

# The Second Sunday of Lent

## Masses this Week

### Tuesday, February 23

**5:00 p.m.** + José U. Moura - *Maria Moura & Family*  
+ Gilda Ferreira & Luis daCosta - *Maria & John DaCosta*  
In honour of St. Jude – *Gerry Furey*

### Wednesday, February 24

**8:00 a.m.** + Orietta Fabbro – *Eleanor Furlong*

### Thursday, February 25

**5:00 p.m.** + Kay Conway – *Pat & Ruth Hammond*

### Friday, February 26

**8:00 a.m.** + Bernadette Stark – *Emilia Moura*

### Saturday, February 27

**5:00 p.m.** - Sung Mass

+ José & Filomena Resendes - *Maria L. Chaves*  
+ Luigi & Giuseppina Gioffre - *Daughter*  
+ Orietta Fabbro – *Gail Thompson & Rosemarie Bevan*  
+ Richard Foley – *Catherine Hedderson*  
+ Ruthine Corriette – *Petrolina & Michael*

### Sunday, February 28 – 3rd 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

### Monday, February 22

**7:30 pm** - Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, February 23

**5:30 p.m.** - Holy Spirit Prayer Community (Church)  
**7:00 p.m.** - SVDP Meeting (Parish Hall)

### Wednesday, February 24

**7:00 p.m.** - SVDP Refugee Meeting (Parish Hall)

### Thursday, February 25

**12 noon** - Priests' Luncheon (Rectory)  
**7:00 p.m.** - Lenten Study Series Part I (Parish Hall)

### Friday, February 26

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

### Saturday, February 27

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m.** – Confessions



## Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,651.10
Loose Collection	\$ 461.85
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,112.95

## Liturgical Ministers - February 27th & 28th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Greeters</b>	H. Lombardi D. Dal Bello	P. O'Donnell <i>Vol. Needed</i>	D. Kennedy S. Bolger
<b>Lectors LI</b>	J. Kelly	B. Koopmans	B. O'Brien
<b>L2</b>	A. Kelly	A. Koopmans	R. O'Brien
<b>Communion</b>	B. Seguin B. Raghubar	J. Streppel A. Sousa	J. Bui V. Umolac

*If you are visiting today,*

## St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

Please take your bulletins home with you. We request that you do not leave bulletins and other items in the pews.  
Many thanks.

## Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church

Peter, John, and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)



## 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.** Please join us.

## 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.

## Our Patronal Festival

On **Saturday, March 12th**, we will 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.

## Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Feb. 22	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tues., Feb. 23	Rev. Laszlo Amaska
Wed., Feb. 24	Disalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.)
Thurs., Feb. 25	Rev. Niaz Toma
Fri., Feb. 26	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Sat., Feb. 27	Rev. Ron Cote

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## St. Patrick's Supper & Movie Night



**Date: Saturday, March 12**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Place: Parish Hall**

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

In this biblical epic, a drunk and disillusioned Roman, Marcellus Gallio (Richard Burton), wins Jesus' robe in a dice game after the crucifixion. Marcellus has never been a man of faith like his slave, Demetrius (Victor Mature), but when Demetrius escapes with the robe, Marcellus experiences disturbing visions and feels guilty for his actions. Convinced that destroying the robe will cure him, Marcellus sets out to find Demetrius -- and discovers his Christian faith along the way. Please plan to join us.

### Can You Help?

Volunteers are needed to help with the March Supper and Movie Night on **Saturday, March 12**. A light supper, themed "Soup Night," will follow the 5 pm Mass. We need volunteers who would be willing to prepare and share their favourite homemade soup recipe. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please call Alison Kelly at 519-740-7791.



### Canadian Food for Children (CFFC)

Throughout the month of **February** the CWL will be collecting rice and canned meats for CFFC. All donations may be placed in the CFFC box located in the narthex of the church.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

Our special quarterly collection for SVDP takes place on the weekend of **March 5th and 6th** at the conclusion of all Masses. Special SVDP offering envelopes will be available in the pews and in the narthex of the church. Envelopes should be placed in the baskets at the doors **after** mass and not in the regular collection basket. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation to the SVDP Quarterly Collection please be sure to write your name and address on the envelope. The members of the SVDP would like to thank everyone for their continued and generous monetary support.

### Liturgical Ministry

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another and to God. All baptized persons are called to full, conscious and active participation throughout the entire Mass. St. Patrick's Parish is in need of all forms of liturgical ministers at all of our weekend masses. You are asked to prayerfully consider joining the following ministries: choir, ministry of the Word, extraordinary Eucharistic ministry, altar server. If you are interested please inform the office. The pastor will approve all liturgical ministers before they begin service at mass.

## The Apostles' Creed

You may have noticed at Mass today that we used the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is recognized by most Western 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.

### Light from the East

From the earliest times, Christians at prayer have turned towards the East. Christ is the Dayspring, the rising sun who dawns upon us from high "to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 1:9). The eastward orientation of churches and altars is a way of expressing the great cry of every Eucharist: "Let our hearts be lifted high. We hold them *towards the Lord*." When, in the celebration of the liturgy, the priest faces east, he is "guiding the people in pilgrimage towards the Kingdom" and with them, keeping watch for the return of the Lord. "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

The Eastern churches follow to this day the apostolic tradition of celebrating the Eucharist towards the East in anticipation of the return of the Lord in glory. A powerful witness is given in the prayer of a priest and people who stand together facing eastward and giving voice to the same hope. "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. "And let him who hears say, Come" (Revelation 22:17). Taken from <http://archphila.org/Roman%20Missal>

### Thinking About Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a programme designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information, or to register for the programme beginning with a weekend on March 11—13, please call 905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca). You may also visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### 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.

### 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.