

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, February 17

5:00 p.m. + Luiza DaCosta - *John & Maria DaCosta*
+ Mary Ryan – *Pat & Ruth Hammond*

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + Gladys Turnbull
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Thursday, February 19

5:00 p.m. Intentions of Mario Caicco – *Jean*

Friday, February 20

8:00 a.m. + Arthur & Ann Klein – *The Family*

Saturday, February 21

5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass
+ David Borges - *Borges & Vicente Families*
+ José Monteiro – *Mike Chaves*
+ Keith Brown – *The Brown Family*
+ Vera McHugh – *Ann Sims*
+ José Moura – *Maria Moura & Family*

Sunday, February 22 – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Sung Mass

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 p.m. - Holy Spirit Prayer Community (Church)
7:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting (2nd Flr. Conference Room)

Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, February 22

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Confessions

Preparing For Next Week

Genesis 9: 8 - 15; Psalm 25
I Peter 3: 18 - 22; Mark 1: 12 - 15

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,273.15
Loose Collection	\$ 499.26
Total Collection – Thank you	\$3,772.41

Liturgical Ministers - Feb. 21st & 22nd

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	R. Bevan G. Thompson	B. Sousa A. Sousa	M. Ryan M. Dwyer
Lectors L1 L2	J. Kelly E. Kelly	A. Sousa B. Mclsaac	R. O'Brien B. O'Brien
Communion	W. Koluk G. Thompson	M. Henry L. Henry	H. France R. France

If you are visiting today,
St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should be used as a crying room if needed. Thank you.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be offered at **8 am and at 7 pm on Ash Wednesday, February 18.**

Please note, this is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. To sum up the requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening - depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Our Lenten Study Series

Join us for a two part video series on "*The Cross of Christ.*" Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, offers insights on the centrality of the cross as the preeminent symbol of love and forgiveness in our world. All are welcome **Thursday, February 26 and Thursday, March 5 from 7 - 8:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Feb. 16	Rev. Miro Grubisic
Tues., Feb. 17	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Wed., Feb. 18	Lay Parish Ministries
Thurs., Feb. 19	Rev. Stephen Crowley
Fri., Feb. 20	Rev. Stanley Zaryczyny, C.R.
Sat., Feb. 21	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

February 15, 2015



Stations of the Cross

In the Christian West few pious practices are as loved as the *Way of the Cross*, a devotion which recalls with mindful affection the last stage of the journey that Jesus walked in his earthly life: from when he and his disciples, after psalms had been sung, left for the Mount of Olives (c.f. Mark 14, 26), until the Lord was taken to the place called Golgotha, *The Skull* (c.f. Mark 15, 22), to be crucified and then buried in a garden nearby, in a new tomb hewn out of the rock.

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.** Please join us.

Lenten Penance Celebration

On **Wednesday, March 11th at 7 pm** we will gather in the church to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness. Fr. Edward Hampson will be our guest preacher and several priests will be on hand to hear confessions in a timely manner - in English, French, Italian, Polish and Portuguese.

For those unable to attend our evening celebration and wish to celebrate this sacrament during daylight hours, confessions will be heard in the church on **Wednesday, March 18th from 8:30 am until 12 noon.**

St. Patrick's Supper & Movie Night



Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Parish Hall

A light supper will follow the 5 p.m. Mass. The movie, "**The Passion of the Christ**," will begin at 6:45 p.m.

In **The Passion of the Christ** (2004), Mel Gibson offers us a unique look at Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. One of the features of the film is the use of the same Aramaic language that Jesus himself spoke. Subtitles make the dialogue easy to follow. This movie caused quite a stir when it was originally released, as some of the content is based on the visions of the German nun and mystic, Bl. Catherine Emmerich. Some scenes do contain graphic violence, but this is a movie that is well worth the experience during the Lenten season. A time for questions and comments will follow the film. Please plan to join us.

2015 Offering Envelopes

2015 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex of the church until the weekend of February 22, after which those parishioners who still need to pick their offering envelopes up will be able to do so at the parish office.

The Apostles' Creed

During Lent we will be using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the Church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptism. It also helps to prepare us to renew our promises once again this Easter.

Using the Door by the Choir

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone... In consideration of our musicians and choir, please do not exit by the choir door if you are leaving mass before the end of the final hymn. Should you find it necessary to leave the church before the final hymn has concluded, please exit through the main doors of the church. *Many thanks.*

Synod of Marriage & Family

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October 2015 which is to include Bishops from around the world. This is **your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

1. Fill in the questionnaire at: www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the *Lineamenta*, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. The deadline for submission is February 27, 2015.
2. Attend one of two focus group gatherings where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected. You may join the focus group at St. Michael's Parish, 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo on Tuesday, February 17 from 7 - 9 pm or at the Chancery Office, 700 King St., W., Hamilton on Thursday, February 19 from 7 - 9 pm.

You are asked to R.S.V.P. by phone at 905-528-7988 x 2249 or by email at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com if you plan to attend. The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact: Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

Catholic Teaching on Cremated Remains

If you or a loved one is interested in cremation at some future date, please see the pamphlet from the Diocese of Hamilton located at all three church doors.