



**COMMENT ON READINGS**

The word of God this Sunday wants us to draw attention to several issues. Genesis and The First Letter of St. Peter the Apostle remind us of God's love for each of us. That God wants to cleanse us of our sins so that we may shine anew with His beauty. Therefore, he gave us his Son, who also experienced the hardship of human fate, temptation in the wilderness, and gave us God's invitation to live with Him in eternity.

**PASTORAL MESSAGES**

1. We are experiencing the first Sunday of Lent, a time of conversion, repentance, change of mind and life. Since the first centuries of the Church, this time has been used especially to prepare candidates for baptism and to renew the effects of this sacrament. Let us do everything possible to make this time not just another Lent for us, but to lead us to deepen our spiritual relationship with God who meets us in order to find us.

2. On all Fridays of Lent, we will reflect on the torment of the Lord Jesus on the Way of the Cross at 19:00 in Polish, and on Thursdays at 19:00 in English.

3. We wish all those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week an abundance of God's graces and the care of the Blessed Mother for every day.

Have a nice and blessed Sunday.

**LITURGICAL SERVERS**

**Saturday 02-27 7:00 p.m. - altar servers:**

- lector: D.Seitz
- E. O. M: T.Barozzi
- ushers: : L.Tonin, P.McGinnis, S.Phan, T.Pellizzari

**Sunday 02-28 10:00 a.m. - altar servers:**

- lector: C.Maiocco
- E. O. M.: A.M. Maiocco
- ushers:

**Sunday 02-028 12:00 p.m. - ministranci:**

- lektorzy: M.Rzeznik
- kolektorzy: H.Mieczkowski, K.Rogowski

**Sunday 02-28 7:00 p.m. - altar servers:**

- lector: L.Reyhipolito
- E. O. M: A.Marchione-Faragher

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)



**Sunday 02-21**

- 10:00a.m. +Angelo Bolzon
- 12:00 p.m. ++Henryka & Stanislaw Michalscy
- 7:00 p.m.. +Albert Townsend

**Monday 02-22**

- 8:15a.m. ++Franciszek & Mariusz Jaworski
- 8:15a.m. Bartlomiej Rudnicki, God's blessings

**Tuesday 02-23**

- 7:00p.m. +Wlodzimierz Czmiel
- 7:00p.m. Unborn Children

**Wednesday 02-24**

- 8:15a.m. 1.) ++Vincienzo & Annunziata Pezzano
- 2.) Mary, Raymond, Joseph Mott, God's blessings

**Thursday 02-25**

- 7:00p.m. 1.) +Brian McCulloch
- 2.) For Parishioners

**Friday 02-26**

- 8:15a.m. Luke Nyenhuis, Mechthild Thuemen
- 7:00p.m. +Eugenia Kamyk

**Saturday 02-27**

- 8:15a.m. +Walenty Wiech
- 7:00p.m. +Mariusz Gadzinski

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday 02-28**

- 10:00a.m. +Anthony Cauz
- 12:00 p.m. Za Ojczyzne Zolnierzy Niezlomnych
- 7:00 p.m.. +++Nikola & Josipa & Nikola Junior Milkovic

**IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS**

- Monday 02-22** - Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
- Tuesday 02-23** - Rev. Brendan McGrath
- Wednesday 02-24** - Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.J.C.)
- Thursday 02-25** - Rev. Jason Kuntz
- Friday 02-26** - Rev. Romelito Guillen
- Saturday 02-27** - Rev. Grayson Hope

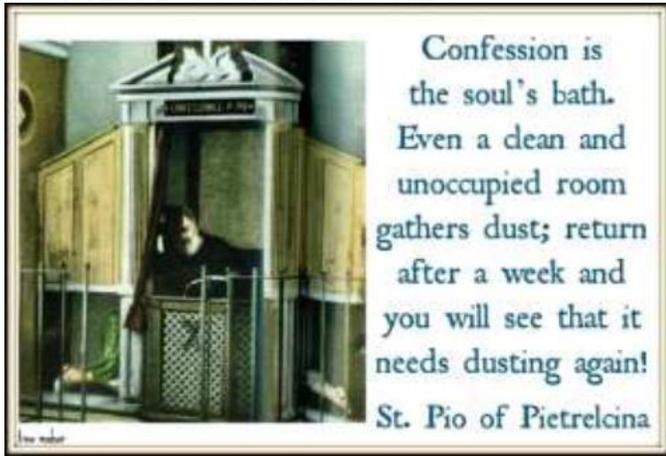
**FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sunday 21** - First Sunday of Lent
- Monday 22** - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Sunday 28** - Second Sunday of Lent

