

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions
March 17 -20, 2026

Tuesday	7:00 pm	Int of Bishop Dabrowski
Stations	7:30 pm.	Int of Waldek Brzyski + Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+ Mary Rowena Strachan
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Int of Izabela Konopka
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+ Souls in Purgatory Adoration& Benediction

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions
March 21, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+ Bernadette Davis + Rayan Powless + Joe Felicetti + Al & Debbie Connolly
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR
March 17-21, 2026

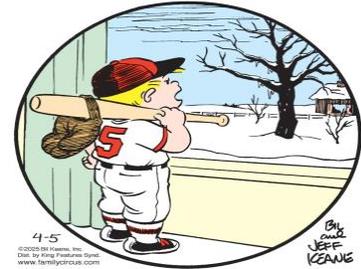
Mon.	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
Tue.	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Wed.	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
Thur.	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri.	Rev. Luis Inacio
Sat.	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, O.M.I.

VOCATION VIEW

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026

“We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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



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REFLECTION

Another riveting narrative from John’s gospel. More than once, Jesus was condemned for healing on the Sabbath. In this reading, one such incident is described at length, in a way that calls to mind words of this gospel’s Prologue: ‘The Word was the true light, and his own people did not accept him’. The courageous refusal of the ‘man born blind’ to be intimidated by the authorities of the synagogue, when even his family refuse to stand by him, has given us one of the most memorable incidents in the gospels. Like the story of the Samaritan woman, this incident is recounted in a manner that gives expression to a profound meditation upon the saving work of Christ.

The Saviour himself intones the theme of this meditation: ‘I am the light of the world’. The powerful symbolism of light often finds expression in the Scriptures. It is often appealed to in the Psalms, the confession of faith of the ordinary people in old Israel – God’s Word is ‘a light on the path’ of life (Ps 119); Yahweh himself is Israel’s ‘light and salvation’ (Ps 27). The contrast between light and darkness is often appealed to in the New Testament, as in today’s reading from Ephesians. The tragedy of spiritual blindness is vividly exemplified in the refusal of the Pharisees to be open to what was confronting them in the signs given through the ministry of Jesus - as their empty reasoning is made to look foolish by the straightforward honesty of the man they are trying to intimidate. ‘You can be his disciple’, they declare in their frustration, ‘We are disciples of Moses’. And, as he responds to their arguments, pointing out that his miraculous healing shows that Jesus is surely ‘a prophet’ and that he must have ‘come from God’, the man who was born blind is progressively ‘enlightened’ – to be finally welcomed by Jesus into the company of his disciples, making his confession, ‘Lord, I believe you are the Son of Man’ – the

very title that was to seal the fate of Jesus before the Sanhedrin.

As he urges the Ephesians to a life of authentic discipleship, Paul contrasts a life of 'goodness, right living and truth' with the 'shameful' things done in the dark. The story of the 'man born blind' and his courage in the face of great odds reminds a community with deep roots in old Israel of the challenge of genuine discipleship.

It is now well recognised that the meditation upon Christian faith and life that gave us John's gospel was made against the background of the Church's sacramental life. It may well be that today's narrative – with its progressive reference to anointing, washing and confession of faith – is influenced by the baptismal practice of the community. In the early centuries, the instruction of the catechumens concerning the Church's sacramental life was an 'enlightenment'. It is interesting to note, at a time when the catechumenate is assuming an increasing importance in the life of the church, that these instructions made frequent use of John's gospel.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As we journey through these final weeks of preparation, we invite our parish family to keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers. Soon, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation and be fully welcomed into the life of the Church. These are sacred and grace-filled days as they continue their time of discernment, learning, and spiritual growth. May we surround them with our encouragement, support, and heartfelt prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen them and fill them with peace and joy as they prepare to say "yes" to Christ and His Church.

Let us hold them close in prayer as they approach this beautiful and life-changing moment. 🙏



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. Living out a discipline takes our Lord's words about self-denial seriously (Matt.16:24). Through discipline, we find freedom and grace. ***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 Saint Vincent dePaul 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 ▪



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING COLLECTION

March 14 & 15, 2026

With 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 the organization financially, we will be collecting donations this weekend, March 14 & 15, 2026.

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.



PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

March 25, 2025 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Guest Priests will be available



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026. At our last meeting we decided that during the Lenten season we would start at 12:30 by saying the Rosary. Also, this will be the week of St Patrick's Day so we thought wearing green might be fun.

A Mass will be said every month for Catholic Women's League members alternating between CWL intentions and CWL deceased members. The Mass on March 10th was said for the deceased members of the CWL. Our next Mass will be on April 18th @ 5pm for the intentions of CWL members.

Keep a close eye on the bulletin for upcoming events. The following are two that we will be hosting: "Community Development Halton" will be the focus of the April 29 meeting and on May 19, Mary Dilly from the "Art of Downsizing" will be speaking to us. More information to come closer to those dates.

If you have any recipes that you like to prepare for Lenten meals, please share them with us. You can send them to Lucy or "Reply all" to the general emails. We are collecting bottle corks for a "Bazaar" craft. If you have any, please bring them to the meeting.

Come to the meeting a little early for Coffee/Tea and goodies. Take a little time to socialize and get to know your fellow members. We invite you to bring your own mug. (Paper cups will continue to be available).

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

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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.