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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)



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## PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2, 2023

Date	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Requested by
Monday, April 3	<b>No Public Mass</b>	Repose of Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, April 4	<b>11:45 AM 12:15 PM</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family Justine & Anushka Massey Luis Bartlett Repose of Souls In Purgatory	Ilda Borges Massey Family Peg Jarvis & Family Betty
Wednesday, April 5	<b>5:00PM 5:30PM</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Stalin Convento Natalie Castro Anastasia Capistrano Maria Moura & Deceased Family Members Sylvia Henderson	DeRamos & Capistrano Family DeRamos & Capistrano Family Capistrano Family Antonio Moura & Family Kathy Fitzgerald
	<b>6:00 PM 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <i>'THE SEARCH' (final session)</i>	
Thursday, April 6 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> <b>'Mass of the Lord's Supper'</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> For the Repose of the Souls of the Deceased Pastors of St. Clement's Parish <b>Adoration in Church until 9:30 PM</b>	
Friday, April 7 <b>'PASSION OF THE LORD'</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>Solemn Good Friday Liturgy</b>	
Saturday, April 8 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>'Easter Vigil'</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>No 5 PM Mass</b> <b>Solemn Easter Vigil</b>	
Sunday, April 9 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>'The Resurrection of the Lord'</b>	<b>9:00 AM 11:00 AM</b>	For the people of St. Clement Parish For the people of St. Clement Parish	

### Message from Cambridge Right to Life

Thank you, women who are mothers. You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life. *Pope Saint John Paul II*

Church via the doors facing the Duke Street parking lot. Our Mission is to make a personal connection to the needy with humility and respect for their dignity as we bear witness to the love of God for all people. We typically deliver grocery vouchers to the homes of those who have reached out to us at St. Clement's Church for help. More information on our Society can be found on our Provincial website at [www.ssvp.on.ca](http://www.ssvp.on.ca).



### CWL News ...

The St. Clement's CWL will be hosting their next meeting on **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Church hall, entering through the Duke Street doors. *If you*

*have been considering becoming a member or are interested in finding out more about the organization, you are welcome to attend. We love seeing new faces!*

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

All parishioners are welcome to attend the next in-person meeting of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** on Thursday, **April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023** in St. Clement's Church parish hall. This meeting will start at 7 p.m. Please enter the

### Needs of the Church in the Holy Land Good Friday Collection

"ON GOOD FRIDAY, THE HOLY SEE asks more fortunate Christians to remember and support their brothers and sisters who feel more greatly the weight of Christ's Cross. May they, by our solidarity, experience something of the blessings Christ in his glory has brought to all of us." In a letter addressed to Bishops across the country, Fr. Bob Mokry, o.f.m., President of the Commissary of the Holy Land, invites Catholics to remember the Holy Land at the special collection on Good Friday, April 7, 2023. Please be generous! "Your contribution assists the Church in the Holy Land to retain possession of and maintain the holy places that have existed since the time of Christ and are so important to Christians throughout the world."

## From the Pastor's Desk

What is it they say, from the sublime to the ridiculous? Well, it is not sublime or ridiculous most of the time, but from week to week a pastor's life can certainly swing from the deeply spiritual to the eminently practical. And such is the week that has been as I have returned from my road trip and visiting with my brother priest in Florida.

First, the deeply spiritual. I may have mentioned to some of you that from 2018 through 2021, I completed a course of studies in Spiritual Direction Ministry with the Institute of Priestly Formation at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. These studies helped to prepare me for the multitude of requests for spiritual direction. I have a number of directees whom I see from month to month or sometimes just occasionally. Through IPF we learned a style of spiritual direction which is known as 'contemplative listening', which is more about allowing the HS to be felt and heard in the course of direction sessions, and less about giving directives or exercises to a directee. I have had a few appointments for direction this past week, always a very blessed opportunity to see and feel the HS's working in the midst of individual lives and our life as a community, especially as we round out Lent and prepare for Holy Week.

Well, from the deeply spiritual to then the eminently practical...

This week I have confirmed the appointment of our Finance Council. Our first meeting was held a few weeks back with a general overview of how finance councils work, a general overview of our finances, and my hopes for how they might help and guide me and our parish in the years to come. After accepting confirmation of their willingness to serve our parish as a member of the council this past week, I will be sending letters to confirm their appointments, a three year term, renewable once, this coming week. Thanks to those who said yes, more details and reports to come following our next meeting.

These past months (and this past week) I have also been meeting with our Architect and others involved in the *Gathering Space* project and the *One Heart One Soul* Campaign. I am excited to share that we should be ready to take next steps through the Easter Season. It will be on the agenda for our next finance council to review the 'Strategic Plan' as it has been developed by the Architect. This plan addresses and commits not only to the *Gathering Space* project, so vital for our life as a community, but also looks at meeting room, office, and rectory spaces so that we might be well prepared for the next 100 years of parish life at SC. After discussions with the finance council at our next meeting, we will also invite some conversations with the OHOS committee, our parishioners (!), the Diocese, and Bishop. There are many steps for a project of this type, but it is very exciting all the same. All of these steps are done in the hopes of building up not only approval at all levels but also excitement that things are coming together. Once we receive the approval, feedback, and guidance at all levels my hope is to be able to say what we are doing, when we are doing it, and concrete next steps to get it done!

Finally, I would ask your prayers for the priests of the diocese as the clergy appointments were released this past Friday. I was elected by my brother priests last fall to sit on the committee which discusses and discerns these moves. It is never an easy thing, for priests or parishes, as we are all well familiar with, but a time nevertheless to give ourselves (all of us) to Christ and the service to His Church with our whole selves. Oh, and FYI, no, my name is not on the list! We have too much good going, and indeed such hope ahead, I want to be part of it all!

Well, pray for me, and do be assured of my own prayers for you. We enter into the most sublime, deeply spiritual and in some ways eminently practical time as a Church this week. Holy Week is a time not only to feel spiritually those realities of our salvation, but also to practically walk with the Lord, into Jerusalem this Palm Sunday, through the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and to sit in the silence, hope and assurance that is Easter glory. What a journey we follow, what a journey ahead! - Fr Markus

### Monthly Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

#### Delayed 1 week due to Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 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.

### Share Lent 2023

#### Thank you for giving from the heart!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Create Hope: Stand for the Land Campaign* with your Share Lent donation. This collection will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

### 'The Search' This Week!

"Why a Church?" Session 7 Reflection: St. Augustine, in reference to Holy Communion, wrote: "But what you can see, and receive what you are." Jesus did not simply leave us a message or instructions to follow. He left us a living, dynamic Church where we could continue to encounter Him and be transformed into His likeness. *Join us for The Search Lenten Weeks, Wednesday at 6:30pm – our final session. Dinner is on us!*

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Paul Patrick, OMI
Tuesday	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
Wednesday	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
Thursday	Holy Thursday
Friday	Good Friday
Saturday	Holy Saturday



### Knights of Columbus

Council 4916 will hold the next meeting on Thursday, April 13/23 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Clement's Parish. Enter via the Westminster Drive door. Hope to see you there!

### Vocations Recognition Dinner

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

### Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic

Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at The 10 Commandments. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

### Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! This program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For information, call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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