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Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday to Friday at 8:00 A.M.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday through Friday7:45 a.m.
Other timesBy appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible after the birth of your baby.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION - Catholic children in public school are prepared for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation through correspondence lessons. For details or to register, please contact the Diocesan Catechesis Office at 1-905-528-7988.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date. At least one person must be registered in the Parish. Wedding dates are booked with the Pastor.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE - Please contact Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG, EV, at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2222 or visit: hamiltondiocese.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The Sacrament is celebrated communally once per year, and individually by request.

FUNERALS - When a death occurs in the family, please contact the Parish Office and Father will assist in any way with liturgical arrangements.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS - Please keep your love for the parish alive. When recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Clement Parish.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Your donations support our Society as our volunteers deliver grocery vouchers into the hands of the needy in the Preston area. Thank you for your generous support. Please note that at this time we have resumed delivering grocery vouchers.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!

Parish registrations may be submitted through our parish website (www.stclementsparish.ca) or you may find a copy in the vestibule. Forms may be submitted through the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Joseph School 519-653-4482
St. Michael School 519-653-3351
St. Benedict C.S.S. 519-621-4050

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK - This group prays confidentially for anyone who asks. Prayer requests (intentions) are received by telephone/email and passed, member to member, to the next person on the list. To request prayers or to join the group, please contact Mrs. Marg Downey at her email: margaretdowney@bell.net.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION - Each Friday for one hour following the daily Mass. Everyone is welcome to spend quiet time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER - For information about Activities and Events of Interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com



SCAN ME

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, February 27	No public Mass	Roger & Rosemary Fischer	Family
Tuesday, February 2	12:00 PM 12:15 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Anna & Manuel; Antonio Morais & Deceased Family Members Int. of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family Jack & Doris Cobb	Jose & Maria Morais Ilda Borges Doris Cobb
Wednesday, March 1	5:15PM 5:30PM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of a Parishioner Living & Deceased of the Cobb & Dwyer Families Marie Hilts Stations of the Cross <i>'THE SEARCH'</i>	Doris Cobb Cynthia Stoyles & Family
Thursday, March 2	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Ann Osterholm Deceased of the Delaney Family <i>'THE SEARCH'</i>	Peg Jarvis Peg Jarvis
Friday, March 3 World Day of Prayer	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of a Parishioner Apolonia Villega Repose of Souls in Purgatory Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction	Cora Cibinel Cora Cibinel
Saturday, March 4 St. Casimir (Optional Memorial)	5:00 PM	Jim & Jennifer Massey Marko Filipovic Athelie Hussey Don Carr Gino Buffone Ron Zboril Ed Weidinger Janja Novinc & Renata Skrtic	Massey Family Josip & Ankica Novosel Doris Cobb & Family Barbara Family K of C – Council 4916 Reggie & Family Bertovic Family
Sunday, March 5 2nd Sunday of Lent	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Altar Server Training For the people of St. Clement Parish Holy Hour for the Victims of Sexual Abuse Altar Server Training For the people of St. Clement Parish Sacrament of Baptism	

Monthly Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Thursday, March 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital (3570 King St. East, Kitchener). Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but ours.

Tax Receipts for 2022

Your 2022 tax receipts have been mailed out. In case you do not receive yours by March 1-contact the parish office. Please note that you will receive a separate tax receipt from the Diocese for the One Heart One Soul Campaign contributions.

CWL News



Thank you to all who attended our meeting on Tuesday, February 7th! We would like to announce the winners of the CWL Quilt draw. Jenny Kuchma was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt; Beryl Callahan won the mirror and Grace Rennick was the \$100.00 winner. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser! We hope to see you at our next meeting being held on **Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.** We meet in the church basement, please enter through the Duke Street doors. Come join us for fun and friendship.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

February 7 – March 4, 2023

Monday	Rev. Jim Valk, CR
Tuesday	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz (CR)
Wednesday	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald
Friday	Rev. Philip Reilly (CR)
Saturday	Rev. Aleksander Mazur (SAC)

During Lent at St. Clement's Parish

- **Masses During Lent** will be celebrated as follows: Monday – No Mass; Tuesday – 12:15 p.m.; Wednesday – 5:30 p.m.; Thursday – 8:00 a.m.; Friday – 8:00 a.m.
 - **Altar Servers** – Young people grade 3 through 12 are eligible to serve and are invited to attend special training 1/2 hour before Mass begins on the following weekends: February 25-26 and March 4-5
 - **Stations of the Cross** will begin Wednesday, March 1 – 6:00 p.m.
 - **Confessions during Lent** will be offered 1/2 hour before each Mass beginning the weekend of March 11-12 as well as during the week 15 minutes before each Mass
 - **Children's Liturgy** will resume again today and will continue during the Lenten season
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'The Search' This Week!

