

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

MARCH 31 -
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)
5:00 pm
+ James Frederick Davidson, Jr.
+ Maria Moreira
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of Carman Wenkoff

APRIL 1 -
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:00 am
+ Ormindalves

APRIL 2 -
HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm - **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

APRIL 3 -
GOOD FRIDAY
11 am & 3 pm - **Solemn Liturgy of
the Lord's Passion**

7:00 pm - *Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows)*

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
(No 5:00 pm Mass - incense will be used)
7:00 pm - *The Great Vigil of Easter*

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
(**No Children's Liturgy & no 8 am Mass**)
9 & 11 am - *The Resurrection of the Lord*

OFFERTORY

MARCH 22, 2026

Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$2,614.00
Loose Collection	\$ 553.80
EFT Donations	\$ 992.50
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	\$4,160.30



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

The tradition of blessing Easter food stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessings on the food that will break the Great Fast. It celebrates enjoyment of items from which worshippers have abstained for forty days. All are invited to bring your Easter food to be blessed on Holy Saturday, April 4 at 1 pm in the church.

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection for the work of the Church in the Holy Land will be received as you leave the church on Good Friday. Please be generous in supporting this vital mission to our brothers and sisters in need.

EASTER OVERFLOW PARKING

Overflow parking for Easter Masses is available in the parking lot at the corner of Wellington and Main Streets, behind City Hall off Cambridge Street and across from the David Durward Centre (Beverly and Dickson Streets).

LAMP OFFERING

March 29 - April 4

April 5 - 11

SANCTUARY LAMP

+ Kitty Huff

Ints. of Amarya Rodrigues

LADY ALTAR LAMP

Intentions of Kathy

Intentions of Kenna

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. David Mowat, C.R. / <i>Chrism Mass</i>
Tuesday	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Wednesday	Oblates of Mry Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	<i>The Passion of the Lord</i>
Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday</i>

HEARING A CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

MARCH 29, 2026

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Triduum means the “three days.” It is at the very centre of our liturgical year and celebrates the heart of our faith, which is the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ: his life, passion, death and resurrection. The Triduum is really one long feast. It goes from sundown to sundown beginning with the Thursday evening **Mass of the Lord’s Supper**—through the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday—and reaching its high point in the Easter Vigil, followed by the masses on Easter Sunday and concluding with evening prayer. Because we are celebrating one long liturgy, we take time to go home and rest, resuming the liturgy upon our return the next day. This is why we leave the Church in silence on Holy Thursday and re-enter the Church in silence on Good Friday and again on Holy Saturday. The Great Easter Vigil is the preeminent liturgy of Easter, and the most beautiful of the year. Just as the forty days of Lent prepare us for this Paschal Feast, so fifty days unfold afterwards in celebration of it, including the feasts of the Ascension of Our Lord and finally, Pentecost.

HOLY THURSDAY DONATIONS OF FOOD

It is our practice to follow Our Lord’s example of service on Holy Thursday by bringing food for the poor—some of which will be brought to the altar in token of our commitment to serve Christ by serving others. Please bring non-perishable items. They will be distributed by SVDP to those in need during the Easter season. Urgently needed food items: *peanut butter, pasta sauce, cereals, canned veggies & canned tuna.*

THE WATCH ON HOLY THURSDAY

Following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament is moved in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose (set up at the altar of Our Lady). Parishioners are encouraged to follow the procession and take time to watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, answering the Lord’s question on this sacred night, **“Can you not watch me just one hour?”** The watch concludes with Night Prayer at 9 p.m.

ENTERING THE CHURCH ON GOOD FRIDAY

Please remember that the tabernacle is empty on this solemn day. We do not genuflect to the empty tabernacle. Instead you may make a profound bow to the altar of sacrifice and take your place in the pew.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

The veneration of the cross on Good Friday is done in this way: take your place in the procession in the centre aisle, as you would in coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Please approach in two lines. When you approach the cross, you may touch or kiss the wood of the cross only and then return to your pew. The figure of the crucified Christ on the cross - should there be one - is not kissed or touched. We are venerating the **‘wood of the cross, on which hung the world’s salvation.’** Servers will regularly wipe the cross with a cloth. You are welcome to remain after the conclusion of the Solemn Liturgy, should you wish to spend additional time at the Holy Cross.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Please be advised that the Liturgy of the Word for children will be available only at the 3 pm celebration of the Solemn Liturgy. Please bring your child downstairs *before the adult Liturgy begins.* Children will remain in the hall for the entire service. Please pick your child up after the Good Friday Liturgy. Also, please note that *there will be no Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Monday of Holy Week, March 30
Chrism Mass

Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 2 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31
Mass at 5 pm
Confessions at 5:30 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1
Mass at 8 am

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord’s Supper &

Procession to the Altar of Repose at 7 pm

*(Incense will be used - *there will be no 5pm Mass this day*)*

Followed by a period of prayer before
the Blessed Sacrament - *concluding with night prayer @ 9 pm*

Good Friday, April 3

- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 11 am
- Children’s Liturgy at 3 pm
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3 pm
- Divine Mercy Novena & Solemn Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

*(*there will be no 8am Mass this day*)*



Holy Saturday, April 4

Blessing of Easter Food at 1 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 pm

*(Incense will be used - *there will be no 5pm Mass this day*)*

Easter Sunday, April 5

Mass of Easter Day

9 & 11 am with Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*** there will be no 8 am Mass this day ***

No children’s Liturgy on this day