ - the Word made flesh and Resurrected - who opens the mind to understand the Scriptures.”



OFFERTORY January 11, 2026

Envelopes: 1,603.00; E-transfer: \$ 1,050.00; Non- Envelopes: \$429.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: "THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELLS AMONG YOU" (COL 3:16)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how *The Bible Speaks* in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the Catholic Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION

The **ENROLLMENT** for First Reconciliation/ First Communion will be held on **Sunday January 25 during 11.00 a.m. holy mass.**

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

Preparing your child/children for First Communion and First Reconciliation

There are ways that you as parents can prepare and guide your child/children to receive these sacraments.

1. Sunday Mass

- Take your child/children to Mass especially on Sundays.
- Teach the children how beautiful, important and special it is to receive Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. If receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is wonderful and special, then we would want to at least receive the Eucharist every Sunday.
- Please don't let "being too busy," sports or anything keep you from going to Mass.
- Please remember that a Catholic life without Mass is like trying to grow a plant without water. It will wither and die.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who helped and attended the Parish breakfast last week. The over whelming donations response provided a profit of \$ 300.00 for the Knight's Chalice sponsorship.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18 – 25. The theme for this year is: "Do good; seek justice." (*Isaiah 1:17*) This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate, in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are a wonderful way of remembering in pray the deceased and living members of your family and friends as well as commemorating special occasions and offering prayers for special intentions. Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOU. PLEASE SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Come help serve the Lord in our Parish Family as a Minister of the Word, a Minister of Holy Communion, a Minister of Ushering and Hospitality, a Sacristan, an Altar Server.... Please see the form in the Narthex.

*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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Welcome to St. Anthony's

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI
Parish Secretary: 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

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Catholic Women's League

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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."