

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



TUESDAY, February 24th

7:30am All Souls
+ Donato Lacivita
+ Theresa Demestrio
+ Elvira Demestrio
+ Michele Demestrio

WEDNESDAY, February 25th

7:30am + Dario and Lorenza Caluya
8:00am to 9:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Domenico Pantalone
+ Anna Ruggiero
+ Maire Brady
+ Leonila Pryor
Intentions of Doreen Stradiotto

THURSDAY, February 26th

7:30am + Peter Phung Tran

FRIDAY, February 27th

7:30am
7:00pm Intentions of Janet Dawes
+ Gary Brimelow

SATURDAY, February 28th

9:00am + Gerrit Kistemaker
5:00pm + Urban Kucica
7:00pm Eritrean Mass

SUNDAY, March 1st – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am All Parishioners
10:15am + Giovanni and Pietra Rotondi
12noon Intentions of Ward Family



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of February 22, 2026

Candle #1 – + ALCUIN DEAN

Candle #2 – INTS of NIEVES VELASQUES and FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering February 14/15 \$3,863.00
Loose Collection \$1,069.55
Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.



Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross - 6:30pm

February 20; February 27; March 6;
March 13; March 20; March 27

Confessions

March 25 1pm to 7pm
April 1 8am to 12pm

Palm Sunday - March 29

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon
Hungarian Mass 4pm

Lord's Passover - Thursday April 2

7:00pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
After Mass until 11:00pm

Good Friday - April 3

11:00am and 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday April 4 12noon Blessing of Easter Foods Easter Vigil - 8pm

Easter Sunday April 5
8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12
Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am and 12noon
2:30pm Chaplet; 3pm Mass
Vietnamese Mass 5pm



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners! Lent is the time of GRACE
Ash Wednesday begins with the book of Joel which reassures the warmth of the God who is abounding in steadfast LOVE and RELENTS from punishing. Our God is the God of compassion and merciful. He won't let his children go astray from his love. As we begin our Lenten season, let us be mindful of our personal decision making on this Ash Wednesday that we will be faithful to our: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Lent is also described as a time to turn away from a "world in death throes" and embrace a new, hope-filled, and communal way of living. Let us turn away from all that we carry on our shoulder and return to the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind. Wishing you a fruitful and grace filled Lenten season and let God be glorified as we participate in his suffering and death of Jesus Christ. God's blessing

DONATE TO EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

If you would like to make a donation for our Easter flowers in memory of a Loved One, **please use the envelopes in your offertory boxes or one of our Special Envelopes on the bookshelf. Put your name and the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered.** These names will be listed on a poster on the bulletin board and on our website and remembered at all Masses during Holy Week.



ST PATRICK'S DINNER

We are inviting *all the Irish and those who wish to be*, to a fun night of Irish Dance, Music, Food and Frolicking. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday March 14th, 2026 at Guelph Country Club.** Tickets will be available starting January 21st. Tickets are \$45 each and available at the parish office or through Brian Brady 519-836-0993/519-362-9999, Marti Valeriote 519-362-0555 or Pat Grosicki 519-830-3465. All families and friends are invited.

DIVINE MERCY SEMINAR

The Apostles of DIVINE MERCY Canada will be hosting a seminar on the Divine Mercy facilitated by Nestor Buendia (Lay Oblates of Divine Mercy). Saturday March 14 from 9:00am to 4:40pm. The days agenda: 9am Mass; 9:45am to 3:00pm – Divine Mercy Seminar; 4:00-4:30pm – Confessions. Free Admission, lunch will be provided. To register please contact the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FUN FAMILY BINGO!

Each Saturday Evening of: **March 7, 2026.** St Joseph's Parish Hall. Doors open at 6pm; Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please bring: your own snacks, drinks, Bingo dabbers & pen. Entrance Fee: \$ 3.00 Children \$5.00 Adults This is a no cash prize Bingo. 6 cards per person. Please arrive early! **SO, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a donation of 12" or 22cm cast iron fry pan. If you have one that you are not using or wish to donate one, please contact Paul Van Berkel at 519-362-3749. Thank you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (February–March 2026)

40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil for the ending of abortion through prayer, fasting, and peaceful public witness, taking place February 18 – March 29, 2026. Mark your calendars for our 40

DFL events:

- 40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Dabrowski **Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9:00 AM** - Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph
- Candlelight Closing Prayer **Sunday, March 29, 2026, 6:00–6:30 PM** - City sidewalk beside the Guelph Cenotaph

Learn more and sign up for prayer times at 40daysforlife.com/guelph. For parish involvement, contact 519-836-6311 or info@guelphforlife.com.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

Young ADULTS' Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON).** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS – 800th Anniversary

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

FIVE LENTS OF ST FRANCIS (40days for each)

1. A lent to Prepare for Easter
2. A Lent to Prepare for Christmas
3. A Lent to fast like Jesus in the Desert (Epiphany)
4. A Lent in the Summer
5. A Lent to Honour St Michael

St Francis observed these Lents: in fasting, solitude, and prayer.

