

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

✠ "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." ✠



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am -12:00noon

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00am

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, 6:15pm -6:45pm
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office at least 3 months prior to desired date.

BECOMING CATHOLIC-RCIA: For those not Baptized, or who have not yet completed their initiation, please call the office or speak to one of the priests.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca 905-522-7727

FUNERALS: When a family death occurs, please contact the office for assistance with arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Couples intending to marry, kindly contact the office about a year in advance.
Wedding Anniversary Blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel at Rymal and Garth (391 Rymal Rd. W.) is a part of our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend. Daily weekday Mass at 8:30am, Sun. Mass at 9:30am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Do you know someone in need? Please contact 905-512-5475 or visit our website at <https://www.ssvphamiltonpc.org/scos>

VOCATIONS: Diocese of Hamilton www.hamiltonvocations.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH:

Corpus Christi: 905-389-3940

St. John Paul II: 905-525-1300

St. Marguerite d'Youville: 905-387-4600

St. Teresa of Calcutta: 905-318-7933

St. Jean De Brebeuf Secondary: 905-388-7020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Our Financial Stewardship:

The foundation of all stewardship is a generous heart.

October 10/11, 2026 \$ 15,394.80

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tues Oct 20	7:00pm	Teresa Bowen Bern Rorie Zoren Brillo Segundina Fortun Felice De Michele Special Intentions of the Ndi Shei Family
Wed Oct 21	9:30am	Luigi Sardo Nazario Ico Special Intentions of Augustino Pimentel Special Intentions of Charlie Culbert
Thurs Oct 22	9:00am	Silvano & Segundina Fortun Michel Mensah
Fri Oct 23	9:00am	Katreena Lazer Roman Sluski Helen Denny
Sat Oct 24	5:00pm	Lino DiPietro & deceased family members Rosa & Matteo Spoleti Carol Storr Giovanna Lepore Mary Armstrong Linda Trinidad Stephanie Ligas
Sun Oct 25	9:00am	Elenita Sanpedro Vincenza Papalia Elizabeth Margaret Doherty Josephine Canaan Pietro Ciarra Michel Mensah
Sun Oct 25	11:00am	Michael Adams Albino Ferreira Rosario Amurao Guevarra Manuel Costa Dina Mastracci Stefanina Guerriero

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Mon	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Tues	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Wed	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thurs	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
Fri	Rev. Luc Payette
Sat	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18, 2026

"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

2026 FUNDRAISER: 50/50 RAFFLE

Next draw **December 27, 2026**

Current Jackpot \$ 490.00

Parish \$ 245.00

Winner #1 \$ 122.50 Winner #2 \$ 122.50

Winnings divided: 50% parish, 50% divided equally between 2 ticket winners. Tickets can be obtained at the parish office and at weekend Masses.

WHITE MASS

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski will celebrate the Diocesan White Mass at St. Catherine of Siena this Sunday, October 18 at 3 PM. All healthcare workers, whether students, current, or retired and their families are most welcome. Light reception to follow.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES INFORMATION

SESSION: Tuesday October 28, 7pm in St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall. Topics discussed: Common Issues. Benefits of pre-arranging cemetery services. Difference between Power of Attorney and Executor. Benefits of a Will. Parish Collaboration Program. Questions and Answers. Many of us have questions about death, burial etc. This will be an opportunity to hear from experienced persons from the Catholic Cemeteries. Please contact our parish office if you plan on attending to provide your name or sign up the sheet in the entrance of our church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting cash donations after Mass on November 7th and 8th for their annual *Coats for Kids Campaign*. Your generous support will help provide warm coats this winter to children in need in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS 2026

Corpus Christi School – Fri. November 13th - 7pm

St. Teresa of Calcutta School – Sat. November 14th - 1pm

St. John Paul II School – Fri. November 27th - 7pm

St. Marguerite d'Youville School – Sat. November 28th - 1pm

SYNODALITY CORNER – On February 13, 2027 St Catherine of Siena will host a Synodality Retreat. In the spirit of preparation we'll feature a *Synodality Corner* in our bulletin to help us gain a deeper understanding of what synodality means to us as faithful Catholics. Pope Leo said: "A major frontier today is the path of synodality within the Church. The synodal journey calls all of us to listen more deeply to the Holy Spirit and to one another..." On October 31 (1-4 PM ET) we have an opportunity to login to a webinar, *Synodality in the Parish*, with a uniquely Canadian angle. We will explore how to apply the principles of synodality to transform our relationships and decision-making. It will include an introduction to synodality, and is for anyone interested in the renewal of parish life. You can register for the webinar at <https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/upcoming-events> and watch from the comfort of home OR you can join Father Mark here at St Catherine of Siena for a webinar watch party.

THE 14TH ANNUAL A.P. MAHONEY LIBRARY LECTURE The A.P. Mahoney Library is pleased to invite you to its 14th Annual Library Lecture. This year, our extraordinary professor of moral theology Fr. Jason Kuntz will explore the encyclical Magnificat humanitas in a lecture titled, "A Renewed Culture of the Common Good: Building a Civilization of Love with Pope Leo XIV." The lecture will be held in the Seminary's Bishop John Michael Sherlock Auditorium on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 at 7:30pm. For more information, please visit the A.P. Mahoney Library website or view the event poster, and don't forget to mark your calendars!

INFORMATION SESSION - PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL –APRIL 18-29, 2027
12days: Fr. Joonbin Lim, Associate Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, will be hosting an information session this **Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 12:30pm (Brother Andre Room)** – all welcome to attend if interested. Travel arrangements by International Heritage Tours. The Itinerary Brochure is also available at the parish office. stan@ihtours.com alex@ihtours.com or contact Stan 877-999-8868 ext 339.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH: We hope to host a week long Bible Camp next summer. We will need a couple leaders to arrange this and volunteers to assist. This could include high school students for volunteer hours. If any-one is interested in possibly leading this one week Bible camp or volunteering for it, please con-tact the parish office or speak with Fr. Mark. We will put together a team to get information and training in preparation.

BIBLE STUDY

The parish Bible study will begin on following dates and times. You are welcome to attend either the morning or the evening session as they will both be the same program. We will be having them on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am.

First Session:

Wednesday, October 28, 7pm

Thursday, October 29, 9:30am

If you have not already registered then please email Fr. Mark (mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com) so that we have an idea of number attending.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"One in Christ, united in mission"

Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

THE PORTAL OF THE MYSTERY OF HOPE

A Study Day co-sponsored by the Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton and St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Stoney Creek. **Saturday, October 24th, 2026 - 10:00am to 2:00pm. St. Francis Xavier Church**, 304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek, Ontario. Pope Leo recently said that there is an ontological/aesthetic difference between human art and machine productions. Today the Church is putting more emphasis on the beauty of the faith as a starting point for evangelization and catechesis. Theological aesthetics is an approach to theology that begins with beauty and the arts. Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote: "For the opening years of the twentieth century, there is no better representative of the concerns of a theological aesthetic than Charles Péguy." (The Glory of the Lord: A Theological Aesthetics, Vol. III: Studies in Theological Style: Lay Styles) This study day will be divided into two parts: a presentation of Balthasar's chapter on Péguy and a presentation of Péguy's poem The Portal of the Mystery of Hope. A conversation will follow each presentation. No need read to read the book or the poem. Come join others who want to learn more about the relationship between our Catholic faith and the arts. Optional Mass at 9:00am. Parish Centre doors open at 9:30am with coffee. Welcome at 10:00am. End at 2:00pm. For more information visit: <http://communiohamiltondiocese.org> or call: 905-662-8593.

