

### Alpha at St. Mark's Kitchener

Alpha is open to adults who are curious about Jesus, are exploring Christianity, have questions about life, or want to strengthen their faith. Join us Thursday Evenings (starting with dinner) **Feb. 22 to May 2** from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. at **St. Mark's Parish** (55 Driftwood Drive) Kitchener. **There is no cost to attend**, unless you'd like to make a small contribution for dinner. For more information, email Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com). Plan to join us ... and bring a friend ... all are welcome!

### Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes!

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 10, 6:00 p.m.** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Confession, 7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.  
Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be joined by Celebrant His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall.  
All are welcomed.

### 15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

**Saturday March 23, 2024** 9:00am-4pm at Old Mill Toronto Event Venue  
21 Old Mill Road Toronto, ON (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins

Speakers:

Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God

Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer

Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson)

Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group

TO REGISTER VISIT [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

### The next coffee Sunday is February 11th

After Mass, come down and visit with your fellow parishioners,  
We will also be having our children's program again.

### Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counseling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Note that the February session will be held on February 7th (date change due to February 14th being Ash Wednesday).

6 week Program-theory and sharing - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from May to June 2024 at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. More information will be provided closer to this time, or contact St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).



## Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

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*Sunday, February 4, 2024*  
*5th Sunday in Ordinary time*

### Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love  
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

### Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

### Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.  
Wed-Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
*Rosary - 30 min before Mass*

### Confession

*Saturday 4-5 pm*  
*Or upon request*

### Marriage

*Please contact the parish*  
*at least six months in advance.*

### Baptism

*Contact the office at least four*  
*month in advance*  
*Request forms at back of the*  
*church*

### Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.  
519-662-1734



## MASS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY February 6

7:00 pm  
+ Pasquale Paciello  
Req. Giovanna Paciello

### WEDNESDAY February 7

8:30 am  
For blessings received  
Req. Moe Plouffe

### THURSDAY February 8

8:30 am  
Intentions of Holy Family Parish

### FRIDAY February 9

8:30 am  
+ William Clark  
Req. Patricia Clark

### SATURDAY February 10

5:00 pm  
+ Nenad Andrasic  
Req. P & B Stefanac

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*January 28, 2023*

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,748.00  
Building fund: \$ 0.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:  
Marcella 519 - 662-2962  
Sharon 519 - 634-8401

If you would like to join the prayer chain please contact Sharon Diebold.

## News from the Diocese of Hamilton

### **Save the Date: The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass!**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration will be available online in December at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### **Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family**

– Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### **Separated / Divorced Support Group Waterloo**

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. **Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30 pm – February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18.** Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer - 7:00pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca)

## **Vocation Seeds:**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## **Vocations Prayer Week of February 5**

Rev. Robert Sims  
Rev. Charles Galea  
Missionaries  
Rev. Robert Kiffman  
Rev. Pablito Labado  
Rev. Edward Mahony

**The Men's club** is looking for indoor storage for the trailer that stores the outdoor nativity set. If you have space in your barn or shed and would be willing to store the trailer, please talk with Ron Brander 519-390-1211

## Lives of the Saints

*St Paul Miki (1564/6 - 1597)*

*Feast day February 6*

He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

*St Jerome Emiliani (1486 - 1537)*

*Feast day February 8*

He was born near Venice in 1486. He started his career as a soldier but after he was taken prisoner and then miraculously liberated, he devoted himself to helping the poor, distributing his own possessions among them also. Two priests joined him in this task and in 1532 he founded a religious order, the Clerks Regular of Somaschi, for the relief of poor and orphaned children. He died at Somaschi (near Bergamo) in 1537.

*St Josephine Bakhita (1869 - 1947)*

*Feast day February 8*

Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947.