

Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, March 5

5:00 p.m. In honour of Immaculate Mary - *Emilia Moura*
+ Mercedes Espinoca & Rosa Obredon - *The Colomer Family*

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - Intentions of Gina- *Cathy*

11:00 a.m. Riverbend Mass (Riverbend Place)

7:00 p.m. + Joyce St-Cartier - *Ken & Gail Sliter*

Thursday, March 7

5:00 p.m. + Josip Buzdon - *Dick & Lorene Wildeman*

Friday, March 8

8:00 a.m. + Joyce St-Cartier - *Linda & Douglas Reid*

Saturday, March 9

5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass

+ Gil DaSilva - *Ilda DaSilva & Family*

+ Teresa Sousa - *The Family*

+ Norberto & Evelina Morcado - *Maria Branco*

+ Gloria Raposo & Gloria Ferreira - *Luis & Margaret Ferreira*

+ Antonio DaCosta - *Maria DaCosta*

+ Tonino Domenicucci - *Louise Dal Bello*

Sunday, March 10 – FIRST SUNDAY LENT

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady

9:00 a.m. - Sung Mass + Tonino Domenicucci - *Novosel Family*

11:00 a.m. - Sung Mass - *Pro populo*

This Week In Our Parish

Wednesday, March 6

8:45 a.m. – Confessions, *immed. following mass until finished* (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, March 8

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)

7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Parish Hall)

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 9

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. – Confessions (Church)

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,714.25
Loose Collection	\$ 383.45
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,097.70

Preparing For Next Week

Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10 ; Psalm 91;

Romans 10: 8 - 13 ; Luke 4: 1 - 13

Liturgical Ministers - March 9 & 10

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	C. Camara <i>Vol. Needed</i>	<i>Vol. Needed</i> <i>Vol. Needed</i>	M. Dwyer M. Ryan
Lectors L1 L2	N. Applebee M. Applebee	B. Mclsaac A. Sousa	R. St. Cartier J. Frias
Communion	H. Lombardi L. Lombardi	B. Koopmans S. Braga	R. O'Brien B. O'Brien

“ praise you for I am wonderfully made.”

(Psalm 139)

If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

*Please observe a reverent silence -
talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass -
and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced
to avoid distracting others in prayer.*

*Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall
should be used as a crying room if needed. Thank you.*

Our Patronal Festival

On **Saturday, March 16** 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, featuring some traditional Irish treats. Please plan now to join us for this special celebration in the life of our parish.



Lenten Study Series - In Three Sessions

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

Please plan to join us for three stimulating presentations by Bishop Robert Barron on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall beginning **March 21 through to and including April 4.**

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Mar 4	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.
Tues. Mar 5	Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.
Wed. Mar 6	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Mar 7	Very Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Fri. Mar 8	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Sat. Mar 9	Rev. Rafal Tomon

*For information about diocesan workshops
and events, please visit:*

<https://hamiltondiocese.com>

March 3, 2019



It Has Become Too Easy To End Patients' Lives

Dr Will Johnston responded to the article by Dr Sandy Buchman in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) titled: *Why I decided to provide assisted dying.*

Buchman claims that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), better known as euthanasia, is patient centred care.

Will Johnston's response below was published in the BMJ on February 8.

“As an ordinary Canadian family physician, I have seen a different side of the new ‘Medical Aid in Dying’ regime Dr. Sandy Buchman glowingly describes. The scheme was sold to us and the public as a rare matter of assisting the suicide of extreme terminal illness cases. By a year into it, hundreds (now thousands) had died and over 99% of the deaths were not by self-administration, but intravenously by doctors and nurses. The Canadian euthanasia death rate has continued to escalate, while funding for palliative care services has fallen in several provinces.

The wide eligibility criteria do not require any estimate of prognosis. Yet there is already intense social pressure to widen them further to include euthanasia of children, the healthy disabled, cognitively impaired, and mentally ill.

Ending life has been re-defined as ‘part of care’. An Ontario court ruling has confirmed that doctors who want nothing to do with euthanasia have to get involved by making an “effective referral”.

Few Canada doctors foresaw that “going neutral” would guarantee the arrival of euthanasia, or that promises of a shot in the arm for palliative care would be forgotten. Even fewer realised they would have no option but cooperate with providing death on demand. It has become all too easy to end patients’ lives. [We must] learn from our mistakes.”

Williard P. Johnston, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia, Department of Family Practice. Vancouver, BC



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us to join ourselves to Christ in and through his Passion, Death and Resurrection, 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. Anyone with the proper disposition, even non-Catholics or those not baptized, may receive the imposition of ashes on their foreheads. Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be offered at **8 am and at 7 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 6.**



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.



The Apostles' Creed

During Lent we will be professing 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 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. 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.

Bulletin Advertising Through Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for the church bulletin. The advertising will begin in May 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 for more information or to place an advertisement.

Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church?

“In the Lord your labour is not in vain”. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com



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