**LENT**

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, sacrifices, as well as prayer; its aim is to prepare our hearts for a fruitful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Commandments of the Church require us to restrain from participating in parties during the season of Lent, as well as to confess and receive Holy Communion during Easter. We encourage everyone to give up something for Christ. It is still not too late. What will you give up? Smoking, alcohol, wasting time online? Perhaps you will try to be more understanding towards your spouse, or other family members. Perhaps you will give up sweets, gossiping or

watching TV. Pick just one thing so that you can fully experience the season of Lent. Do this for the crucified Christ.



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

So that this Lenten period may be a time of conversion and repentance, let us try to prepare ourselves for the Sacrament of Penance by analyzing our approach. Here is a reminder of the five conditions for a good confession.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

-examine the state of my soul from my last confession

**SORROW FOR HAVING OFFENDED GOD**

-sorry for the sins I committed

**A RESOLUTION OF SIN NO MORE**

-decide to do everything in my power to prevent these same sins from happening

**CONFESSION OF OUR SINS**

-confess ALL my sins to the priest

**REPARATION TO GOD & NEIGHBOUR**

-do the penance given by the priest

**PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE**

**LAW OF THE GOSPEL:** The Church wants emphasis to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God (*CSL, no. 109b*), external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

**FRIDAYS** are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholic can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

**LENT** has a penitential character. During Lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfilment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** in the Roman Rite, including Canada, are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat.

**(THE LAW OF "ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT" BINDS THOSE WHO ARE 14 UNTIL DEATH; THE LAW OF "FASTING" BINDS THOSE FROM 18 TO 59 YEARS OF AGE).**

**THE PASCAL FAST** is observed on Good Friday and, where possible, continued through Holy Saturday. (*Christians fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.*)

**PRIVILEGED FORMS OF PENANCE** are recommended, especially during Lent. These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the Gospels (fasting, prayer, works of mercy)

or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

**STATION OF THE CROSS**

We invite you to a Lenten Devotion on **Thursdays at 7:00pm** (starting February 18<sup>th</sup>). Followed by a Mass. Everyone welcome! In Polish, Station of the Cross will be on **Fridays at 7:00pm** (February 19<sup>th</sup>).



*A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton*

**This weekend, we are of One Heart and One Soul!**

It's Kickoff Weekend! The One Heart, One Soul Campaign at Sacred Heart Parish is now underway, and please go to parish's campaign webpage [www.sacredheartparishguelph.com](http://www.sacredheartparishguelph.com) to hear Father's message and see the campaign video. Also, you soon will receive a mailing that offers much more information on the parish's projects, the diocesan ministries that benefit and how each parish will be helping other parishes in the diocese. Be watching for the mailing, and if you hear from a fellow parishioner about the campaign, please welcome their call!

**Q. How can I make a gift or pledge to the campaign?**

A. There will be a number of ways to make a gift or make payments on your pledge to the campaign, including:

- Setting up a pre-authorized gift (automatic withdrawal) from a chequing account
- Setting up a recurring credit card payment
- Paying by cash or cheque through the mail
- Making a stock or securities transfer

**Q. Are cash pledges the only kind of gifts?**

A. Because many of the needs of the campaign will require immediate funding, gifts of cash and appreciated securities are generally sought. But trust and estate gifts are welcomed. Donors considering a planned gift should contact the diocesan development director, Francis Doyle, at 905-528-7988 to discuss the options available.

**Q. Will we get reminders about our pledges during the three years of the campaign?**

A. Yes, regular giving updates and reminders will be sent through the Diocese.

**LENTEN PRAYER**

*Jesus, before witnessing your Passion and death, many proclaimed you blessed. But when you came in the name of the Lord, you were nothing like what we expected. Your heavenly triumph offers neither power nor prestige. Instead you show us how to bless the world through charity, forgiveness and self-sacrifice. Fill our hearts with joy so that we can forever sing "Hosanna!" united as one with you. Amen.*

