



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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March 24 -27, 2026

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| Tuesday Stations | 7:00 pm 7:30 pm. | +Ludwik Kluz +Grace Gillis Int of Dino, Kerri,Felicetti |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | +Bill Liston |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | Int of Dorthy Gomolka |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | +Charlotte Feegrade |

Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions

March 28, 2026

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | + Angela Lascala Int of Dino, Kerri,Felicetti +Souls in Purgatory |
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VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

March 23 - 28, 2026

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| Mon. | Rev Zygmunt Baranowski |
| Tue. | Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki |
| Wed. | The Annunciation of the Lord |
| Thur. | Rev. Lajos Angyal |
| Fri. | Rev. Joseph Durkacz |
| Sat. | Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly |

VOCATION VIEW

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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



REFLECTION

Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close; today’s readings remind us of what lies ahead, with Ezekiel’s vision of new life for a valley of bones and Paul’s promise that the Spirit that will ‘give life to our mortal bodies’. The gospel reading from John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus. This sequence - carefully crafted as a prelude to the passion narrative - prepares us for what is to come; Jesus confronts death itself and emerges victorious.

As the narrative opens, the Lord’s coming death is called to mind, Mary the sister of Lazarus is identified as the one who, at this time, ‘anoints the Lord with ointment’ – for ‘the day of his burial’ (cf. Jn 12:7). The illness of Lazarus ‘will not end in death, but in God’s glory’ and the glory of the Son of God. The death of Jesus, if he ‘goes to Judaea’ is a real and terrifying prospect for his disciples – leading Thomas to exclaim, ‘Let us go too, and die with him’. The narrative highlights the ‘friendship’ of Jesus with the family of Bethany: soon to be caught up in the drama of the Saviour’s rejection by the nation’s leaders. Such a detail, we know, has significance in the meditative style of John’s gospel. ‘I call you friends, not servants’ (Jn 15:15), Jesus will tell his disciples. And the repeated reference to ‘the beloved disciple’ in the narrative that follows brings out in graphic detail the implications of these words - an encouragement for all who follow the way of discipleship.

We are left in no doubt that Jesus triumphs over death in all its horror. The mortal remains of Lazarus have been in the tomb for ‘four days’: ‘He will smell’, his sister warns. Numerous mourners have now assembled, not all of them well disposed towards Jesus – an intimation of what is soon to follow. ‘Could he not have prevented this man’s death’, some of them ask.

This confrontation with death, Jesus makes clear, is a sign. As he sets out for Bethany, after the death of Lazarus, he declares, ‘I am glad for your sake, because now you will believe’. And although he knows that the Father ‘always hears him’, he addresses the Father publicly, ‘for the sake of those who stand around, so that they may believe that it was you who sent me’ – the claim of his divine mission that is many times repeated in the course of John’s gospel.

In the exchanges that take place between Jesus and the sisters of Lazarus, he leads them towards the fullness of faith that will unite them with him in his final victory over death - his Paschal Mystery. Like his other disciples, Martha has already found faith in Jesus as ‘the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world’; now she is led to recognise the full implications of this coming, as she affirms her faith in the truth of Jesus’ words, ‘I AM the resurrection and the life’ – the very source of ‘eternal life’.

‘Lazarus, here! Come out’: the victory is complete and absolute. ‘Unbind him, let him go free’: words of promise for all who will believe in his coming triumph.

John Thornhill sm



PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION March 25, 2025 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Guest Priests will be available



Pray Fast Give

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. •

Rosary Group 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 •



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Our next general meeting will be held on the **evening of Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM.** Our Lady of Good Counsel to follow (around 7:15pm).

A Mass will be said every month for Catholic Women’s League members alternating between CWL intentions and CWL deceased members. **Mass** on April 18th @ 5pm will be 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.

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!



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. 🙏

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SHARE LENT

March 22, 2026

This Lent please give generously This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. “Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world.” – Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

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.