

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Masses Intentions

March 18 - 21, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Int of Maria Almeida
	7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Charlotte Feegrade
Friday of Lent	8:30 a.m.	Adoration & Benediction

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

March 22, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Geneva King † Ben Galves Margaret McQuade
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

March 17-21, 2025

Mon.	Rev. Peter Robinson
Tue.	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Wed.	St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs	Rev. Kevin Upendran
Fri.	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Sat.	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If He is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



SUNDAY FUNNY



"I'm going on a Lenten fast, dear, and I'm taking you with me."



LENTEN REFLECTION

In Luke's account, in the verses immediately preceding, Jesus has warned the apostles of what lies ahead: 'The Son of Man will be rejected and put to death'; more than that, everyone who wants to be his follower 'must take up his cross every day and follow him' (9:22-23). Luke's account clearly has these warnings in mind. It is filled with reassurance for the chosen followers Jesus has brought up the mountain with him. Moses and Elijah (representing the Law and the Prophets, the great bearers of old Israel's hopes) are conversing with Jesus concerning 'his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem' (the destiny of Israel was established in the original Passover and Exodus; in what lies ahead, this great destiny is to reach its final moment - as the shadows of the old order give way to the reality they prefigure, the Paschal Mystery). From the 'cloud', so often a symbol of God's presence in the first Exodus, the voice of the Father confirms what Jesus has told them of this new Passover: 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

As he tells the story of Jesus, Luke often emphasises the place of prayer in our Christian life. The Transfiguration took place in a moment of prayer; Jesus had taken the chosen apostles 'up the mountain to pray'. There he communed with the eternal Father, readying himself for the mission he was soon to accomplish for the life of the world. As we make the journey of Lent, this example of his – making himself truly our brother and companion – should inspire us to make the journey with him, eager to give ourselves more fully to that personal mission to which the eternal Father has called us – in our families, our parish community and the broader world.

Paul's exhortation to the Philippians is along these lines. The Easter celebration we look forward to reminds us of our final 'homeland'; to share in all that lies in store for us, we will be transformed by the power through which our Saviour brought the whole universe into existence. The rationale of the Liturgy's choice of Old Testament passages during Lent is different from that of the Sundays of the year – chosen because they chime in with the theme of the gospel. The Paschal Mystery is the final climax of God's saving interventions. Each Sunday in Lent, therefore, a great event of God's saving history is recalled, reminding us of the one great story told in the Scriptures. Today it is the Lord's promise to Abraham, made according to a strange old ritual whereby earthly rulers confirmed their commitment to their subjects by oath.

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PREPARE FOR LENT

7 PART LENTEN BIBLE SERIES

Come and join us for this 7-part Bible series in preparation for Lent! Let our hearts grow in anticipation for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who exceeded our wildest expectations. Join us for faith formation, heartfelt discussions, and a renewed spirit **every Monday**, beginning March 3rd, **from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Ministry Room**, as we journey together, deepening our relationship with Christ and embracing the hope found in His saving grace.

2024 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Please pick up your 2024 Donation Tax Receipt from the Foyer.

IN OUR PARISH

DISCIPLINES OF LENT

As Lent begins, we are invited “to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbour” by exercising the **DISCIPLINE OF LENT: Repentance, Fasting, Prayer and Works of Love.** These become the specific occasions and opportunities for spiritual renewal during this season of renewal. Living out a discipline takes our Lord's words about self-denial seriously (Matt.16:24). Through discipline, we find freedom and grace, just as parental discipline is loving and brings a child to freedom and righteousness (Heb.12:3-13).

Please plan on participating in the following Lenten Observances:

- **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m.
- **ADORATION & BENEDICTION** Every Friday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
- **PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION**
April 9, 2025 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm 2-3 Priest Confessors



ST. PADDY'S DAY

POTLUCK

MAR. 22 AT 6 pm

Parishioners are invited to bring their St. Patrick's Day dishes to share. Feel free to bring along your wine or beer to enjoy through the evening. There will be music and games too. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer. Looking forward to a fun filled evening. Please mark the following Birthday celebrations in your calendars! Mar.30 after 9am mass Sun. Apr. 27 after 11am mass

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next General meeting is at 1:00pm on March 20th! Hope to see you all there! If anyone is interested in joining us or has any questions, please contact Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome! The CWL is a gift of faith, friendship and support, offering leadership development and affirmation”

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website:.

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, “*Opening the Holy Door.*” Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. March 18-April 8, 2025. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE

THREE RETREAT DAYS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS are being offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Office during this Jubilee Year of Hope. These special days of renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth are offered to deepen their commitment to serving God's people through their various ministries. The half-day retreats will provide opportunities to prepare for Easter during this Jubilee Year of Hope. All Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Children's Liturgy Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans are invited to participate in one of these three events.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/02/liturgical-ministers-of-hope-retreat-three-dates/>

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

This program, provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self esteem. Take responsibility for your thoughts and feelings. Behave assertively, setting realistic goals for the future.

Mondays from 7-9PM March 24 to June 9 Chancery Office; \$35 for materials provided