

St. John the Evangelist

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St. Mary the Immaculate

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Sacred Heart RC Church

9141 Hwy. 6, Kenilworth, ON N0G 2E0

PARISH BULLETIN



Welcome to St. John the Evangelist, Sacred Heart and St. Mary the Immaculate Parishes

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors and hope that you feel at home in every parish. For information on registration and to find out how you can get more involved with parish activities, please contact us by:

Phone: 519-848-2108 **Email:** stjohnarthur@hamiltondiocese.ca **Website:** www.stjohntheevangelist.ca

Sunday March 8, 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

“Jesus promises the Samaritan woman at the well, living water.”

Sunday March 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Jesus reveals himself as the Son of Man.”

Pastor:

Reverend Stephen Gilbert

Office Secretary:

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Office Hours:

Mon./Wed./Fri.: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bookkeeper: Patsy Weadick

Sacred Heart Contact:

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St. Mary Contact:

Grace Canning: 519-343-5181

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Finance Committee:

Bonnie Rooney

Sacristan: Louise Dingman

Caretaker: Ambrose Brown

Mass Times

Arthur:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

(Rosary 30 minutes before Mass)

Palmerston:

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

Kenilworth:

Friday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 9:00 am

(Rosary 30 Minutes before Mass)

Diocese of Hamilton Contact:

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www.hamiltondiocese.com

St. John School: 519 848 2445

www.stjohnarthur.wellingtoncdsb.ca

Confession

St. John

After Daily Mass & 1st Friday

Saturday 2:30 - 3 p.m.

or upon request

Sacred Heart

First Sunday of each month at

8:30 am or upon request

Adoration - First Friday

8:30 am - 9:00 am (Arthur)

10:00 am - 10:30 am (Kenilworth)

(Mass to Follow Adoration)

Baptism

Please contact the office at least four months in advance.

Marriage

Please contact the office at least one year in advance.

March - The month of St. Joseph

“St. Joseph. A man who stays mostly in the background of Scripture, his words unrecorded, his actions speaking volumes. The mystery of Jesus having both a Heavenly Father and an earthly father like Joseph is a powerful reminder of God’s plan. It’s a story of love, sacrifice, and quiet obedience. This month lets reflect on the hidden, humble courage of St. Joseph and strive to follow his example - leading with love, serving in silence, and trusting fully in God’s plan.” *Little Rose Shop*



The World Day of Prayer brings Christians together around the world to share a day of prayer, learning and celebrations. This year the focus is on finding rest from burdens like poverty and oppression. Thank you to Linda Janssen and Mary Townsend who facilitated the local service in Arthur, Debbie Keown for the advertising and posters, to Helena Rooyackers for the musical & technical support, to all those who participated in the program, attended the service and to Lynn Rawlins, Monica McLean and Debbie Bowier for preparing for the social gathering following the service. As we continue to pray for peace, justice and solidarity, we thank everyone who made this day a celebration of God's glorious goodness.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026
MARCH
Intention:
For disarmament and peace

<https://www.popesprayer.va/resource/the-popes-prayer-intentions-2026/>

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. .

Reflection: What does peace look like in my community, province and Canada? How can I make my community, province, country a safer place for all?

Stations of the Cross during Lent:

St. John: Every Sunday - 30 minutes before Mass.

Sacred Heart: Every Friday and Sunday - 30 minutes before Mass.

St. Mary: Every Saturday after Mass.



We wish to express our appreciation to Catherine Pacey for her time and skill in preparing the photo presentation documenting the recent group trip to India. The pictures definitely highlighted the busy schedule and activities, the scenery and the wonderful time that was had by all. Thank you Catherine!

What's Happening ~ Save the Date!

Sun. Mar.8	Turn your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time
March 16- 20	March Break
Tues. Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day! - May your troubles be less & your blessings be more, & nothing but happiness come through your door! 
Thurs. Mar. 19	Feast of St. Joseph. - May St. Joseph always guard, protect & enlighten families! (Pope John Paul II)
Fri. Mar. 20	First Day of Spring! 
Sat. Mar. 21	CWL Regional Meeting at St. Mary's Church in Mount Forest.
Sun. Mar. 22	Sacred Heart Church Lenten Hunger Meal following the Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

We wish to congratulate

Adam Pisciola and Madelin Piluso on the occasion of the baptism of their son Emilio on February 22, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

We pray for Emilio so that he may come to know by the example of his parents, godparents and family the love that God has for him.



For those wishing to offer a Mass to pray for the eternal rest of a loved one, or to offer a Mass for the living/ special intention of a loved one, please contact the parish office or leave an envelope in the collection basket clearly marked as Mass Intention. Suggested offering is \$10.00. Thank you.

