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Mass Schedule 2nd Week of Lent

March 12th to March 18th

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Linda Hart (Gord & Nancy Tucker)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	+Neil McDaniel (Pamela & Jim McDaniel & Family)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	A.I.D.
<u>Thursday</u> <i>St. Patrick (OM)</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration +Nicole Sauriol (Louise & Mike Bilodeau)
<u>Friday</u> <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem (OM)</i>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+Tomaso Lucchesi (Pellegrini Family) Stations of the Cross

“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.” - St. Faustina

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CROSBY –

Full of the Holy Spirit

During the forty days of Lent, we recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. Scripture tells us that when he went into the desert he was “full of the Holy Spirit.” He had been baptized in the Jordan River by John and when he came out of the water the heavens opened and the Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. The voice of God was heard “This is my Son, the beloved. In him I am well pleased!” The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son. “Full of the Holy Spirit”, he went into the desert, ready for whatever awaited him there. For forty days he was tempted by the devil. Fundamentally, the tempter tried to convince him that as the Son of God, he had great power and did not need the Father; he could “go it alone”! He resisted the temptations – his relationship with the Father remained intact and strong. He was ready to begin his public ministry.

We are going to die – let us choose how we are going to live

Like Jesus, we too are loved by the Father! The same Spirit that filled Jesus enlivens us during the forty-day Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Throughout Lent we consider what it means for us to “choose life” – aware always that we are going to die. (“Remember, you are dust, and you will return to dust!”)

Prayer and Fasting

All of the parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton offer many opportunities for prayer throughout Lent: Sunday and Weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and devotions, both public and private. For many, it is a Lenten practice to “give up” something for the 40-days of Lent – or, alternatively, to “take on” something extra. Consider giving up some time on social media and giving more time for family interaction or prayer. Spiritual reading is always a good way to strengthen one’s faith.

Almsgiving

Since 1967, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has set aside the fifth Sunday of Lent as Solidarity Sunday. A special collection is taken up in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace (CCODP). The Share Lent campaign is an important supporter of impoverished and oppressed partners in the Global South. Our almsgiving assures that they too “will live”! Please be generous in your support. Donations can be made in the Sunday collection basket in your parish, online at www.devop.org/sharelent, or by calling 1-888-234-8533. May I suggest that an offering of \$1.00 per day X 40 days = \$40.00 is a generous donation? Those of greater means might choose to be more generous. God’s love for us is always abundantly generous! Dear friends, may Mary, Mother of the Church accompany us during these holy days. And may we reach out to those who suffer, most especially these days, the people of Ukraine!

+Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Peter, John, and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, , (905-528-7988). vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

OFFERINGS

March 5th & 6th	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,126.00	\$ 225.00
Weekly Loose	70.00	
Building Maintenance	505.00	60.00
1 New Year's Day	15.00	
1 Initial Offering	5.00	
1 Seminary Collection	<u>25.00</u>	<u> </u>
Total:	\$ 1,746.00	\$ 285.00

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP LOBSINGER

Thurs, March 24, 7 pm, Basilica of Our Lady. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Prayer vigil takes place daily March 2-April 10 in downtown Guelph. All are encouraged to sign up to pray. See 40daysforlife.com/guelph for more details or call 519-836-6311.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace by calling 1-888-664-3387 or at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/

CREATING YOUR CATHOLICHOM (HOUSEHOLD ON MISSION)

What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? **Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m.** Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> or contact Teresa Harnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mar 18	Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. (and every Friday in Lent)
April 15	Good Friday K of C Fish Fry, St. Joseph's Fergus
April 24	Confirmation