



Masses Intentions

April 1 - 4, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	† Hilma Clarke † Mario Colaianni Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Justin Pereira & Maria Souza
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Leo Gaudet
Friday of Lent	8:30 a.m.	† Romeaul Legere Adoration & Benediction

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

April 4, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Debbie & Al Connelly † Patricia Gowan
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

March 31 – April 5, 2025

Mon.	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Tue.	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Wed.	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs	Grandparents & the Elderly
Fri.	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Sat.	Rev. Tony O'Dell O.M.I.

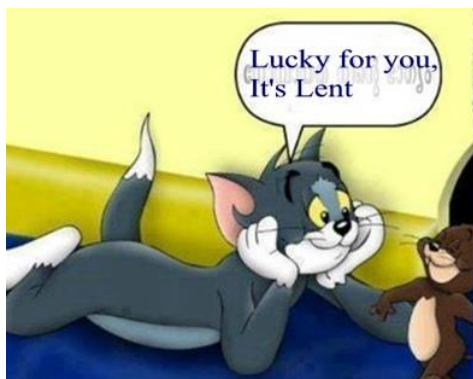
VOCATION VIEW

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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



LENTEN REFLECTION

Traditionally, the liturgy of the fourth Sunday of Lent has sounded a joyous note – encouraging us as we reach the mid-point of our Lenten journey; inviting us to recognize the joy that will be ours if we are wholehearted in our turning to God.

This parable has different levels of meaning. Jesus made it clear that his first concern was to call old Israel to its true role in the generous designs of God (cf. Mt 10:6 etc). Against this background, the parable can be seen as referring to the whole drama of Old Testament history. The lost son stands for the covenanted people who have lost their way. The father in the story stands for the God of the covenant. The people's failure to find new life - by entering into the divine love that inspired the covenant - has meant that their history has been filled with failure and frustration, even exile among foreigners. Not having learned the ways of God's generous love, they are like mercenaries – like the prodigal, who thinks that he has lost his father's love and can only hope to live with the household slaves; like the elder brother (standing for those who should have been guides for the people) who thinks he can earn the love of his father by 'never disobeying his orders'. Like all genuine love, the love that inspires the God of the covenant is a mysterious gift; it can never be earned in the first place, and having been given will never be taken back: 'You are with me always and all I have is yours'. As it concludes, the parable invites us to see the life of the wayward son as being changed for ever: as he comes, for the first time, to know the love that is in his father's heart, and begins to share in all that that love inspires. At the personal level, the story told by Jesus invites us to take up our Lenten journey with renewed eagerness, reflecting that the selfless divine love that shapes God's dealings with us is the ultimate mystery of our human existence: expressed already in the old covenant; shaping the whole story of creation; and finding its ultimate revelation in the Passover Mystery the Church is soon to celebrate.

One of the most memorable passages of Paul's letters provides our second reading. The parable of Jesus called God's people to be reconciled. Paul announces the final 'reconciliation' achieved by God in Christ. And he reminds us who have been united to God in Christ that we have a great responsibility towards our troubled world, to bring to it the Good News of this reconciliation: 'We are ambassadors for Christ', he tells us. Today's first reading, continuing the story of Old Testament events, tells of the entry into the Promised Land: described as a new Passover – a reminder of the Pascal Mystery's centrality to the whole story of the Scriptures.

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.



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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.



LENTEN PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

Wednesday April 9th @ 7:00 pm.

Two Priest Confessors



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thanks to everyone who attended (and wore green) for last Thursdays general meeting. Many of us took home treasures from the plethora of items on our sharing table. It's always nice to see, hear and spend time with this wonderful group of women!

Upcoming events: The CWL will be leading Mary's Way of the Cross after the 7pm Mass on Tuesday April 8th. If you are able to volunteer please let us know.

NEXT General Meeting and Our Lady of Good Counsel April 24th

We are once again holding a Mothers Day raffle on May 3/4 Tickets will be on sale prior to that date. Keep a lookout for more information as we get closer to the day.

Note: All women 16 years of age and older are welcome to join the CWL. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Margie 905-815-3008 or Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome!

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

"One of the many objectives of the CWL is to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony." Quoted from CWL's Mission Statement

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