Mass Intention Schedule - March 8 - 22, 2026

Sunday	Mar. 8	9:00 am	Kenilworth	Intentions of Eleanor McAllister	Margaret Goetz
		10:30 am	Arthur	Intention of all Parishioners	
Tuesday	Mar. 10	9:00 am	Arthur	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Mar. 11	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Terry Lutronkie	Carmel Hutchison
		10:30 am	Royal Terrace	+ John Canning	Grace Canning
Thursday	Mar. 12	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Doug Beatty	Jim & Bev Raftis
Friday	Mar. 13	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jose Pereira	Gloria Pereira
		9:35 am	Kenilworth	Stations of the Cross	
		10:00 am		Intentions of Ingrid Skura	Jim & Sally Skura
Saturday Vigil	Mar. 14	4:00 pm	Palmerston	+ Joan Gilmartin	Greg & Mary-Jo Ashbourn
Sunday	Mar. 15	9:00 am	Kenilworth	+ Dave Dineen	Paul & Mary Lou Bolen
		10:30 am	Arthur	Intention of all Parishioners	
Tuesday	Mar. 17	Feast of St. Patrick - Patron of Ireland and Nigeria, and engineers 			
		9:00 am	Arthur	+ Amanda & Patricia Fearon	Norm & Ruth Anne Staples
Wednesday	Mar. 18	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Father Piotr Golinski	Grace Canning
		10:30 am	Palmerston	+ Souls in Purgatory	Doug & Mary Pottruff
Thursdsay	Mar. 19	Feast of St. Joseph - Principle Patron of Canada			
		9:00 am	Arthur	+ The Gagnon Family	Rita Gagnon
Friday	Mar. 20	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Epoch & Rooney families	Wayne & Bonnie Rooney
		9:35 am	Kenilworth	Stations of the Cross	
		10:00 am		Intentions of Father Michael Lehman	
Saturday Vigil	Mar. 21	4:00 pm	Palmerston	+ Melissa Pigozzo	Theresa Pigozzo
Sunday	Mar. 22	9:00 am	Kenilworth	+ Mark Goetz & Colleen Pickering	Margaret Goetz
		10:30 am	Arthur	Intention of all Parishioners	

Sacred Heart Parish - Lenten Hunger Meal

Sunday March 22, 2026



Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall following Mass for soup and crackers. A time for self reflection for those less fortunate.

**All donations will go to Development & Peace!
Thank you!**



All CWL members are invited to attend the Hamilton Diocese Spring Regional Meeting being held at **St. Mary of the Purification Church** in Mount Forest on **Sat. March 21, 2026** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring a brown bag lunch, a teacup & saucer and wear something sparkling. Please let Ruth Anne know if you are thinking of attending. 519-848-3583.



Please remember in your prayers our benefactors, volunteers and those who have left bequests.



The Pope's Prayer Intention
March 2026

For Disarmament & Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Thoughts from the Holy Father

“Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness & respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media & in Christian communities.” *Pope Leo*

St. John Parish Centre/Hall

There are various 2026 dates available for gatherings and/or functions. There are application forms available at the back of the church or on the web site under “Get Involved” or call the parish office for



DIocese of HAMILTON

LISTENING AND FASTING: POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026:

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled “Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion,” was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo’s message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us for our March screening of **Living on One Dollar**. Four college students from the United States travelled to rural Guatemala to live on just \$1 a day for two months. They battled hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers to solving extreme poverty. Yet, the generosity and strength of their neighbors left them a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? There is no discussion with this screening. Watch the film any time once you receive the link on **March 26th**. Registration required. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR
... let us pray for

Mon. Mar. 9 - Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
 ues. Mar. 10 - Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
 Wed. Mar. 11 - Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
 Thur. Mar. 12 - Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
 Fri. Mar. 13 - Parish & Chancery Staff
 Sat. Mar. 14 - Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

Mon. Mar. 16- Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
 Tues. Mar. 17 - Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
 Wed. Mar. 18 - Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
 Thur. Mar. 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Fri. Mar. 20 - Rev. Luis Inacio
 Sat. Mar. 21 - Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, O.M.I.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Vocation Seeds

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?

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH *Support*

Jan. 25 & Feb. 1, 2026

	St. John	Sacred Heart	St. Mary
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$ 2824.50	\$ 2149.00	\$ 425.00
Maintenance	\$ 355.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 55.00
Special Collections		\$ 220.00	
Jan.1, Initial	\$ 5.00		

Thank you for your financial support and generosity!



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 23, 2026

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent presents to us the privileged paths of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to strip away all that holds us back from a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer connects us with the very Author of life, while fasting sharpens our attention to those things which truly nourish our spirit. Almsgiving, in turn, is an essential expression of our Lenten journey, allowing us to put our faith into action by serving the Lord through those whom He holds so dearly: the poor and the disadvantaged.

Giving to those in need not only helps to transform their lives—a worthy pursuit in itself—but it transforms our own hearts and lives as well. Serving Christ in His poor configures us more closely to the Lord and draws us nearer to the Kingdom He proclaimed during His public ministry. In *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation, our Holy Father reminds us: "*I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry.*"

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. I am deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

This collection takes place during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by the Holy Father to mark 800 years since the saint's passing to eternal life. The life of Saint Francis bears enduring witness to the inseparable bond between Christ and the poor, reminding us that self-giving love for Christ bears abundant evangelical fruit in every generation. May his example inspire us to respond generously to those in need this Solidarity Sunday.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: "*to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God*" (Micah 6:8). With gratitude and prayerful best wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Joseph Dabrowski

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA Bishop of Hamilton