

3rd Sunday of Lent – Mar 20, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Mar 22 - 7:00 p.m. Ray Collins Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Wed. Mar 23 - 9:00 a.m. Special intention Req'd by Kevin & Joyce Dinnen

Thur. Mar 24 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Bob & Mary McIntee

Fri. Mar 25 - 9:00 a.m. Bert Thanksgiving for blessing received Req'd by Dan & Dorris Tone

Fri. Mar 25 - 7:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

Sat. Mar 26 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Mar 27 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Mar 26 - 4:00 p.m. Susan Thurston

Sun. Mar 27 - 9:00 a.m. J. vonWesterholt

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 26 - 5:30 p.m.- Emilia Bairos Req'd by Gabriele & Luis Pereira

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Mar 27 - 11:00 a.m. – Jim & Loretta Murray Req'd by Mary & Dot

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!

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
1-519-323-6012 OR email: adellsbeautysalon@gmail.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15*

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 103:1-4,6-7,8,11*

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12*

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and

hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy at this time to announce that St. Mary of the Purification Parish has a one-year subscription to FORMED, a catholic streaming service. With its subscription all parishioners can access the service from their home computer or any other electronic device that can connect with the internet. Further more, because the Parish is providing this opportunity there is no cost to you, the parishioner.

To start using FORMED simply follow these instructions:

1. In your internet browser type in <https://formed.org/>
2. Click the SIGN UP button
3. Then click the SIGN UP AS A PARISHIONER button
4. Under the heading FIND YOUR PARISH or ORGANISATION type in "St. Mary of the Purification". In the box below our parish name as well as the address should appear. Click on the name and press next.
5. You will be asked to enter your name and an email address. Once this is done press the SIGN UP button and you should have full access to the service.

I am hoping to use this for future parish events as well as school visits (especially with the children preparing for Sacraments). Please make full use of this while we have it.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael Anderson P.P.

The Year of the Family- Speaker series

A free monthly virtual event from the Diocese of Hamilton – 1st session : March 22, 2022 at 7- 8:30 pm.

"3 Keys to Creating Your Home on a Mission",

Presenters: Greg & Lisa Popcak.

What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? It is! 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. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. God loves your family and has an amazing plan for your lives together. Discover how to celebrate that plan as you **build your CatholicHOM!** To learn more & register for a session, visit: amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com or contact the family ministry office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

CWL- Catholic Women's League

1 - CWL meeting, on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 1 pm in the England Room.

re: instructed vote for CWL National Council.

2 - There is a Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9am to 12 pm for the North Regional CWL. If you wish to attend via Zoom please call me, Colleen Dalla Costa, at 519-323-91112 or email me at "coldaco@hotmail.com" and I will forward the link to you.

3 - Dues for the CWL are still \$25.00 and must be submitted ASAP to my attention, Colleen Dalla Costa, president of the CWL. Any questions please call me.

If you have not paid for 2021 as yet that can still be submitted as well or if not a year will just show up as unpaid and deducted from your total years.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

1/ **GIVE UP SIN.** Show your love for God by keeping his commandments, especially by loving others as he has loved us. Turn away from sins, laziness in prayer, and unwillingness to do better.

2/ **FAST** – cut down on the amount and richness of food and drink. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money saved on food to others in alms.

3/ **PRAY** – Be in constant prayer. Pray in the morning, evening and mealtimes. Pray alone and share in the liturgy. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

4/ **DO GOOD WORKS** – help those in need, pray for other people and be ready to serve them in their time of need; help Jesus by helping others.

5/ **GIVE ALMS** – Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have.

6/ **ABSTAIN** – Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

7/ **DO MEDITATIVE READING** – Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day opens our hearts to the Spirit, and let's God's thoughts and ways influence ours.

8/ **CONTROL DESIRE FOR POSSESSIONS** – Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself—your time and your talents—with others.

9/ **CONTROL DESIRE FOR ENTERTAINMENT**

Too much entertainment – TV, movies, radio, spectator sports and other distractions—can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10/ **CARRY OUT DUTIES IN LIFE** – Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. Be a good mother, father, teacher, worker, student, religious, minister, priest. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!