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St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church

MASSSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:15am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs: 12:05 pm
Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
4:10 pm – 4:45 pm

Pastoral Visiting Ministry
Frances Mantle; 905 844 3303
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Music Ministry

Stephen Hegedus, Music Director
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Angela Kim, Organist

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those interested in the Catholic Faith please
contact Iah Jung – ijung@hamiltondiocese.com

PASTORAL STAFF

Father Joseph Akanbi ~ Pastor
Father Michael Uso-Ereyi ~ Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Richard Tan ~ Deacon
Iah Jung ~ Parish Life Co-ordinator

Baptisms

Please contact the office

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office 9 to 12 months in advance

Catholic Funeral Rites

When death occurs in the family, please contact
the parish office and we will assist you in making
the liturgical arrangements

Office Hours

Frances Mantle, Office Administrator
Monday - Office closed
Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm;
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Friday 9:30 am- 12:00 pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

Coming Events

12 Hours of Prayers for Palliative Care – May 6 & 7

Outdoor Family Rosary – May 14th

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled. Have Faith.....” In their Mould

Much like the disciples that we read about in Scriptures, we may all have troubled hearts. But it's a great comfort to know that our God is a comforting God. It is amazing how God will hurry down from his throne to wrap his loving arms around us during our darkest times. We sometimes believe that if we do more for God, or if we give him more, or if we pray more, he will love us more. We think this way because we are prone to love others based on conditions. It often seems that we love those who love us; we love those who are kind to us; we love those who agree with us; we love those who view things as we do. We often work this way for the love of others which is conditional. Whereas, the Love of God is unconditional. There is simply nothing, you and I, can do to make God love us more, and there is nothing, you and I, can do to make Him love us less. That's why, Saint John in his first letter to the early Christians says, **"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love, 1 John (4:8)."**

It is Human

We are human beings. We all can at times feel anxious, confused, concerned, and overwhelmed by bad things and sad events happening around us. It can be also very scary not knowing where to go or what to do when someone who loves us and cares for us dies or goes away. However, our hearts may not be really troubled by what is happening in the world. Often our worries and fears are mostly personal. Some of us are worried about financial obligations and family responsibilities. Some are agonizing over the rebellion of our siblings and children. Some might be experiencing loneliness, grief and rejection. Some might be feeling confused about our career direction. And perhaps some are dealing with chronic health problems. Whatever situation we find ourselves in today, the Lord tells us, **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God; have also faith in me."** Yes. There is no reason to be troubled when we trust in God and when we trust in Jesus.

Thought of Heaven

The thought of Heaven can help guard us from troubles of the heart, and it can illuminate our whole Christian life. Yes. When we are surrounded by difficulties, hardships,

sorrows, pains and deaths, we can gain relief for our troubled hearts from the fact that Jesus has gone to prepare a room for us to dwell in and will return to take us to be with Him. So, no matter how badly things may be going in our life today, such thoughts and beliefs can carry us through.

The way to Heaven is through Jesus Christ. It implies that there is no getting to heaven, the home of God, the Father and our home, except through Christ the Way. We ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. We must suffer in order to truly love. We must endure many hardships to enter heaven. We must give something up in order to have peace, joy and happiness. We must die to ourselves or kill our own interests, desires, wants and will in order to live. That's to say, we must love one another in the same way Jesus loves us, 1 John (2:6).

We must stop challenging and demanding God to reveal Himself to us so that we may truly believe in Him. Instead, we must believe that God has already fully and completely revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, through his teaching and miracles, and the Church, and they are more than sufficient for our belief in Him.

MAY, MONTH OF OUR LADY

May is the first of the two months dedicated to a special devotion to our Lady, October being the second. May is the month of our Lady of Fatima celebrated on 13th of the month. It recalls how in a series of apparitions that span a period of six months, May 13 to October 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Heaven appeared at Fatima (Portugal) to the three young shepherds, Lucia, Francesco, and Jacinta. Our Lady asked to pray the Rosary every day and for reparation for the offences against her *Immaculate Heart*; and for the consecration of the world to her *Immaculate Heart*. And on 13th October for about 10 minutes, there was the prodigious event of the *Spinning of the Sun like a wheel of fire*, foretold by Our Lady and viewed by thousands of people.

