

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Masses Intentions

April 8 - 11, 2025

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	† Suzanne Brohman † Vera Moore
	7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Lindsay Sgro
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Penance Celebration
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Blessings
Friday of Lent	8:30 a.m.	† Ray & Carol Constantin <b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>

## Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

April 12, 2025

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Mario Colaiani † Nicanora Mendoza Int of Donna Green & Family
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## VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

April 7 - 12, 2025

Mon.	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
Tue.	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M. I.
Wed.	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada C.S.J.
Thurs	Rev. Jan Wadolowski, O.M.I.
Fri.	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Sat.	Rev. Joseph Durkacz

## VOCATION VIEW

### Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 6, 2025

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If He is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.



## SUNDAY FUNNY



## LENTEN REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading, the story of how the enemies of Jesus – 'looking for something to use against him' – brought before him an unfortunate woman guilty of adultery, is one of the most memorable incidents recorded in the gospels – full of encouragement for us as we come towards the end of our Lenten journey. As we listen to the story, we are invited to join the crowd around Jesus witnessing the woman's humiliation. If we have been guilty of serious failures, we are invited to meet the merciful love of God – a realistic love that invites the woman to acknowledge her 'sin'; but at the same time sends her away with a new sense of her own worth: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away and don't sin any more'. As the amazing story of how Jesus challenged those who dragged the unfortunate woman before him unfolds, each of us is invited to identify with God's compassionate ways – perhaps, our complacency is making us blind to our hidden selfishness. Today's first reading comes from the time of exile. In the midst of apparent failure, the prophet – in the name of God – has an astounding message of hope. A 'new' intervention of God, like a new Exodus, is promised.

As is so often the case in the Church's liturgy, the reading from Paul is a celebration of fulfilment – what was promised and foreshadowed in the Old Testament reading has been realised! This reading brings together – simply but very effectively – some of the principal themes of Paul's teaching. It can give a focus to our reflections in the last stage of our journey towards the Easter celebration. Paul speaks of achieving 'perfection'. We will be misled by this term if we do not recognise that it belongs to the language of old Israel. Before his conversion, Paul sought to serve God by perfect observance of the prescriptions of the Law – 'the perfection that comes from the Law, by my own efforts'. His conversion has made him realise that true 'perfection' – the right relationship with God that he calls in other places 'justification' – is a gift of God, found 'through faith in Jesus Christ'. This powerful text helps us to appreciate all that this 'faith' implies for Paul. Far more than merely assenting to the right truths, it means 'knowing Christ Jesus my Lord' – a 'knowing' that is born of profound personal experience (as when someone says 'I have known success and failure'). 'Knowing' Christ, Paul says is sharing his very life, 'having a place in him'. Thus he 'shares Christ's sufferings' and 'the pattern of his death'. But through his faith in the Paschal Mystery, Paul 'knows' already 'the power of Christ's resurrection'; and his life is henceforth a 'straining ahead' to all that is promised to those who are faithful.

## **LENTEN & EASTER** **SCHEDULE**



### **LENTEN PARISH PENANCE** **CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**

Three Priest Confessors

### **PALM SUNDAY**



Blessings of Palms & Passion Procession  
Begin in the Parish Centre

April 12/13

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sun. 9:00 & 11:00 am

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday, April 17 7:00 p.m.



Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 18



Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 11:00 a.m.  
Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon  
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 p.m.



Holy Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil  
8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass of the Resurrection 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.



### **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 until April 21, 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 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

### **PARISH BREAKFAST**

April 27, 2025

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

### **SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is running a Spring Clothing drive! The clothing we collect is exchanged for Goodwill vouchers which are given out to those in need within our local community. Clothing will be collected in the parish hall during all masses the weekend of May 3rd-4th. Any gently used clothing items you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.



### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

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

NEXT General Meeting and Our Lady of Good Counsel April 24<sup>th</sup>

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.