

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 21

5:00 p.m. † Virgilio Ignatio by Joann Ocampo

### Sunday, February 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m. † Marie Hardy by Brenda & Charles Waud  
S. I. of Marina Cameron by Barb Gamble

### Tuesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. † Jose Allegro Aquino by Nuguit Family

### Wednesday, February 25

9:00 a.m.

### Thursday, February 26

7:00 p.m. S. I. Emma Minia by Arcadio & Sarita Glipo

### Friday, February 27

9:00 a.m. † Mary Gallagher by Janet Coates

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

### Saturday, February 28

5:00 p.m. † Marie McNulty by McNulty Family  
S.I. of Carol Cyr

### Sunday, March 1 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

11:00 a.m. † C. R. George by Arango Family  
S. I. of Marina Cameron by Barb Gamble

## LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

### SUNDAY: YEAR A -Year of Luke

### WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

#### **First Reading:** (*Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7*).

Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

“Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

#### **Second Reading:** (*Rom 5:12-19*).

By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.

#### **Gospel:** (*Mt 4:1-11*).

Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve, he did not succumb. The three temptations - turn stones into bread (4:3); jump off the Temple pinnacle (4:6); worship Satan (4:9) were selfish desires, cravings for seeking easy wealth, authority, power, and glory. Jesus dismissed all of them by the power of Word of God: “One does not live by bread alone” (Deuteronomy 8:3); “Do not put the Lord your God to the test” (6:16); “Worship the Lord, your God” (6:13).

**“Return to me with all your heart”**

## Lenten Message from Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA Bishop of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Return to me with all your heart... for I am gracious and merciful” (Jl 2:12–13).

With these words from the prophet Joel, the Church opens the holy season of Lent. They are words of invitation—an appeal from the heart of God to each one of us. As we begin this sacred time—my first Lent with you as your Bishop—I receive these words personally, and I offer them to you as well.

In his Lenten Message for 2026, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every journey of conversion begins by letting the Word of God touch our hearts and by relearning the art of listening. Lent, he writes, is a time to “*place the mystery of God back at the centre of our lives.*” These words beautifully echo the call of the prophet: to return with all our heart.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive the cross in ashes upon our foreheads. That small cross proclaims that our faith is not confined to church walls. It is meant to be lived in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. We are reminded of our frailty— “Remember that you are dust...” (Gn 3:19)—and of the urgent call to hope: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). Lent is the “acceptable time,” the “day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). It is a season of grace, a time to begin again.

Reconciliation stands at the heart of our journey. We seek it not only as individuals, but within our families, parishes, and wider community. Before approaching the altar, we are called to be at peace with one another (Mt 5:23–24). Perhaps the Lord is inviting us to mend a strained relationship, to offer or to ask forgiveness—even “seventy-seven times” (Mt 18:22). In this way, our homes become places where Christ’s light truly dwells. As the Holy Father also notes, conversion touches not only our conscience but the quality of our relationships and dialogue.

Saint Matthew’s Gospel presents the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. “Whenever you pray... your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Mt 6:6). Prayer deepens our relationship with the Father. This Lent, we might set aside a few more moments each day for quiet conversation with God, rediscover Sunday Mass with renewed devotion, attend a weekday Mass, or pray the *Via Crucis* with our parish or as a family. In the spirit of the Pope’s invitation to listen, *we can embrace moments of silence, opening our hearts to the way God’s Word gently speaks within us.*

“When you fast... your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Mt 6:17–18). Fasting teaches us freedom. By freely giving something up, we remember that “one does not live by bread alone” (Mt 4:4). The Holy Father reminds us that fasting expands our hearts and even calls us to refrain from words that wound. *We are called to speak thoughtfully, refrain from harsh judgment, and nurture kindness* in our families and communities.

“When you give alms... your Father who sees in secret will reward you” (Mt 6:3–4). Almsgiving flows from compassion. In caring for “the least of these” (Mt 25:40), we serve Christ Himself. Listening to the Word must also mean listening to the cry of the poor and responding with generosity and justice.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation holds a special place in this season. In Confession, there is a confession of praise, a confession of sin, and a confession of faith—trusting that Christ, who “will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1:21), has conquered sin and death. Here we encounter not judgment, but mercy.

The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1–12) remain our guide: “Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the peacemakers.” They gently invite us to examine our lives: Am I humble? Am I merciful? Do I seek peace? Jesus not only teaches these blessings—He lives them and shares His life with us.

Lent is a journey we make together. As your Bishop, I walk it with you—as a fellow pilgrim in need of God’s mercy and grace. I carry you in my prayer each day, and I ask you to pray for me. In the words of the Holy Father, may this be a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to one another, so that our communities become places where hope and reconciliation flourish. May our families grow stronger in faith, our parishes become places of reconciliation and joy, and our Diocese shine ever more brightly with the light of Christ. “Return to me with all your heart” (Jl 2:12). May this be our shared response to the Lord’s loving invitation. I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Dabrowski

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA, Bishop of Hamilton.



### OFFERTORY February 15, 2026

Envelopes: \$1394.00, E-transfer: \$960.00, Non-Envelopes: \$412.75, U.S.: \$ 200.00

Special Collection for Seminary Education: \$615.00

#### **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](mailto:stanthonykincardine@hamiltondiocese.com) **OR** You may consider **pre-authorized giving**. Authorization Form is available on our website: [www.stanthonykincardine.com](http://www.stanthonykincardine.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN FASTING

What does it mean to fast? The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinking which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not breakfast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance. Those who are excused from fast or abstinence... Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

### Way of the CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be said each Friday evening at 7 p.m. Please come and join with us as we prepare for Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are interested, please contact Dermott O'Reilly: 519-368-7263 or [oreilly@bmts.com](mailto:oreilly@bmts.com).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFAST

The K. of C. will be hosting a Parish Breakfast on **Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, following the 11 am Mass. All are welcomed to attend, free will donation.

### 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

The Charitable Donation Tax Receipts for 2025 are available in the narthex. They are alphabetically arranged. Anyone who has receipt.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

The Kincardine St. Vincent de Paul Society has 22 members, and we actively serve the needs of the poor in our area. In 2025, we made 311 home visits serving 185 adults and 146 children. We provided a total of \$29 825.00 in food vouchers to those in need in our community. It is through your generous donations that we are able to purchase the food vouchers and continue serving the poor in our community. We are so thankful for your continued support. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue this important work.  
Anna Morrison, SVdP Vice President.

#### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

*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 22, 2026**



#### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI  
Parish Secretary: Maggie Lutz  
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**

Email: [kincardinecwl@gmail.com](mailto:kincardinecwl@gmail.com)

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Email: [gk7160@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk7160@ontariokofc.ca)

#### **Elementary School**

St. Anthony's - 519-396-4330

#### **High School**

Sacred Heart - 519-881-1900



**Welcome to St. Anthony's**

#### **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."