As a Parish, we shall honour Our Lady and ask for her help by Praying the Holy Rosary **half hour before our daily masses and at 4:30pm on Saturday throughout the month.**

LIFE ADVOCACY

The first of the three series of talks and engagements on Life Advocacy will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2026 in the Marian Room starting at 7pm. It shall feature one of our very own Dr. Tom McCann (former Medical Director of Queen Elizabeth Rehabilitation Hospital, retired physician, and a caregiver for his wife). He will speak on the topic: **"Faith Based Health Advocacy: Advocacy for Our Health and that of our loved ones as Based on our**

Theological Tradition". He shall speak to the synopsis of Our Faith and Practice in navigating our contemporary medical system and some of the pertinent ethical question. Please mark your calendars to attend!

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In preparation for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which occurs this year on 24th May, 2026. We shall join in the Novena to the Holy Spirit starting on Friday, 15th to Saturday 23rd May, 2026. Novena prayer will follow at the conclusion of the Holy Rosary each day and may also be celebrated privately with family and friends. There will be copies in the pews and on our website.

SEMINARIAN ON PASTORAL YEAR PLACEMENT

His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski has graciously approved Seminarian Damian Frederick for a pastoral year placement in our parish. Damian is a Seminarian of the Diocese of Hamilton. He will start in late May 2026 and reside in the Rectory with Fr. Joseph and Michael until August, 2027. His placement will afford us the opportunity as a community of faith, to accompany and contribute our quotas in the shaping of our future priests. So, roll up your sleeves to meet, encourage and journey with Damian in discerning the priestly vocation. And let us please continue to pray for an increase in vocations. The world needs many holy priests!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026

Catholic Education Week begins on May 3. Schools 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. This year's Education theme is, "*Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness.*"

Pictured below from St. Andrew's are our Visiting Ministry volunteers attending a thank you lunch courtesy of Wyndham Manor: Ben Clozza, Terry Murphy, Yasmin Costigan, Elizabeth Lee, Father Joseph & Catherine Kalousky. New Visiting ministry volunteers are welcome.



12 Hours of Prayers for Palliative Care – National Hospice and Palliative Care Week

Once again the Parish is joining the Catholic Bishops in praying for more accessible and better Palliative Care across Canada and the world. This year the 12 Hours of Prayers for Palliative Care will once again include 12 Hours of **Eucharistic Adoration**. Please sign up for a time so that Our Lord is never alone.

Times: From the end of the 9am Mass on **Wed., May 6, 2026, at 9:30am until closing Benediction just before 2:30pm**, and from the end of the 12:05pm Mass on **Thurs., May 7, 2026, at 12:30pm until closing Benediction just before 7:30pm.**

Outdoor Family Rosary - CCCB's National Family and Life Week, Thursday, May 14 at 6pm

Please join the Children's Choir and the Catholic Women's League in praying to Our Blessed Mother for Families and the Gift of Life in an Outdoor Rosary that we will pray in the gardens of the Church beginning at 6pm.

Senior" Pilgrimage Mass to St. Andrew – Save the Date

Building on the success of last year's event, St. Andrew Parish will be holding a special mass for the local Senior Residences served by our Pastoral Visiting Team, as well as "shut-ins" within our own community who are unable to attend mass on a regular basis. On **Wednesday, June 3 at 2 pm** we will welcome residents from Sunrise Living, Wyndham Manor, Trafalgar Lodge and Churchill Place to celebrate mass in our beautiful and historic church.

Family/friends are welcome to attend. To accommodate the mobility needs of our special guests, registration for those not associated with these Senior Residences is required. To register please email gsp@standrews.gmail.com

Healing Hearts – Grief Support at St. Andrews. Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Following the program developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling, learn, share and gather with others who are on a similar journey. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless if you have attended the "When Life Changes" program or of how much time has passed since your loss. The first informal drop-in session will be held on **Wednesday, June 3, from 7-9:30 pm in the Marian Room of the Parish Centre.**

CWL/Parish Bus Trip to St. Augustine Seminary of Toronto. Thursday, June 18, 2026. Tickets are \$55.

Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses beginning this weekend.



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