
SHARE LENT

Our annual Share Lent Collection will be received on the weekend of Sunday, March 13. Every Christian has the responsibility to provide for the poorest of God's people at home and in the developing nations of the world. Please consider \$1 or \$2 a day during Lent as the basis for your offering. This annual collection is forwarded to Development and Peace.

HOLY WEEK

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

March 20th, 2016

The blessing and distribution of palms will take place at all regular Sunday masses.

THE MASS OF CHRISM

The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Monday, March 21 at 7 pm. During this Mass, the holy oils are blessed by the Bishop for use in our parish throughout the coming year. All are welcome.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Confessions from 4 - 4:45 pm

Mass at 5 pm

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass at 8 am

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 24

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Procession to the Altar of Repose
at 8 pm**

(Please note that incense will be used)

Followed by a period of prayer before
The Blessed Sacrament -
Concluding with Night Prayer at 10 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 25

**Celebration of The Passion of the Lord
at 11 am & 3 pm**

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 26

**Confessions from 11 am— 12 noon
The Blessing of Easter Food at 1 pm**

The Easter Vigil at 8 pm

(Please note that incense will be used)

****There will be no 5 pm Mass this day****

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 27

**Mass of Easter Day
and Renewal of Baptismal Promises
8, 9 & 11 am**

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LENT & EASTER 2016



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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Our Lenten observance has one principle goal. It prepares us to celebrate, more fittingly, the Easter Feast.

The annual celebration of the resurrection of the Lord has rightly been called the 'Queen of Festivals' because it is from the Easter event that our faith takes its meaning.

As members of the Church, Lent invites each of us to deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to renew our commitment to bear faithful witness to him.

During the approaching period of forty days, we will open our hearts once again to hear his Word, calling us to conversion of life and to a renewed faith in him.

Together with time tested Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encourage all parishioners to consider making use of the programmes and liturgies listed below in order to deepen their faith and to renew their commitment to the Lord.

May God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son gave new life to the world, grant each of us the desire and the determination to make this Lenten pilgrimage a time of renewed dedication to the Faith we cherish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill

Fr. William W. Foote, Pastor

OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2016

Mass will be celebrated at **8 am and again at 7 pm** in the church. Celebrations of God's Word will also be offered in each of our parish elementary schools. Contact the individual schools for times.

The imposition of Ashes will take place at all of these liturgies.

SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Attending mass on The Lord's Day is the centrepiece of our Lenten observance. We deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by listening to his Word and by sharing his Body and Blood. We do these things in the midst of the Christian community, which is the Body of Christ.

OUR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Confessions

Saturday from 4 - 4:30 pm

Mass Times

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 8, 9 and 11 am
(Children's Liturgy at 11 am)

OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday, March 12th, we'll observe the Feast of St. Patrick and celebrate a Solemn Mass at 10 am. Incense will be used. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please plan now to join us for this special celebration in the life of our parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through prayer, music and scripture, the Way of the Cross allows us to join Our Lord on his journey to Calvary - **each Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm in the Church.**

OUR LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Join us for two stimulating presentations by Bishop Robert Barron. During the first presentation we will consider Bp. Barron's insights into *Conversion*. We'll then explore his compelling presentation entitled *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues*. All are welcome on Thursday, February 25 and Thursday, March 3 from 7 - 9 pm in the Parish Hall.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 pm we will gather in the church to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions in a timely manner - in English, French, Italian, Vietnamese, Polish and Portuguese.

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4 - 4:30 pm. Additional confessions will be heard in the church on Wednesday, March 16th from 8:30 to 11 am, Tuesday, March 22nd from 4 - 4:45 pm and on Saturday, March 26th from 11 - 12 noon.

SATURDAY SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

We will gather in the parish hall following the 5 pm mass on March 12th for a simple supper. The movie will begin at 6:45 pm. Our March movie will be, "*The Robe*." Please plan to join us.