

Mass for the Intentions Week

Tuesday June 30, 2026

7:00 p.m. Maria & Victor Kazlauskas
req Gus & Aldona Hubbard
Mr. & Mrs. Isagani Cruz Sr.
req Cruz family

Thursday July 2, 2026

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions
req Theresa Emberson

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Sacred Heart Parish

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:00 p.m. Maria, Evaristo & Gene Carreiro
req Oliver Carreiro
Souls in Purgatory
req Oliver Carreiro
Connie & Bruno Kaminskas
req Gus & Aldona Hubbard
Vince Sciascia
req Chuck & Theresa Emberson

Thursday, July 9, 2026

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions
req Theresa Emberson

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Sacred Heart Parish



Parish Legacies & Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Sacred Heart Parish in your will and when recommending expression of sympathy.

Donations

Sunday, June 14, 2026 \$6,970.00
Sunday, June 21, 2026 \$5,035.00

Sacred Heart Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meditation for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)

Did you know that this is the first time the cross is mentioned in Matthew's Gospel? It comes at a time when Jesus is commissioning the Twelve to go out preaching and healing. Jesus doesn't directly predict his own death either. He's telling his closest followers the conditions of discipleship!

We might not quite grasp what a challenging statement Jesus was making. As Christians, we might think that taking up the cross means bearing life's burdens, whether they be inconveniences, sickness or hardships. And that's not wrong.

But his disciples would have understood that the call to take up the cross meant something much more radical. Crucifixion was a feared, brutal, shameful manner of execution. So, they understood that Jesus was telling them to be willing to give up *everything* to follow him and witness to him – even their lives, if necessary. It's not so different from what Jesus had said just before this: whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than him is not worthy of him (Matthew 10:37). Even important family ties must be second to our commitment to Jesus.

This is not an easy message. But consider who is asking it of us. Jesus is not merely a teacher or philosopher. He's not simply a compassionate wonder worker or dedicated advocate for the poor. Of course we should have nothing above God in our lives!

Consider also that the One who asks this of us lived out this command perfectly. He humbled himself and laid down his life to free us from sin and death and restore us to the Father. How could we respond with anything less?

Today, hear Jesus' demanding call. Ask him for the grace to follow him wholeheartedly.

"Jesus, I embrace this hard saying. Help me to put you first in ever area of my life.

Magnifica Humanitas: On the Protection of Human Dignity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* released publicly on May 25 and focuses on human dignity, ethics, labour, and responsible AI development. As Catholics, we are called to use new technologies wisely, guided by faith, truth, and concern for the common good. You can read this new encyclical here: www.vatican.va

Welcome Father Jerzy Tomon

We welcome our new pastor Father Jerzy Tomon to Sacred Heart of Jesus parish, “a community with a heart”. We look forward to his leadership and spiritual guidance as our new pastor.

Did You Know... Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

Adult Faith Formation through VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days

Marian Days will take place on the first Saturday of the month from June–October 2026 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Format: 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confession; 10:00 a.m. Benediction; 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass followed by an Outdoor Rosary Procession (weather permitting) Coffee, tea and Gift Shop available after Rosary Procession (participants are welcome to bring their own lunch).

Presiders: July 4th Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, August 1st Cardinal Thomas Collins, September 5th Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, October 3rd Bishop Joseph Dabrowski.

October Marian Day ends with Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required and will be available after all Marian Days.

Wow!

What a wonderful and overwhelming weekend it has been for me.

Thank-you for all your best wishes, prayerful support and tremendous generosity as I move into this next phase in the spiritual journey of faith.

Thanks for all the love and friendship you have shown to me the past 10 years. *Fr. Charlie*

Vocations

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905 528-7988.

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocation Prayer Calendar

June 29 Rev. William Foote
 June 30 Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
 July 1 Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
 July 2 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
 July 3 Rev. James Curtin
 July 4 Rev. Fernand Pierre
 July 6 Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
 July 7 Rev. Ireneusz H. Koziak, S.A.C.
 July 8 Society of Christ, S.Chr.
 July 9 Very Rev. Tim Uniak, C.R.
 July 10 Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru
 July 11 Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos

World Youth Day 2027

The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have 80 young pilgrims preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45th International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

Youth Ministry Certification Program

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondiocesearns.com.

