

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

Ints. of Tony & Shirley Borges & family
+ Luigi & Giuseppina Gioffre

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

(ASH WEDNESDAY)

8:00 am

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm

Mass for the People - *pro populo*

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

+ Frank Mastroangelo

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)

+ Weslaw Jakus

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

5:00 pm

+ Bob & Caroline Wylie
+ Evelina Morgado & Norberto Branco

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am

+ Vincente Moniz & Eduarda Melo

11:00 am

Mass for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes 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 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. Mass with the Imposition

of Ashes will be offered at **8 am and at 7 pm** on **Ash Wednesday, March 2.**

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.



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, followed by Mass.** Please join us.

CWL MEETING

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 8.** The meeting will begin with the celebration of Mass at 5 pm and continue in the parish hall - bring a brown bag supper - the formal meeting will begin promptly at 6:15 pm. All are welcome!

OFFERTORY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Envelope Contributions	\$2119.00
Loose Collection	\$ 334.05
EFT Donations	\$1,148.00
Total Collection – Thank you	\$3,601.05

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 5 & 6

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	C. McArthur	D. Wylie	B. O'Brien
Communion	B. Raghubar J. Kelly	J. Streppel A. Sousa	H. France R. France

FEBRUARY 27, 2022



PRAYER

We know the importance of prayer in our lives - as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. Lent calls us to a personal conversion and renewal - to a recommitted life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.



FASTING DURING LENT

Fasting, which can have various motivations, takes on a profoundly religious significance for the Christian: by rendering our table poorer, we learn to overcome selfishness in order to live in the logic of gift and love; by bearing some form of deprivation – and not just what is in excess –

we learn to look away from our "ego", to discover Someone close to us and to recognize God in the face of so many brothers and sisters. For Christians, fasting, far from being depressing, opens us ever more to God and to the needs of others, thus allowing the love of God to become also the love of our neighbour (cf. Mk 12: 31; Benedict XVI).



SHARE LENT

The annual Share Lent Collection will be received on the weekend of **Sunday, April 3**. 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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

AND VULNERABLE PERSONS: A SACRED TRUST

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton respects and upholds the dignity of every person as a child of God. Moreover, the diocese holds as a sacred responsibility the protection of every person within their sphere of influence, with particular concern for children and other vulnerable persons. The sexual integrity of each and every individual is inviolable. The perpetration of sexual abuse by Church representatives - clergy or laypersons, employees or volunteers - is especially abhorrent, since it violates not only the person but the sacred trust that is ours.

The parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton unite with Bishop Douglas Crosby to pray for victims of sexual abuse across the country and around the world on the Second Sunday of Lent. St. Patrick's Parish will pray before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on **Saturday, March 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm**. All are welcome.



WHAT ST. PATRICK CAN TEACH US TODAY

Though St. Patrick lived over fifteen centuries ago, he still has a lesson to teach our world today. We have gone mad in an effort to glorify ourselves. We tend to be slow to recognize or thank others, but we are lightning fast in pointing out our own achievements and demanding recognition. In our narcissistic world of selfies, our focus often fails to reach beyond arm's length. There is a name for all this, of course: pride.

Happily, there are ways to overcome this vice, and one of those is to consider the humility of Saint Patrick. After all he had accomplished, after all he had endured, Patrick sensed that others might conclude that he was the hero. But Patrick admonished them, assuring them that anything worthwhile that he achieved was "the gift of God."

God wants us to be successful in our vocation and every effort that expresses His will. But in the end, we must have the humility to see that each and every one of our successes is the gift of God. We can honour Saint Patrick - indeed, we can properly celebrate St. Patrick's Day - by first recognizing this fact. *Saint Patrick, pray for us!* (Adapted from nregister.com)

OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, March 19**, we'll observe the Feast of St. Patrick and celebrate a Solemn Mass at 10 am. COVID protocols permitting, Mass will be followed by a St. Paddy's Day reception in the parish hall. Please plan now to join us for this special celebration in the life of our parish.



DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Friday	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Saturday	Rev. Allen Varlaki

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at: gem@hamiltondiocese.com

**THEREFORE BE AMAZED,
YOU GREAT AND SMALL WHO FEAR GOD.**