

2nd Sunday of Lent – Mar 13, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Mar 15 - 7:00 p.m. Alma Raftis Req'd by The Family
Wed. Mar 16 - 9:00 a.m. Hennis & Doug Toushan Req'd by Ellie Webers
Thur. Mar 17 - 9:00 a.m. Georgina Mulhall Req'd by Pastoral Care
Fri. Mar 18 - 9:00 a.m. Bert O'Donnel Req'd by Evelyn Collins
Fri. Mar 18 - 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar 19 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Mar 20 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Mar 19 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Mar 20 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7 and Tue's 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Fri's 5:00 p.m.- 7:00p.m. of Lent

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Mar 19 - 5:30 p.m.- Souls in Purgatory Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Mar 20 - 11:00 a.m. – Loretta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis

On behalf of Mr. Francis Doyle, Vice-Chancellor (Temporal Affairs), please be advised that Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387.

A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 15:5-12,17-18*

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14*

A prayer to God who is our salvation

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28b-36*

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John.

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God

speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

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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 (CCCBC) 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.devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque, 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
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton



What happens when we fast and pray?

I What is Fasting and Prayer?

- Fasting means "putting God first".
- Fasting means "persistence in prayer".
- Fasting is the deliberate clearing of the way for prayer (laying aside all hindrances).
- Fasting is a proper expression of mourning.

II Things we get by Fasting and Prayer.

- Fasting & prayer brings us help in times of trouble. Psalm 50:15
- Fasting & prayer shows us what is wrong, what displeases God. Joshua 7:6-11
- Fasting and prayer shows we are genuinely repentant. Jonah 3:5
- Fasting & prayer often leads to victory over sin.
- Heavenly wisdom is received through fasting and prayer. Acts 13:2
- Intercession for others is answered when we fast and pray.
- Holy Spirit power comes in answer to fasting and prayer. Acts 1:14, 9:9-11
- Victory over Satan and demons comes through fasting and prayer. Mark 9:28-29
- Answers from God come through fasting and prayer. Ezra 8:21-23

III Revival brought by Fasting and Prayer.

*-Fasting and prayer brought revival to Nineveh.

Jonah 3:4-10

*-Fasting and prayer brought preservation and revival to Esther's nation. Esther 4:13-17

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for *Evenings with His Excellency*, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

Fr. Joe's Silver Jubilee Invitation

Dear Parishioners of Mount Forest/Ayton/Harriston
Please join me celebrate

The 25th anniversary of my Priestly Ordination

On Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm Holy Mass

At St. Patrick's Catholic Church,

53 Wellington Street, Cambridge, ON. N1R 3Y6

And afterwards the reception

At Paragon Banquet & Catering

15 International Village Dr. Cambridge, ON. N1R 7M5

***You have all touched my heart and are dear to me.
I hope you will join me for this joyous event***

Please Reply by: April 31, 2022 to Ms. Adell Mueller
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