

# ST. CLEMENT PARISH

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LORD'S DAY MASSES:

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT:

Tuesday – 12:15 PM Wednesday – 5:30 PM Thursday – 8:00 AM Friday – 8:00 AM

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday – 15 mins before each Weekday Mass Other Times – By 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.

Father Bradley Markus - Pastor email: bmarkus@hamiltondiocese.com

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Mrs. Franki Baumtrog - Parish Secretary

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Mr. Andrew Blaszczuk - Custodian

#### 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
	Michael School	
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





Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, March 6	No public Mass	Roger & Rosemary Fischer	Family
Tuesday, March 7 St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs (Optional Memorial)	12:00 PM 12:15 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria Moura & Deceased Family Members Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family Maria D'Souza Intentions of Monika Malawa	Antonio Moura & Family Ilda Borges D'Souza Family Andrea Szrejber
Wednesday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious (Optional Memorial)	5:15PM 5:30PM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Repose of Souls in Purgatory Rosalinda De Ramos Stations of the Cross 'THE SEARCH'	Betty De Ramos & Capistrano Fam.
Thursday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious (Optional Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Lorraine Garnier Vincent D'Souza THE SEARCH'	Michael & Family D'Souza Family
Friday, March 10	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased Family of Jose & Maria Morais Peter O'Grady Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction	Jose & Maria Morais Marian & Dave Davidson
Saturday, March 11	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Diane Rodgers Nancy & Charlie Ratford Kay & Bill Conway Bobby, Dave & Pat Devine Greg Stoyles Douglas Domonchuk Deceased of the Rodriguez & Avelar Families Jean Ann Hems Jim Renner	Kathy & Fred Ratford & Fam. Kathy & Fred Ratford & Fam. Kathy & Fred Ratford & Fam. Kathy & Fred Ratford & Fam. Cynthia Joan & Family Louie & Jenny; Marlene Hems Family Henry & Julie
Sunday, March 12 3rd Sunday of Lent	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation For the people of St. Clement Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation For the people of St. Clement Parish	

# Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 6 - March 11, 2023

Monday Rev. Michael Downey
Tuesday Rev. Pawel Jamroz
Wednesday Disabled Persons
Thursday Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Friday Rev. Pablito Labado
Saturday Rev. Duy Van Nguyen



#### **CWL News**

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. As per our last

meeting the new Membership Team as follows -

Spiritual Director: Fr. Markus; President: Melissa Kuchma; Vice President: Vacant; Secretary: Angela Castiglione; Treasurer: Judy Isley; Membership Coordinator: Bernice Drury; Social Justice: Anna Thompson.

#### **Holy Hour of Prayer**

This Sunday (March 5), 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.

# **During Lent at St. Clement's Parish**

- Masses During Lent will be celebrated as follows: Tuesday 12:15 p.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Thursday – 8:00 a.m.; Friday – 8:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross Wednesdays 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 continue throughout the Lenten season

#### 'The Search' This Week!

"Why a God?" Session 3 Reflection: Some people attempt to use science to discredit those who believe in God. They try to create a division between faith and science as if the two are against each other. It may be surprising to hear that some of the leading scientists throughout history were not only people of faith, however, priests. Theology has traditionally been considered a sacred science; it seeks the truth, just as science seeks verifiable facts. Ultimately, theology aims to answer questions that science cannot like: "Why is there something rather than nothing? Why is that something ordered and not chaotic? What caused that order? What is my place in the order of things?"

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

I hope your Lent is going well! It has been another busy week!

First though, I want to thank you for your thoughts and well wishes the past week or so, I am feeling much better! Though looking back at this past year, I'm realizing I am certainly catching up for lost time and sickness, not having been sick all through 2020 and 21. Believe it or not I have been sick 4 times with a cold since April last year, the first of which was the dreaded Covid (during Holy Week!), and then there was the October Shingles bout... Not to worry, my doctor has given the green light, just part of the human package, though perhaps some 'stress' and the new environment are catching up with me. I am keeping on though, and look forward to a healthy Easter ahead, for me, and for you all, I know I am not alone!

Ok, now for what is happening in the Parish. 'The Search' and our Wednesday evening and Thursday morning gatherings are going well. Great soup, fellowship, and lots to reflect upon. This past week was 'Who Are We', next week, 'Who is God'! Join Us!

In the pews you may have noticed there are some additional books, maybe even inconveniently occupying the end of the pew where you like to get comfortable! On the outside end of the pew we have placed the green CBW 3's. These have been donated by neighboring parishes, 10 here, 5 or 10 there, thanks to all who gave, especially the Sisters of St. Joseph who donated at least 30 of the 60 we received. The reason for adding these is that it came to my attention some folks have trouble seeing the screen at the front (the Pastor included). Our musicians, singing mostly from the CBW 3 these days, will announce the hymn number to help all to participate; use the new books as fits for you. You will also have noticed on the inside end of the pews the new 'Welcome' booklets. Within these you will find some great Catholic facts, prayers, and 'did you know' info. If you flip it over it becomes a guide for the responses and parts of the Mass. It is our hope that these will remain in the pews, for your use, but especially to *Welcome* those who perhaps are new in our community. If one disappears, it's usually a good sign as someone new has come, word is spreading! If you want to take one to give to a family or friend, please do, but perhaps if you're able, give an extra toonie in the collection so we can buy another and 'pay it forward'.

Lastly, just two Lenten liturgical notes. First to mention that we will be using the 2nd form of the Penitential Act ('Have Mercy on Us, O Lord....') throughout Lent, maybe a good reason to open up the Mass booklet and follow along! And second, I will be alternating between the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation 1 and 2 through the Sundays and weekdays of Lent. Oh, and you may have noticed we have switched back to the Apostles Creed. The Church recommends we use that Creed for Lent and Easter, as it is the baptismal creed and helps us to prepare to review our baptismal promises at Easter. Don't forget the 'bow' by the way, another little nuance of our great Catholic liturgical life. We will switch back to the Nicene Creed come Ordinary Time.

Alright, so much to share, thank for your prayers for me, and be assured of my own for you. Happy Lent! -FBTM

# The Courage to Create Hope **Development and Peace**

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "...you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion."

These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you to this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.ora/lent

### Mass in Honour of St. Joseph

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Monday March 20th, Mass at 7pm! For this beautiful feast day, we will be offering a special traditional chant Mass with our new St. Clement's Schola. Join us, as we honour the foster father of Our Lord, the hidden Saint of Nazareth, 'it ad Joseph'- go to Joseph, your prayers will be answered. Thanks to all who will make this Mass possible, our new Schola and Michael Taylor, and our guest priest, Fr Raphael Ma. 7pm, Monday March 20th, join us!

# **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 and suffering brothers sisters. Upon 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 Welfare Association (CNEWA), International, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), parishioners may make contributions through their parishes during the coming weeks. Envelopes for this purpose were included with the parish bulletins last weekend. In case you have misplaced the envelope, they are available in the church. 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!

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