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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  
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**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](http://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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)



SCAN ME

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 19, 2023

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, March 20 <b>St. Joseph</b> , Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patron of Canada & the Universal Church (Solemnity)	5:30 PM	<b>Mass in Honour of St. Joseph</b>  <i>Welcome Fr. Raphael Ma</i>	
Tuesday, March 21	12:00 PM 12:15 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Intentions of a Parishioner Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family	Ilda Borges
Wednesday, March 22	5:15PM 5:30PM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Repose of Souls in Purgatory <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <i>'THE SEARCH'</i>	Knights of Columbus-4916
Thursday, March 23 <b>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</b> (Optional Memorial)	No Public Mass		
Friday, March 24	No Public Mass		
Saturday, March 25 <b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> (Solemnity)	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Joe & Peg McGrath Sergio Alberto Teixeira Erv Kuehl Marion Nugent Sylvia Henderson Jenny & Steve Klimt Margaret Fleming	McGrath Family Laurence McKenna Brenda, Steve & Family Knights of Columbus (4916) Kathy Fitzgerald Agnes Cathy Thomson & Family
Sunday, March 26 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> For the people of St. Clement Parish <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> For the people of St. Clement Parish	

### 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. Join us at **5:30pm, on Monday March 20th!**

### 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](mailto:stclements@rogers.com)

Please note there will be no 8:00 a.m. public Mass celebrated this coming Thursday (March 23) & Friday (March 24).

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	St. Joseph
Tuesday	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wednesday	Franciscan Fathers (OFM)
Thursday	Rev. Peter Golinski
Friday	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Saturday	The Annunciation of the Lord

### Share Lent Collection - Sunday March 26

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](http://devp.org/lent).

### **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!**

"Who is Jesus?" Session 5 Reflection: It is without question that no person has changed the world like Jesus of Nazareth. Time is measured by His birth, churches were built to worship Him in every corner of the world, cities were named after His followers, and His life has captured countless works of art and literature. Is He a legend, a liar, a lunatic? Or is He who He claimed to be-God in the flesh? Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mathew 16:15). He asks the same question of 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**

Day in-day out, week in-week out, so much is happening in our community. So many of you serving our brothers and sisters, whether it be by donating or visiting through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, bringing communion to the homebound, or perhaps even just bringing an unmerited kindly word or gesture to someone we meet through the week. It is always the mark of a Christian community what we do with the times 'in between' our coming together. Indeed, we know it is the commission we are given at every Mass, 'Go, glorify the Lord by your life', "Thanks be to God!" It is also the 'reality of life' that we bring back to the Eucharist. Indeed, the central moment of the Mass is the invitation that we are invited into "Pray that my sacrifice and *yours* may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty". We are meant at this moment to call to mind the sacrifices of our lives, what we have done and now offer up from our lives, we unite it at that moment to the sacrifice of Christ made present by the priest. Indeed, I often say that this is the moment that can counter the oft-said phrase 'I don't come to Mass because I don't get anything out of it.' Indeed, we cannot get anything 'out of it' if we do not put anything into it. These sacrifices, the ins and outs of our individual lives are critical for our communal worship. A great reflection for this Lenten time when we are called to 'pray, fast, and give alms', not ends in themselves, but tools by which we unite our whole lives to Jesus and His sacrifice of the Cross.

So...it begs the question, what is the Pastor up to, what is he offering up/living with/doing each week to serve God with you? Well, as I have said each week is certainly full. Besides the usual weekday schedule my time in the early months here at St. Clement's has had a few touchpoints for outreach and self-gift that I want to share with you. The first is the initiation of our First Friday/Saturday communion calls to the homebound. Though some are visited by Extraordinary Ministers, there are many homebound who have not seen a priest/received communion for 3 years (Covid!). Deacon John and I split the list of 30 or so homebound, visiting them each month for a quick chat/prayer/communion service. I have also started communion services to our local nursing and retirement homes, visiting Cambridge Country Manor, Golden Years, and Fairview Mennonite Home (most) months on the 3rd Wednesday, barring outbreaks and funerals. I am also 'on-call' at Cambridge Memorial Hospital each Tuesday from 8am through to 8am the next day. Just this past week I was in the ICU with 3 patients, keep them in your prayers! I also regularly visit Lisaard and Innisfree, our local hospices, often accompanying individuals and families whose loved ones are in their last moments of life. Despite the difficult times that these are, for patients and families, this has to be one of the most important things I do each week, and indeed it is one of the greatest blessings I have in priestly ministry. I suppose the other matters of the week are more hidden. I have been meeting with many couples recently to prepare them for marriage, meeting with each couple 5 or 6 times to prepare for the Sacrament. Franki can also share that there is no end to the messages and responses that are necessary for persons going through difficult times, or questions that need answering, which come through our office. We have been working hard to discuss the different concerns/needs that come through the office, as a team, Franki, Dee and I, hoping to steadily respond and meet each opportunity before us.

I hope and pray as I share about my own work, you like me, can see that indeed each week is one of prayer and work, 'ora et labora' as St. Benedict would say. We offer up and unite our lives to Christ's great work of salvation...Don't worry, there's also time for a Leafs game every few evenings, a chat with a friend, or perhaps a few moments on Netflix or scrolling never ending channels on cable! Thanks for your prayers for me and be assured of my own for you all during this Lenten time, be in touch!

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



**Special Collection**

Thank you to all who have made their donation 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. If you have not yet submitted your donation we will still accept it. Please make the cheques payable to St. Clement's Parish. Funds received will be sent to the Chancery office. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

**ReSTART: Moving Forward**

Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - (hamiltondiocese.com).

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