

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 April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"The stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb."

Sunday April 12 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

"Jesus calls the Apostle Thomas to faith in him.."

Pastor:

Reverend Stephen Gilbert

Office Secretary:

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Office Hours:

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

Bookkeeper: Patsy Weadick

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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.

"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

To him be glory and power

for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!"

On behalf of Father Stephen and the parish staff may you have a very happy and blessed Easter. May the light of hope, peace, and new life shine through our witness of Easter faith in the ordinary moments of family life, our parishes, schools and workplaces. May God bless you, your family and friends during this blessed season!

HE IS
NOT
HERE;
FOR
HE HAS RISEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH AND CONFIRMATION ON SATURDAY MAY 23RD.

AS HE SAID.
COME,
SEE THE PLACE
WHERE HE LAY.

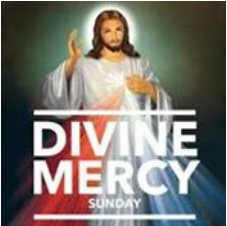
Thank you to everyone who supported the Hunger Meal at Sacred Heart Church. A collection of \$348.00 was raised in support of Development & Peace.

Blessing of Seeds

Sunday, April 19, 20216
Sacred Heart will be having Blessing of the Seeds. Place your seeds on the table at the front of the church for Father to bless.



Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on the second Sunday of Easter. Jesus asked that the feast day be preceded by a **Novena to the Divine Mercy** which would begin on Good Friday. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Click this link for the Divine Mercy Novena.



[Divine Mercy Novena](#)

What's Happening ~ Save the Date!

Mon. April 6	St. John CWL general membership meeting at 7:00 pm in the parish centre meeting room
Sun. April 12	Divine Mercy Sunday
Sun. April 19	Sacred Heart Church - Blessing of Seeds
Sun. April 19	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Sun. May 6	St. John's "International" Coffee Sunday.
Sat. May 23	Sacrament of Confirmation

Significance of the Paschal Candle



- Fire**—it represents Christ's resurrection.
- Light**—Christ's light that shines in the darkness.
- Grain of Incense**—they represent the 5 wounds of Christ.
- Alpha & Omega**—Christ is the beginning and an ending.
- Cross**—it represents Christ and His eternal life.
- Year**—it reminds us of God's presence here & now.

NOTE: During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle.

The Paschal Candle or Easter Candle is closely associated with the "Paschal Mystery" - the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It represents the triumph of light over darkness and life over death. Its use in the liturgy symbolizes the presence of the Risen Christ among His people and serves as a reminder of His victory over sin and death.

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Request a Mass Intention



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 - April 5 - 19, 2026

Sunday	April 5	<i>Easter Sunday</i>			
		9:00 am	Kenilworth	Intention of all Parishioners	
		10:30 am	Arthur		
Tuesday	April 7	9:00 am	Arthur	No Mass	
Wednesday	April 8	9:00 am	Arthur	No Mass	
		10:30 am	Palmerston	No Mass	
Thursday	April 9	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Mary Jo Marshall	Wayne & Bonnie Rooney & family
		10:00 am	Caressant Care	+ John Sutherland	Rob & Joan DalBianco
Friday	April 10	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jose Pereira	Gloria Pereira
		10:00 am	Kenilworth	Intentions of Sister Dora Kruis	Sacred Heart CWL
Sunday Vigil	April 11	4:00 pm	Palmerston	+ Earl Speers	Lorrie Speers
Sunday	April 12	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>			
		9:00 am	Kenilworth	+ Clarona Conrad	Cathy Conrad
		10:30 am	Arthur	Intention of all Parishioners	
Tuesday	April 14	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jim Hollis	Robert & Micah Hollis
Wednesday	April 15	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jack Coffey	Jim & Shirley Coffey & family
		10:30 am	Palmerston	+ Souls in Purgatory	Theresa Pigozzo
Thursdsay	April 16	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jim & Helen Wolsley	Murt Wolsley
Friday	April 17	9:00 am	Arthur	+ Jose Pereira	Gloria Pereira
		10:00 pm	Kenilworth	+ Diana VanDerpryt	Theresa Pigozzo
Saturday	April 18	4:00 pm	Palmerston	+ Rogelio Botis	Joyce Botis
Sunday	April 19	9:00 am	Kenilworth	+ Tanner Redburn	John, Cindy & Nathan
		10:30 am	Arthur	Intention of all Parishioners	

“For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”



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



The Pope's Prayer Intention
April 2026

For Priests in Crisis

“Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer”

Thoughts from the Holy Father

“Easter gives hope to everyday life.”

Pope Leo



DIocese of HAMILTON YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night includes a social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, April 11th** (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218

Write your Member of Parliament Today!

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

... let us pray for

Mon. Apr. 6 - Rev. Andrew Quarshie
 Tues. Apr. 7 - Rev. Ronald Voisin
 Wed. Apr. 8 - Jesuit Fathers, S.J.
 Thur. Apr. 9 - Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
 Fri. Apr. 10 - Rev. Richard Dordunu
 Sat. Apr. 11 - Rev. Donald Sanvido

Mon. Apr. 13 - Rev. Ross Campbell
 Tues. Apr. 14 - Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski C.S.M.A.
 Wed. Apr. 15 - Permanent Deacons
 Thur. Apr. 16 - Grandparents & Elderly
 Fri. Apr. 17 - Rev. Moices Caballero
 Sat. Mar. 18 - Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Vocation Seeds

Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026

“He has been raised from the dead!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters.

Second Sunday of Easter - April 12, 2026

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact, **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

	PARISH <i>Support</i> March 22 & 29, 2026		
	St. John	Sacred Heart	St. Mary
Regular Offertory Loose & Envelopes	\$ 2803.25	\$ 1977.00	\$ 548.10
Maintenance	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00
Special Collections	\$ 5.00	\$ 1518.00	
Flowers	\$ 50.00	\$155.00	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your financial support and generosity!



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

March 30, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19)

With these words, the Risen Lord greeted His disciples after His Resurrection. With these same words, He greets us today: quietly, gently, yet with steadfast presence. Into our worries, fears, and uncertainties, Christ comes and stands among us, offering His peace.

This Easter is especially meaningful for me, as it is my first with you as your bishop. I give thanks to God for the gift of being your shepherd and for the grace of celebrating the Resurrection among you. It is a joy to walk with you in faith and to proclaim together that Christ is risen.

This year, our joy is even greater as we welcome an extraordinary number of new Catholics, men and women who, through Baptism, are born into new life in Christ. Their “yes” to the Lord is a powerful witness. It reminds us that the Risen Lord is still calling people, still renewing lives, still making all things new.

The peace He offers is not like the peace the world gives (Jn 14:27). It is not fragile or passing, but a gift that takes root within us and transforms us, so that we may become witnesses of hope. As Saint Paul reminds us, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:17). But Christ is risen and this changes everything.

Easter invites us not so much to understand everything, but to trust and believe. Like the first disciples, we may not always recognize Him right away. Yet through prayer, His Word, and the Eucharist, we discover that He is already with us, calling us by name and walking beside us and slowly, His peace fills our hearts. It changes how we see others, how we respond to difficulties, and how we live each day. We become, in quiet but real ways, witnesses of His presence, bringing patience where there is tension, kindness where there is hurt, and light where there is darkness. Our world deeply needs this peace: the faithful presence of those who know that Christ is alive. Each of us is called to carry this peace into our families and communities.

May this Easter renew in us faith that Christ is truly Risen, that He is with us, and that His love is stronger than anything we may face.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter!

† *Joseph Dabrowski*, CSMA

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA
Bishop of Hamilton