"Who are You?" Session 2 Reflection: The sheer scale of the universe is hard to imagine. Current scientific estimates indicate that the universe is 93 billion light-years in diameter, growing at an increasing rate, and has existed for about 13.7 billion years. The more you contemplate the vastness of the cosmos, the smaller you may start to feel. However, it is important not to confuse small with insignificant. Scientists claim that the precise age, size, and rate of expansion in the universe is what allows life to exist on this "little" planet we call earth. One could argue that we humans are so insignificant that the universe is bending over backward to sustain us! Join us for *The Search Lenten Weeks, Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 8:30am; Dinner, Breakfast is on us!*

From the Pastor's Desk

Finances, Finances, Finances! It's been on my mind, and not because there's been an issue, in fact I am so thankful for your support, helping us to keep the lights and heat on, the needy in our community fed and warm, not to mention the opportunities that keep opening up to bring Christ to ever greater life in programs and through use of our space. I want to update you about a few things finance related, sadly only so much detail is possible here, but I wanted to at least let you know what's being worked on.

First, just a small note, as elsewhere in this bulletin says, the 2022 tax receipts were mailed out this week. I was able to personally sign a number of them, and to add a small note of thanks, THANK YOU ALL! If you gave through Canada Helps you can find your 2022 receipt by signing in @ canadahelps.ca. *One Heart One Soul* (OHOS) contributions are receipted directly by the diocese, watch your snail mail!

Ok, second, our Finance Council. I want to thank all those who have helped on this for years past, many of them serving well beyond their term of office (normally a 3 year term, renewable once), they all served so generously! As the new pastor of SC, it is my responsibility to establish a finance council, within 3 months of taking over. I asked the diocese for an extension to this; they allowed me to early in the NY, and so the time has come! Having met with former members of the council and getting to know others in the parish I have asked 3 persons to step into this role, hoping to expand to 4 or 5 in the years to come. We are aiming to have our first meeting as a council in the coming weeks, reviewing the current state of things, and looking towards a proper finance report for you for the year ending 2022 sometime in the spring. I should note the diocesan 2022 report just went in, thank you Dee for all your work on this!

Finally, our OHOS Campaign. This was a great success back in 2020, and though the transitions in leadership here at SC have slowed things down I am absolutely committed to seeing through our *Gathering Space* project, and utilizing the funds donated to this end. In fact, since the summer months I have been meeting with Architects and Construction firms, and doing some preliminary work to kick start the project and building phase of the campaign. We have engaged Lintack Architects to finalize the detailed plans for the *Gathering Space* project, and to develop a broad strokes 'Strategic Plan' to address other areas of need we hope to tackle in the years ahead. We want to make sure when we get to work, and we will soon, we have a plan for not only the *Gathering Space* (hall), but also addressing the eventual mechanical work (HVAC) in the church, needs of our office, meeting room spaces, and most of all that ACCESSABILITY across the board is addressed. Let's make sure there are no barriers to the amazing life we have as a Parish! So, yes, OHOS is alive and well, and I look forward to sharing the *Gathering Space* details, and how we might integrate a Strategic Plan in the weeks, maybe months ahead, lots to do! Thanks for your support!

Ok, no more space here, so I'll just say, **stay tuned**.... So much to share, Lent is too short to write it all, maybe we should make lent a few weeks longer? Maybe not *Fr. Markus*

Holy Hour of Prayer

Next Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, our Diocese observes a Holy Hour of prayer for the victims of sexual abuse and their families. It was decreed by our Bishop in the year 2019 that all parishes in our Diocese be invited to pray as a community for healing in the lives of those who have suffered from the scourge of abuse. Here at St. Clement Parish the Holy Hour will begin at **10:00AM – 10:30AM with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** Please join us in prayer.

Special Collection

In response to the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, many of the faithful in the Diocese of Hamilton are anxious to assist their suffering brothers and sisters. Upon the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, has authorized a special collection in our parishes in support of the victims of these recent earthquakes. In addition to individual contributions which our parishioners can make

directly to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), Caritas International, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), parishioners may make contributions through their parishes during the coming weeks.

Envelopes for this purpose are included with the parish bulletins this weekend. Collections may then be received by the parish during the following two weeks. It is important the cheques are made payable to St. Clement's Parish. Funds received will be sent to the Chancery office. Thank you for your generosity!

This Lent - Let's Stand For The Land

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Stand For the Land Campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their land and territory. Do this by donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 26, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 86 projects in 40 countries around the world!

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