

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7

5:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
✠ Isaias Bulaklak by *Chona Castillo*

Sunday, March 8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. ✠ Joseph Bayer by *Bayer Family*
11:00 a.m. S. I. of Nuguit Family by *Nuguit Family*

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of the CWL

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. S. I. of Sam & Clara Geddes by *Geddes Family*

Thursday, March 12

7:00 p.m. ✠ Jean Kelly by *Jim Kelly and Family*
S. I. of Greg Delas Armas by *Noime Delas Armas*

Friday, March 13

9:00 a.m. S. I. of Sam & Clara Geddes by *Geddes Family*
7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

5:00 p.m. ✠ Ron Cameron by *JoAnn Cameron*
✠ Jim Moylan by *Jim Kelly and Family*

Sunday, March 15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)
✠ Ted Hnatkowski by *K of C Council#7160*
11:00 a.m. S. I. of Marina Cameron by *Barb Gamble*

LITURGY OF THE WORD 2025-2026

SUNDAY: YEAR A WEEKDAY - YEAR 1

First Reading: ((*Ex 17:3-7*)).
Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Responsorial Psalm:
“O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!”

Second Reading: (*Rom 5:1-2.5-8*).
God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: (*Jn 4:5-42*).
This tells the story of Jesus’ touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

Living Water and Faith

Pope Leo XIV has emphasized water as a fundamental, non-luxury, life-giving element, merging ecological urgency with spiritual symbolism. Notably, he blessed melting ice from Greenland, calling it to "awaken our hearts, cleanse our indifference, soothe our grief, and renew our hope. He connected water to the "living water" of spiritual renewal, emphasizing that the Church must care for, rather than despise, God's creation.

“SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER, SO THAT I MAY NEVER BE THIRSTY”

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1--9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42

The central message of today’s scripture readings of today is the ‘living water’ – reminding us of the Sacrament of Baptism and a new life. ‘Living water’ represents God’s Spirit who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. When the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water coming from the rock at Horeb. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better, “the living water,” “the spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The Gospel of John (4:5- 42) gives us the revelation of Jesus about himself as the Source of Living Water and how the Samaritan woman was given an opportunity to receive the ‘Living Water’.

Jesus came to the Samaritan village of Sychar and sat down by the well as he was tired of the journey. It was at this point the Samaritan woman came to the well to fetch water. She was alone, it was noon, and it was very unusual for a woman of that time and tradition to come alone and at an odd time. Was it because she avoided gossiping or being a woman of bad reputation who avoided others. She was a deeply wounded woman - wounded by a series of broken relationships. She might have been thirsting to be accepted as a person and not as an object. She married five times. She was an unhappy woman as she was an outcast in her community. She missed something in her life. The Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well was thirsting. She longed for true love, which was pure and innocent. It was to this woman Jesus asked for water.

Jesus initiated the transforming dialogue with a request “Woman, give me something to drink.” In this way, He gave her the opportunity to receive the gift he wanted to give her, and she opened her heart to Him. No wonder that she was surprised because Jesus was a Jew. The Jews hated Samaritans as polluted outcasts and betrayers of Judaism. The Samaritan woman must have opened her soul to this stranger because she had found one Jew with kindness in his eyes instead of an air of critical superiority. She was thirsting for love that would last and fill her full and give purpose to her life. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost. In their dialogue at the side of the well, Jesus guided her progressively from ignorance to enlightenment, and from misunderstanding to clearer understanding, thus making her a new person. She was transformed and she became a messenger of the good news: ‘Because of her testimony, many Samaritans believed in Jesus as the Saviour of the world’ (Jn.4.39-42).

The Samaritan woman let Jesus come into her life as the ‘Living Water’: “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty.” She experienced the power of God in her life and rushed to the village to share her experience with the people of her community. As we read ‘Because of her testimony, many Samaritans believed in Jesus as the Saviour of the world’ and they came to Jesus and received the Living Water of grace from Him. (Jn.4.39-42) Last week we meditated on the Transfiguration event and the God experience of the disciples and going to the valleys to share it with others living in the valleys, living in various life situations. The woman at the well has done the same thing. She shared her God experience with the people and the whole village came to Jesus and received the Living Water.

This Lenten season is the ‘acceptable time’ for us to examine our conscience and see where we stand in our relationship with God, our moral life, practice of faith, our relationship with family members and with one another. Let us open ourselves to the experience of the Divine touch and conversion in our life. As repented, renewed and transformed people let us become the messengers of the Good News as the Samaritan woman brought the whole village to Jesus the ‘Living Water.’

May God bless all of us
Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI



OFFERTORY March 1, 2026

Envelopes: \$1800.00, E-transfer: \$440.00, Non-Envelopes: \$316.15
Seminary Education: \$20.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LENTEN RETREAT: A RESTARTING AND RETURNING.

On Monday 23 March at 6:30 p.m. Father Emmanuel Azike, O. P., Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Formosa, will share his reflections on our Lenten Journey.

LENTEN-EASTER SCHEDULE

The Lenten-Easter schedule is available in the Narthex. Please pick one up.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate to our Easter Floral Tribute in memory of loved ones can do so by filling out an Easter Flowers envelope and returning it to the office or placing it in the collection basket. Envelopes are available in the Narthex

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please bring donations of non-perishable food items and place it in the shopping cart in the narthex. Donations are welcome throughout Lent.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Parish Breakfast will be held this **Sunday March 8th, 2026**, following the 11 am Mass. All are welcomed to attend, free will donation.

SEDER MEAL: "The ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus..."

A Seder Meal will be held on Wednesday March 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, space is limited, reservation required by Wednesday March 18. Cost is \$20 per person. Payment can be made at the door.

SHARE LENT SUNDAY - SOLIDARITY SUNDAY March 22, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is Share Lent Sunday. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace which supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. In solidarity with our struggling brothers and sisters in the world let us share our abundance with the poor and the needy. Please give generously. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

The Charitable Donation Tax Receipts for 2025 are available in the Narthex.

Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



*Welcome to all our visitors and guests.
We wish you fruitful and relaxing days during your stay with us.*

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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Welcome to St. Anthony's

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.

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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."

