

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

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Saints Peter and Paul Church

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joe Durkacz

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Rose Berrie

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Monday and Friday: Closed

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies in the chapel

Tuesday to Friday 8:30am in the chapel
unless otherwise noted in bulletin

Adoration in the chapel

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Parish Schools

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Principal: Ms. J. Zuppa

905-383-4911

St. Michael's School

Principal: Mrs. A. Boyle

905-383-2986

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact Fr. Joe Durkacz by email at jdurkacz@hamiltondiocese.com

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office by phone or by email.

Information registration forms are located in the church entrances.

Parish Membership:

We encourage everyone who regularly shares in the Sunday Eucharist at our church to become a member. To register or to request Sunday Offering Envelopes please find the blue registration forms in the parish Gathering Area or contact the parish office. We are always looking for volunteers in the many ministries of the parish, no experience necessary.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 4, 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Mon. May 5		No Mass
Tue. May 6	8:30 am	Mass for Maria & Antonio Costa Ferreira requested by their son
Wed. May 7	8:30 am	Mass for Salvatore LaVecchia requested by Rosa LaVecchia & family
Thur. May 8	8:30 am	Mass for the deceased friends of West 5 th Community requested by Terry Wallace
Fri. May 9	8:30 am	Mass for Pasquale lavarrone requested by Marjorie Mullen
Sat. May 10	5:00 pm	Mass for Leon & Rita Ducharme requested by Denis Ducharme Mass for Barbara Huddleston requested by Chris D'Angelo Mass for Lorenzo & Rosa Margani requested by Elena Margani Mass for Phyllis & Alice requested by Lucia DiTomaso
Sun. May 11	10:00 am	For the people of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (living and deceased) Mass for Gudalupe Alvis Ramirez requested by Noemi Marchese Mass for Angelo, Alfonzina & John Licata requested by Sam Licata Mass for Angelo Tinebra requested by his wife Josie Mass for Mario Donatelli requested by the family
+ The 2025-26 Easter Candle burns in memory of Anthony & Eileen D'Angelo +		



How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, or religious contact,
Rev. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations,
Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988

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Glory be to you, who laid your Cross as a bridge over death that souls might pass over it from the dwelling of the dead to dwelling of life. – St. Ephrem the Syrian

Thank you to Harold & Donna Paul who purchased the new Roman Missal for Fr. Joe to use on the altar. The previous Missal was old and in bad shape. Fr. Joe was very pleased to receive this donation and the Paul's thoughtfulness. ✠

Calendar of Saints:

May 4 – St. Marie-Leonie Paradis (canonized by Pope Francis 2024)

May 6 – St. Francois de Laval (patron of Bishops of Canada)

May 8 – Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

May 10 – St. John of Avila (patron of diocesan priests)

May 10 / 11		
	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/ Reader	Will Shewchuk Kim Pastrak	Vidhya Praveen Magda McCaughan
Eucharistic Ministers	1M: Dan Mitchell 2M: Marjorie Mullen 4M: Joan Asuncion	1M: Anthony Praveen 2M: Maria Marcuzzi 4M: Sam Licata

SSVP Hamilton's 17th Annual Dinner-Dance-Auction

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Hamilton/Hamilton West Particular Councils invite you to join us for our annual fundraising event to be held at Michelangelo's Banquet Center in Hamilton on **Friday May 16th, 2025**.

The event will consist of a four course dinner, lively dance music, a 'silent' auction, 50/50 draw, and door prizes.

Tickets are \$80 per person, and can be purchased at the back of the church from SSVP members on the weekend of

April 26th-27th and May 3rd-4th All proceeds from this

fundraising event goes toward the works of SSVP Hamilton which includes the goal of establishing a SSVP thrift store

on Hamilton Mountain. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm. For more information call John Van Der Zalm,

President of HPC, at 905-920-2117.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 4, 2025



Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" The theme for Catholic Education Week 2025 was inspired by the following considerations:

- In February of 2022, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the upcoming 2025 holy year would be "Pilgrims of Hope." "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. (from Vatican News, a short video on the history of the Jubilee/Holy Year: <https://x.com/VaticanNews/status/1783768498885275868>)
- The Holy Father asks us to focus prayerfully on the bonds that unite our whole human family, to reflect on the rampant poverty in our world, and to think about the plight of the many refugees forced to leave their homes. He also summons us, as stewards of Creation, "to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home."
- A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others – and that certainly describes Catholic education. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus' name. Pope Francis invites us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focussed on the future.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "*We must fan the flame hope that has been given to us.*" (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope)



**OUR HOSPITALITY SOCIAL
WILL TAKE PLACE THIS
COMING WEEKEND**
Following **Sat. May 10th** –
5pm Mass & **Sun. May 11th** –
10am Mass

We will be celebrating Fr. Joe's 40th anniversary as a diocesan priest. We are blessed to have him as our pastor here at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. We will also be celebrating all mothers / women of our parish.

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter

As we mourn the passing of our beloved Pope Francis, it seems that this week's gospel also reflects our feelings after the loss of our spiritual leader and friend. In the gospel this week we see the disciples, rather disoriented by the events surrounding the Passion and Death of Jesus, going back to the familiar places and tasks that help ground them in the new reality. Returning to something familiar gives us hope that not everything has changed. But in today's gospel two familiar things actually lead them forward: the miracle of the fishes and answering a call. Fishing was very familiar to them. It had been their daily work before meeting Jesus, but so was witnessing a miracle. Answering the invitation to follow the Master was also familiar, but so was the commitment of actively responding to the call. Recognizing these familiar situations gave them hope. Change was not the end, but a beginning. Like the disciples, we too are invited to look at the ordinary and see the miracles within. We are also called to answer the question 'Do you love me?' and deepen our commitment to 'feed the sheep'. Through the Synodality process we have uncovered many areas that need the Love of God. We have been invited to deepen our awareness of the diverse needs of our world, and, guided by the Holy Spirit, to continue our efforts to live in hope of a future that is beyond death. Pope Francis named us 'Pilgrims of Hope' as we journey through this Jubilee Year. In his memory, let us also recommit ourselves to moving forward in response to Jesus' invitation in the final words of today's Gospel – 'Follow me'.

Bernadette Homerski

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provides them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don't be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has trusted us with his precious children to raise and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Loving your partner is a choice you make every day and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



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