

### 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 is TODAY!!

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

**The Men's club** is looking for indoor storage for the trailer that stores the outdoor nativity set.

It does not take up much space. 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

Do you know someone who might be interested in doing a year of NET?

Do you know anyone in grade 11 or 12, or between the ages of 18-30 who you think would be interested in a year of mission? NET Canada is hosting a Mission Discernment Night in London, ON on February 10th from 7-8.30 pm at Holy Family Parish! This short evening event will include prayer, fellowship and food, as well as provide a chance for potential NET missionaries to learn more about NET and to experience the NET community. They can sign up on our website at [netcanada.ca/apply!](http://netcanada.ca/apply!)



## Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744  
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*Sunday, January 28, 2024*  
*4th 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** **January 30**

7:00 pm

*Intentions of Holy Family Parish*

**WEDNESDAY** **January 31**

8:30 am

+Bonnie Rumpell

Req. Donna Eckert

**THURSDAY** **February 1**

8:30 am

+Judith Kroetsch

Req. Estate

**FRIDAY** **February 2**

8:30 am

+ Lynn Hiltz

Req. Reitzel family

**SATURDAY** **February 3**

5:00 pm

+Peter O'Neill

Req. Jeff & Sandra O'Neill

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*January 21, 2023*

**Sunday Offering: \$ 1,455.00**

**Building fund: \$ 175.00**

*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)

### **Young Adults Night**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3rd** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL**

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival February 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for the screening of La Lucha Sigue (The Struggle Continues) with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

## **Vocation Seeds:**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If 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 January 29**

Rev. Michael Bennett

Rev. James Curtin

Rev. Ralph Diodati

Rev. David Lewis

Intentional Disciple night: Thursday, February 1st starting at 5:45 pm with Confession. Mass is at 6:15, dinner follows at 7 pm. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For young adults age 20 to 35. Email: [stratfordforid@gmail.com](mailto:stratfordforid@gmail.com) for more information.

## *Lives of the Saints*

*St John Bosco (1815 - 1888)*

*Feast day January 31*

He was born in Piedmont of a peasant family, and he was brought up by his widowed mother. He became a priest, and his particular concern was for the young. He settled in Turin, where, as in so many cities in the 19th century, the industrial revolution was bringing enormous movements of population and consequent social problems, especially for the young men who came there to work. John Bosco devoted himself to the care of the young, first of all by means of evening classes, to which hundreds came, and then by setting up a boarding-house for apprentices, and then workshops for their training and education. Despite many difficulties, caused both by the anti-clerical civil authorities and by the opposition of some senior people within the Church, his enterprise grew, and by 1868 over 800 boys and young men were under his care. To ensure the continuation of his work, he founded a congregation, which he named after St Francis de Sales (a saint for whom he had great admiration), and today the Salesians continue his work all over the world.

*St Henry Morse (1595-1645)*

*Feast day February 1*

Henry Morse was born into a Church of England family in 1595 at Brome, Suffolk. He converted to Catholicism, studied for the priesthood in Rome and was sent on the English mission in 1620. He was almost immediately arrested and imprisoned in York Castle. He had already declared that he wished to become a Jesuit, and spent the three years he was then in prison as his novitiate. On his release he was banished and went to Flanders for a while before returning to England. He worked as a covert priest in London, and among plague victims in 1636, when he caught the plague himself though soon recovered. He was again arrested and exiled but within two years had returned to England. For a time he ministered in the south of the country, then after a brief ministry in the north he was arrested in Cumberland and although he escaped he was soon rearrested and taken to London, where he was convicted for practising as a Catholic priest and condemned to death. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered on 1 February 1645 at Tyburn, London.