

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 8, 2020

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 10th	
7:00 p.m.	+Toni Dortmans (Vervoort/Gregson/Clark Families)
Wednesday, March 11th	
10:30 a.m. Well. Terrace	To the Honour of St. Anthony (Ana Lorkovic)
Thursday, March 12th	
6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration A.I.D.
Friday, March 13th	
9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+Mel Ruller (Dorothy Ruller & Family) Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14th	
5:00 p.m.	+Edmund Mulligan (Mulligan Family)
Sunday March 15th, <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish +Al Gordon (Koechl Family)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	

YOUR OFFERINGS:

St. Mary's, February 29th & March 1st:

54 Weekly Offerings	\$	1,370.00
Loose		127.90
3 Building Maintenance		<u>35.00</u>
Total:	\$	1,532.90

St. Martin's, March 1st:

12 Weekly Offerings	\$	380.00
5 Building Maintenance		<u>185.00</u>
	\$	565.00

ST. MARY'S CWL 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR-LONG DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE WELLINGTON FOOD BANK:

March Item: **Tea and Instant Coffee**

Please leave any donations in the bin in the vestibule. Your generosity is so appreciated.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The season of Lent is a special time when the Church invites us to take some time off our very daily busy schedule to take stock and re-examine our relationship with God and with one another. It's a wonderful season when we as God's children embark on forty days' spiritual journey of self-renewal through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A special time when through our Lenten discipline and commitments we are revived from destructive choices and self-gratification to a stronger and more committed Christian living of the gospel message. As we therefore continue to make progress in our Lenten journey, it's my prayer that God's grace will be upon us as we strive to live out the truths of the gospel message during the season of Lent and beyond.

I wish to also thank our volunteers especially our parish Liturgical ministers for accepting to render service in our parish in various ways and pray the good God to continue to strengthen you as you render service to Him and to God's people. The diocese has also organised a one-day Lenten retreat for all parish ministers and Pastors have been encouraged to extend this invitation to all parish ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Hospitality in the parishes. I encourage our parish ministers to attend the Lenten retreat, which will be quite enriching both for us and for our ministries. Please see the bulletin for more details regarding the venue, time and how to register.

New Liturgical Ministers:

May I also invite parishioners who wish to join the ministries of the word, hospitality or altar server (both young and adult servers) to please let Father Gordian know or contact the parish office regarding how to proceed with becoming a minister in any of these Liturgical ministries.

Wishing everyone a very blessed week ahead and a fruitful and rewarding Lenten season, Amen!

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LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD, COMMUNION AND HOSPITALITY:

Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day of reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, March 14th at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington and on **Saturday, March 14th at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener.** Please check the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events for more information. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php>

CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS:

The Canadian Bible Society's annual dinner gathering will be held at the Alma Bible Church on Saturday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m. A delicious roast beef dinner will be followed by praise, Christian fellowship and music by the Journeymen Quartet. All funds raised will go towards the Society's translation work. Dr. Jeff Green, CBS Senior Manager of Scripture Translation, will be the guest speaker. His talk is titled, "Helping People Hear God Speak." Jeff has extensive experience in linguistics and bible translation in Canada and East Asia. Advance ticket sales only are available from Pamela McDaniel.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE:

If you are looking for a Confirmation gift or card or to purchase other religious articles, Anne Crawford will be at the back of the church selling religious articles and gifts, Saturday March 14th and Saturday and Sunday March 21st and 22nd.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S CAMP BREBEUF:

Camp Brebeuf is preparing for another exciting summer of offering Catholic camp experiences to young people. In 2020, they will be offering seven weeks of residential camp and eight weeks of day camp. The Brebeuf Leadership Program is open to

youth entering Grade 9-11 who are looking to develop or build on existing leadership skills. Four successive levels of leadership training are offered. If you are interested in learning more about any of their programs, call 519-856-4671 visit www.campbrebeuf.ca, or by mail at C.Y.O Camp Brebeuf, 8434 Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:

Lent is an important time in the Church and a great time for parents to talk to their children about it. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, a six-week period where we set aside time to reflect on Jesus' suffering and dying, which ultimately led to His Resurrection and eternal life for all who believe and live the faith. Lent is a time for fasting, prayer and reflecting on how much God loves us. Talk to your kids about Jesus and how he tried to change the world; work together as a family to better yourselves as His followers; consider giving something up for Lent and talk about how that small suffering can help relate to how Jesus suffered for everyone. Easter is a time of great celebration, use Lent to help your children understand why! (Family Ministry Office)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Every Friday in Lent	Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary Immaculate
Mar 9	Scripture Study Meeting – 9:30 in the rectory meeting room. All welcome.
Mar 10	C.W.L. Meeting – St. Mary's meeting room following 7:00 p.m. Mass.
Mar 24	K of C Meeting – St. Joseph's Fergus – after 7:00 p.m. Mass
Mar 25	John Miller and Friends Lenten Music concert after Stations of the Cross – St. Joseph's Fergus – 7:00 p.m.
Mar 28	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's Fergus
Mar 28	Sacrament of Confirmation for St. Mary's and St. Joseph's students - 2:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's Church Fergus with Bishop Douglas Crosby