



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**Mass Intentions**  
February 24-27, 2026

Tuesday	7:00 pm	Int of Helen Fernandes
Stations	7:30 pm.	+ Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Int of Rula Abdel-Kader
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	+ Joe Felicetti
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Scott & Doug Robinson

## Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

February 28, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Int of Dino, Kerri Felicetti & Family Int of Alma & Mike Tunzalan 49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Int of Josie & Ed Maniago 49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
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## VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

February 23 - 28, 2026

Mon.	Rev. Joonbin Lim
Tue.	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Wed.	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J.
Thur.	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C Ss.R.
Fri.	Rev Kevin Upendran
Sat.	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

## VOCATION VIEW

### First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

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 God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

## SUNDAY FUNNY

### SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



## REFLECTION

The lessons of the Scriptures are conveyed, for the most part, through stories. Today's readings bring us two outstanding stories of this kind: the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve, and the story of the temptations of Jesus, the 'New Adam', as he takes up his mission after his baptism in the Jordan.

Writing for his community of Jewish converts, Matthew tells the story of the temptations of Jesus in a way that echoes themes of the traditions familiar to them: his temptation 'in the wilderness' calls to mind the trials that led the people of the Exodus, during their forty years wandering in the desert, to lose their trust in the Lord; like Moses, at Mount Sinai, Jesus fasts for 'forty days'; Jesus finds the strength to overcome his temptations by living according to the words of the Scriptures.

This carefully crafted story refers to more than a single episode in the life of the Saviour. It gives us an insight into the ongoing human experience of Jesus who, in the wonder of the Incarnation, shared our human condition and its struggles – even its temptations, though he was 'without sin' (Heb 4:15). The temptations of Jesus are set forth as an encouragement for us. As we give direction and meaning to our lives, we are tempted to seek security in false gods (Col 3:5): pleasure and possessions; the exercise of power; the achievement of recognition and status. The Saviour's temptations have often been linked with these false securities. As, in his hunger, he rejects the consolation of miraculous food, Jesus encourages us to recognise the empty promise of pleasure and possessions, and to find our security in the truths of our Christian faith. As he turns his back on the earthly triumph many of his contemporaries associated with the coming of Israel's messiah, he invites us to see that a selfish exercise of power over others leads only to bitterness. As he refuses to turn aside from his mission to express the ways of his Father, by becoming involved in the politics of 'the kingdoms of the world', he points out to us the way that leads to the true peace yearned for by the peoples of the world.

In today's second reading – a text much discussed in recent scholarship – Saint Paul compares the Saviour, whom elsewhere he calls 'the final Adam' (1 Cor 15:45), with the Adam of the Genesis story. The point he wants to make is the incomparable greatness of the Saviour and the blessings he brings in the story of humanity – brought out in a comparison with the Adam figure of the Scriptures. He is not concerned to interpret the complex significance of that figure.

The gospels speak of the temptations of Jesus immediately after his baptism and the Father's words of encouragement as he comes from the waters. We may see here a concern in the community that gave us the gospels, to prepare those receiving baptism for the temptations that they will certainly face as they live their lives as disciples of the Lord.

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## 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. •

*The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Tuesday. All are welcome.*

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION** Every Friday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass •

**PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION** March 25 , 2025  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm 2-3 Priest Confessors

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## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The **Spring Regional Meeting “Sparkle God's Way”** will be held in Paris, Ontario on Saturday March 7, 2026 from 9am to 3pm. This is a **scents-free** meeting co-hosted by Sacred Heart (Paris) and St. Joseph (Brantford) councils. (please see Flyer on the table in the Narthex for more information).

The **World Day of Prayer** is on Friday, March 6, 2026. The service will be held at St Matthew's Lutheran Church, 126 Plains Road East. More information to follow.

Our next general meeting was held on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 1pm**. All women of the parish are welcome.

We are collecting corks (from wine bottles etc.) for a “Bazaar” craft. If you have any please save them and bring them to the meetings.

Come a little early for Coffee/Tea and goodies. Take a little time to socialize and get to know your fellow members. We ask that you think about bringing your own mug. It will save some time and work for those cleaning up as well as helping environmental sustainability. (Paper

**\*\*Please let us know if your contact information has changed so we can update our records.\*\***

*If you have not had a chance to pay our annual membership fees (\$35), please do so at your earliest convenience.*

**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!

## NEW PARISH WEBSITE

We would like to take a moment to sincerely thank Andrés Pineda for the incredible work he has done in creating our new parish website. He has generously given many hours of his own free time to make this possible, and we are truly grateful for his dedication and service to our parish community. We invite everyone to take a few minutes to visit the new website and see all that it offers. <https://stpatricksparish.ca/> Thank you, Andrés, for sharing your gifts and your time with us.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### SHARE LENT: ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE

Join our national launch webinar at 1:30 p.m. ET on February 21, 2026, to learn more about ecological justice in Brazil from our partner Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails). Join us as we launch the 2026 Share Lent campaign under the theme “On Track for Justice.” We will learn about the work of our Brazilian partner Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails) with Father Dario Bossi, a longtime Comboni missionary in Brazil and our Lenten solidarity visitor, along with a member of one of the communities affected by mining and industrial pollution along the Carajás railway corridor. It will also be an opportunity to discover the campaign resources and some tips to help you run this fundraising campaign in your community. To learn more about the campaign: [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent)