



COMMENT ON READINGS

The liturgy of the word speaks today of leprosy sufferers. Leprosy is a contagious skin disease that causes irreversible changes. As the Priestly Book recalls, the sick person had to behave and dress in a certain way, stay away from people so they would not infect others with it. Jesus lovingly touches a man suffering from leprosy, as the Gospel mentions. Saint Paul recalls the principle of doing everything for the glory of God. Let us listen lovingly to the word of God, so that we may receive in the name of Jesus our fellow men who sometimes disgust us, and that we do not hesitate to come to Jesus ourselves when we feel like lepers.

PASTORAL MESSAGES

1. In Christ there is unity– he is God-man. Many times in the Gospel we see Jesus, who manifests purely human emotions and behaviors, bows down to every person, mercifully takes pity on people. This is God too: he bows down to every human in need, he understands our situation perfectly. Every Eucharist is a thanksgiving for the fact that God is among the people. Now and always.
2. Today we remember St. Valentine, patron saint of people in love, but also sick and suffering from various mental ailments. Through his intercession, let us ask for the intention of lovers not to confuse falling in love with desire, and for health for those who face mental problems.
3. On Ash Wednesday, with which we will begin Lent, a time of special study of the mystery of suffering and saving death on the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also a time of silence and deeper reflection on your life, its purpose and everyday life. On this day, strict fasting applies.
4. On all the Fridays of Lent, we will ponder the torment of the Lord Jesus on the Way of the Cross.
5. 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.



Sunday 02-14

- 10:00a.m. +Estrella Severino
 12:00 p.m. O zdrowie, potrzebne laski, bogoslawienstwo Boze oraz opieke Matki Bozej dla Adriana z okazji urodzin
 7:00 p.m.. Marjan Percic, Birthday blessings

Monday 02-15

- 8:15a.m ++ Pascolina & Rafaleli Agostino
 8:15a.m Fr. Rafal, God's blessings on his birthday

Tuesday 02-16

- 7:00p.m +Teresa Leo
 7:00p.m. For Parishioners

Wednesday 02-17

- 8:15a.m. 1.) +Suzy Severino
 2.) +Ryszard Gienza

Thursday 02-18

- 7:00p.m. 1.) +Maria Jachna
 2.) +Jacek Sawaryn

Friday 02-19

- 8:15a.m. Stanislaw & Stanislaw Wiczorek, God's blessings
 7:00p.m O Boze bogoslawienstwo i potrzebne laski dla Agaty & Jakuba Michalskich

Saturday 02-20

- 8:15a.m ++Annunziato & Vincienza Furfaro
 7:00p.m +++Rosa, Edidio, Maria-Helena Roncato

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 02-21

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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP UPDATE: REOPENING!

The Premier of Ontario recently announced that the Province of Ontario will be easing the restrictions as of Tuesday February 16th. This means as of Wednesday February 17th, the church will be open for regular scheduling of Masses at 30% capacity. The same guidelines handed down by the Government and the Diocese of Hamilton will be in affect: mandatory mask wearing and using the sanitizer at the entrance.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be 8:15am and 7pm.

We place ashes on our foreheads as an external symbol of entering the road of penance. Ashes remind us that everything comes from nothing and will turn into nothing again.

"Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return"

STATION OF THE CROSS



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is 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.

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

Monday 02-15 - Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.

Tuesday 02-16 - Rev. Stephen Murrin

Wednesday 02-17 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 02-18 - Rev. Toby Collins C.R.

Friday 02-19 - Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

Saturday 02-20 - Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 15 - Family Day
- National Flag Day

Wednesday 17 - Ash Wednesday

Sunday 21 - First Sunday of Lent

Friday 14 - Saints Cyril and Methodius, Memorial; St. Valentine

Monday 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday 28 - Second Sunday of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17th, begins the Holy Season of Lent. The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at home - with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/lent2021.

IDEAS ON FASTING

In the "old days", fasting was required every weekday in Lent!! And there was once even a time when that fasting required abstinence from all dairy products. There were a ton of other fasts and days of abstinence throughout the liturgical year as well. We have it easier than any other period in Catholic history—and it shows in our lack of willpower and complaining... If you are able to fast, you will do well to observe some days beyond what are ordered by the Church. Even a little more, no matter how awful we think we are carrying it out—the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast.

No meat on Friday—OK—it is not required in the U.S—but some sort of food-based penance or sacrifice is still required. Instead of trying to invent some new penance, why not just stick with what Catholics have al-ways done?

Then branch out—Here are some ideas:

- ☐ Skip one meal extra a week, like breakfast or lunch.
- ☐ Wednesdays were traditional days of fasting too—try it!
- ☐ Deny yourself dessert on set days.
- ☐ Skip salt on your food.
- ☐ Fast from soda.
- ☐ Skip the beer or other alcoholic drinks when going out to eat.
- ☐ Don't eat between meals. This sounds easy, but try it. You'll find it's quite hard since most of us snack frequently and don't even realize it.

- ☐ Include things besides food—fast from all technology one day a week.
- ☐ Fast (one main meal with two small snacks) one day a week.
- ☐ Drink only water.

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH
at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate**

The "Forty Hours Devotion" is a traditional devotion of the Catholic Church, which is marked by an extended time of intense prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

In this Year of St. Joseph it is apt that we implore St. Joseph, the Patron of Canada and the Patron of the Universal Church to intercede for us in our country, and, together with our Blessed Mother, to implore their Divine Son for and end to the Covid 19 virus in Canada and throughout the world.

Our Forty Hours Devotion will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and preached by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Hamilton.

The Schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion is as follows:

Tuesday, March 16

Opening Mass of Exposition and Sermon	7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00pm – 10:00pm

Wednesday, March 17

The Feast of St. Patrick	
Daily Mass	7:30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00am – 7:00pm
Devotion Mass and Sermon	7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00pm – 10:00pm

Thursday, March 18

Daily Mass	7:30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00am – 7:00pm
Devotion Mass and Sermon	7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00pm – 10:00am

Friday, March 19

The Solemnity of St. Joseph Adoration	7:00am – 7:00pm
Solemn Mass of St. Joseph and Closing Sermon	7:00pm



Are you ready for kickoff?

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign kickoff is just a week away! Next weekend, you'll be given a way to hear Father's message about the campaign, learn more about our parish projects and view the beautiful campaign video. (Psst! If you want a sneak peek at the video, go to oneheartonesoul.ca/watch.)

Can our parish use the campaign funds to address operating budget problems?

Yes. This applies to all parishes in the fall 2020 and winter 2021 waves that designate the funds for that purpose. Parishes that had already completed the campaign prior to COVID can use their funds only for the projects for which the money was raised. Those parishes' challenges are not being ignored, however. The Diocese created a separate fund to help parishes with significant operating budget needs created because of the shutdown.

Why do you emphasize making a pledge?

Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Parishioners are able to be more generous to their parishes' campaign and the Diocese through incremental giving over time. Also, pledging is not as big a strain on household budgets. This is important in a campaign of this magnitude.