



**Masses Intentions**

March 11 - 14, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	
	7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Int of Sean Hill
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Int of St. Patrick Family
<b>Friday of Lent</b>	8:30 a.m.	Int of Maria Almeida <b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>

**Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions**

March 15, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Jan & Janina Marcinkowski † Bernice Walls
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**VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR**

March 10 - 15, 2025

Mon.	Rev. Adam Voisin
Tue.	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Wed.	Permanent Diaconate Candidates
Thurs	Rev. Rev. Jeffrey Oehring
Fri.	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Sat.	Rev. Mark Gatto

**VOCATION VIEW**

**First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025**

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If He is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



**SUNDAY FUNNY**



**LENTEN REFLECTION**

The first reading recalls the mighty work of God in the land of Egypt. There God's chosen people were enslaved and oppressed. They called on the Lord, He heard them and responded. "He brought us out of Egypt with His strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders, (Deut 26:8). Moses is urging the people to offer their first fruits to the Lord in remembrance of Him giving them such rich soil in the promise land.

The wonderful saving work of God is echoed in the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. If our hearts are focused on God and we believe His Son, then God will hear us in our need and save us from the slavery of sin. "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'" Rom 10:13). Paul is urging us to trust in God, we have seen Jesus raised from the dead and expect that we too will be brought from death into life.

During this Lent, we seek to root out the things that keep us from trusting in the mighty work God. Much like Israel in the Old Testament and the early Church of Paul, we can forget that God has worked life-giving miracles. Already we might be struggling with our Lenten resolutions. Those habits we have given up or devotions that we have added might be wearing on us. We must hear the words of hope today: God can work in your life and lead you to new life; have trust.

The Gospel shows that we have a Lord who knows what it is like to suffer temptation. He has mastered the master of lies. No matter what is to come in this forty-day journey, we must call on this Lord. Remember, "Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he knowledge's my name" (Ps 91:14). We must only call on His name, He will hear our cry and answer us.

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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. Please Note: All late Christmas donations will be issued in your 2025 tax receipt unless you request it for 2024 donations, at which time I will issue a second tax receipt for all donations between Jan 1 & Feb 28. Thank you for your understanding.

# 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. VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING COLLECTION

**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Through the help of our parishioners, Saint Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Society aids our neighbours in need with emergency assistance.

If you are interested in supporting our organization financially, we will be collecting any donations this weekend, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are enclosing a cash donation and wish to receive a tax receipt, please include your full name and address on the donation envelope.

Cheques can be made payable to Saint Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Tax receipts will be issued on an annual basis.

Thanks so much for your ongoing interest and support.

Your generosity makes this assistance possible.

God Bless You

## PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**SAT. MAR. 22 AT 6 pm**



## ST. PADDY'S DAY POTLUCK

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



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting last Thursday. We had 2 speakers from our parish. One from St. Vincent de Paul and the other from St. Pat's finance committee and both were very informative. Thanks so much to both of you!

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 Margie 905-815-3008 or Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome!

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## 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:.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - Registration will be available online in January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com))

### 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, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. 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

During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, **March 22, 2025**, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, **March 29, 2025**, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, **April 5, 2025**, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.