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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

Deacon John Fioretti
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Mrs. Franki Baumtrog - Parish Secretary

Mrs. Dee Donahue - Bookkeeper

Mrs. Marilyn Franks, ARCT, RMT - Music Director
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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
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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 12, 202

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, March 13	No public Mass	Roger & Rosemary Fischer	Family
Tuesday, March 14	12:00 PM 12:15 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family Dorothy & Paul Thompson	Ilda Borges The Bell Family
Wednesday, March 15	5:15PM 5:30PM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Donald Ciuciura Stations of the Cross <i>'THE SEARCH'</i>	Knights of Columbus-4916
Thursday, March 16 St. Frances of Rome, Religious (Optional Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation John D'Souza Effie & Sebastian DaCosta Garry Carter <i>'THE SEARCH'</i>	D'Souza Family D'Souza Family Brenda & Family
Friday, March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop (Optional Memorial)	7:45 AM 8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mike Shea & Deceased Family Members Intentions of Gord Steele Sylvia Henderson Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction	Family Sharon King Bob MacDonald
Saturday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor (Optional Memorial)	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Fran Gillies Intentions of Zina Noronha Marie Zettler Mary Ann Kuehl Bryan King Audrey Babcock Leonor Viveiros Margaret Fleming	Carol Rooke Teresa Verner Brenda, Steve & Family Sharon & Family Sharon King Daughter Helen Leite Cathy Thomson & Family
Sunday, March 19 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	

Beyond the Pew

Social Justice Speaker Series, Winter 2023
Our third session will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Our speakers include Eva Vlasov, ED of Argus Residence for Young People and Lisa Legault of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The past two sessions have been informative and inspirational with a lively Q&A. Come join us. Bring your friends and family. More information is on the Bulletin Boards and the Parish Website, under Social Justice. A free will offering will be available if you so desire. To register contact the Parish Office at 519-653-6123 or via email at stclements@rogers.com

Mass in Honour of St. Joseph

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Monday March 20th, Mass at 5:30pm! 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. **5:30pm, Monday March 20th**, join us!

Colombia: Defence of Land and Territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 13 – March 18, 2023

Monday	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tuesday	Rev. David Wilhelm
Wednesday	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Friday	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Saturday	Rev. George Stortz

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.
 - **The Search** – Continues each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. as well as Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass
 - **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
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'The Search' This Week!

"What's Our Story?" Session 4 Reflection: We all love a good story---from the characters, the twists and turns of a captivating plot, and the dynamics of a conflict, to the resolution at the end. Perhaps we love stories because they give us insight into ourselves, revealing to us a deeper sense of meaning in our lives. The Bible is the story of God's love for you and me. It begins with him creating us out of love, redeeming us by that love, and finally transforming us in his love. This divine author is love—an eternal exchange of love within the life of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What a story!

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

Page 182 to 185 of the weekday, *Living with Christ* Missalette has a great article entitled *Holy Labours: Cleaning*. In this article, its author Simone Brosig compare a 'life changing' method for decluttering and managing our possessions called the KonMari Method (which focuses not on what to get rid of but "what to keep"), with the Lenten season and the instructions given in the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM- the how-to instructions for communal worship and our liturgical space). The reality and simplicity of Lent is beautifully echoed in both. We are called to look at what we have, and indeed to focus on what is essential, what brings us the deepest sense of joy, and I might add, peace. This process involves the need to clear space in our lives to see beyond, to respond to the Lenten invitation to "Repent, and believe in the Good News", which quite literally means in Greek to have a 'mind' which is able to see 'beyond', *meta-noia*. Have a read of the article!

My reason for referencing this article is to touch upon the character of the liturgical space as you may have experienced it here at St. Clement's as we've entered into Lent. You may have noticed a very simple Altar cloth now adorns the Altar, no flowers or other greenery adorns the sanctuary, the Ambo itself has been moved slightly inward to bring it a greater prominence, the baptismal font no longer has the Paschal candle standing beside it... simple and yet somehow noticeable simplification. You might even have noticed that our music has taken on a different, simpler character, with the use of the simple chant for the Mass parts and the lessening of preludes and postludes as bookends to our liturgies.

This process of simplification is an important part of the Lenten season, in accordance with the GIRM, and helps us to focus in on what the church asks us to consider, the journey, temptations and simplicity of the Lord in the desert, and that of the Israelites, the self-gift that we see in Christ's journey and death on the Cross, in which he gave everything, his very life to draw us into that new life He has made possible. This Lenten journey and the character of our liturgical space may even lead us to consider the need we have in our own lives to do the same. As the article says, to honour and celebrate what is essential, and to let go of what no longer is as necessary, not as something bad, but as something that helped us to get where we are. We do this so that in an ever greater way we can give of our whole lives like Christ and more fully embrace the gift of new life from God's redeeming gift of His Son.

Yes, things will return, flowers and greenery, Altar cloths with lace and decoration, music and the organ blaring in praise (!), many things will return at Easter and throughout the year. But I hope you will join me in celebrating the noble simplicity and beauty of the church, indeed, we are so blessed here at SC in that way. To allow our hearts to open to a new place of living, that our minds, hearts, souls, might see beyond, and that we might in an ever greater way appreciate the journey we have been on, the journey that will always lead to the glory, beauty and fullness that is Easter.

I pray you are all having an amazing Lenten journey. Much more happening, do stay tuned!

Domestic Church Information Session

Domestic Church is a long-term formation for Sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and with other couples. Learn more by attending the information session or contacting us. **When:** Sunday March 26th, 2023. **Where:** Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener. Information session at 1:00 PM in parish hall after 11:45 AM Mass. **For:** Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about Domestic Church. Children are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Contact: Marta & Jacek Nawrot, call: 519 896-8979 or e-mail: domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com

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. Envelopes for this purpose have been provided. 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!

The Courage to Create Hope

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 do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent

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