



Masses Intentions

March 25 - 28, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	† Marg Tilly
	7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Bill Liston
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	
Friday of Lent	8:30 a.m.	† Guy Harrington Adoration & Benediction

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

March 29, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Mary & Tom King † Carol Barclay In Thanksgiving
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

March 24 - 29, 2025

Mon.	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Tue.	Annunciation of the Lord
Wed.	Lay Parish Ministers
Thurs	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Fri.	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Sat.	Rev. Luis Inacio

VOCATION VIEW

Third Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 don't know what it is, but I'm pretty sure I gave it up for lent.



LENTEN REFLECTION

The reading from Exodus is one of the most significant texts of the Old Testament – a graphic summary, in fact, of old Israel’s faith. That faith derived its definitive shape under the leadership of Moses; in the name of God, he led the people out of slavery; as a prophet called by God, he made them aware that this deliverance was the work of the living God, revealed to them as the champion of the oppressed – in stark contrast to the gods of other peoples, venerated as the patrons of oppressive regimes. This break-through revelation is summed up in the divine name, Yahweh (‘I AM WHO I AM’). The divine being affirmed in this name is an active-being-present (‘I will be with you; I will express all that I am in what I shall do for you’). The call of Moses takes place at the Mountain of Horeb (another name for Sinai), where God’s covenant with the liberated people will be solemnised – calling them to bring to the whole world the good news of God’s generous and merciful ways. Thirteen centuries later, standing in the fullness of light brought by the Paschal Mystery, Paul writes to the Corinthians, confidently interpreting the Exodus and Covenant of old Israel as a foreshadowing – or type – of the final liberation of humanity in the Risen Lord. And he initiates a Christian tradition that finds this foreshadowing in the details of the Old Testament story: passing through the sea to freedom – a foreshadowing of Baptism; the miraculous food and drink provided in the wilderness – a foreshadowing of the Eucharist; the rock providing miraculous water – a symbol of Christ. This dramatic interpretation Paul uses, however, as the lead-up to an admonition: those whom God liberated in the first Exodus ‘failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert’. Their fate is a ‘warning’ to the Corinthian community – torn apart by disputes. Paul’s admonition serves as an introduction to the down to earth advice the Lord himself has for us in the gospel reading. News of catastrophes leads thoughtful people to reflect upon the meaning of life. Jesus warns against the common temptation to interpret the designs of God in such events. They should be a reminder to put our lives in order: ‘Unless you repent you will all perish’. Another Lent! How many Lenten journeys have we made – and with what profit to show? How many Lents will we see in the future? Luke - sensitive to the fullness of the Good News brought by the Saviour – links Jesus’ call to conversion with the parable of the barren fig tree. As we ponder Lent’s call to a more generous Christian commitment, we do so in the presence of the compassionate and patient God revealed to us in Jesus Christ: ‘Leave it; it may bear fruit’. Copyright © The Emmaus Series 2021 John Thornhill sm

IN OUR PARISH

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.



LENTEN PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

Wednesday April 9th @ 7:00 pm.

Two Priest Confessors

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

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY GROUP

During the apparitions of Fatima, Our Blessed Mother told the children to pray the Rosary each day to bring peace to the world. It is one of the main and most significant apparitions of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary.

Through Sister Faustina our Lord is showing us his Mercy and he is asking us to accept it for ourselves and others. Please join us and be part of **The Saint Patrick Rosary and Divine Mercy Group. We will meet in the Church every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.**



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

World Day of Prayer was celebrated on March 7 at Grace United Church in Burlington. It was lovely to see a good turnout from St Patrick's CWL joining in prayer with others from around Burlington.

The CWL will be leading Mary's Way of the Cross after the 7pm Mass on Tuesday April 8. We are looking for volunteers.

Reminder: *Membership fees of \$35 were due at the end of February. If you have not yet paid please do so and help us continue supporting our Parish and charities as well as the League.*

If anyone is interested in joining us or has any questions, please contact Margie 905-815-3008 or Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome!

The CWL gives members the opportunity to serve God and Canada. Through standing committees, members can feel the pulse of what is happening in Church and society.



MEN'S NIGHT "BURLINGTON DADS"

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men's Night at St. Raphael's Church on April 10th @ 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Chris Carter to talk to us about the "Burlington Dads Group. This Group has been operating in Burlington for past 11 years, raising money for Charities. Their Toy Drive at Christmas raised \$56,000.

Come and be inspired; make new friends, share some food and have some fun. (Five) \$ 5.00 for the 50/50 Draw is all we are asking for admission.

PARISH BREAKFAST

April 27, 2025

SAVE THE DATE: St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are hosting a Parish Breakfast on April 27th following the 9 am and 11 am masses. The breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, beans, toasts, coffee and juice.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30 p.m. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

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