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## LORD'S DAY MASSES

**Saturday:** 5:00 P.M.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 A.M.; 11:00 A.M.; 8:00 P.M.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday to Saturday:** 9:00 A.M. (Except Tuesdays)  
**Tuesday ONLY:** 7:00 P.M.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Friday** 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.  
**Saturday** 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.  
or by appointment

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
**Tuesday - Friday:** 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

## BAPTISMS

If you are seeking baptism for your child, please complete the [Request for Baptism](#) form found on our website and email to [aouellette@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:aouellette@hamiltondiocese.com) or drop off in person at the parish office.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

If you wish to become a member of the parish, we invite you to take time to register by completing a Parish Registration Form available on our parish website. The forms are also available at the parish office if you require a hard copy. If you are currently registered and now wish to use Offertory Envelopes please complete the registration form and return to the parish office or drop in the Offertory basket. If you wish to sign up for Pre-Authorized Debit please complete the form available on our website. These forms are also available at the parish office.

## MARRIAGES

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest ~~one~~ year in advance. You must be a registered parishioner, attending this parish.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements must be received by the parish secretary no later than Monday at noon to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. All announcements and inserts are subject to the pastor's approval.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

Canadian Martyrs	3201 Lansdown Drive	905-336-5792	Louise Cronin-Nowitsky, Principal
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# PALM SUNDAY

## MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

March 25 – March 31, 2024  
**HOLY WEEK**

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am Mass 2:00pm Chrism Mass	<u>March 25, 2024</u> Austin Rosario Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm – 8:00pm	<u>March 26, 2024</u> Jacinto Zarate Confessions
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am Mass 9:30am – 10:00am	<u>March 27, 2024</u> Patti Howard Confessions
<b>THURSDAY</b> No Morning Mass 8:00pm Adoration following Mass until 10:00pm.	<u>March 28, 2024</u> – <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>FRIDAY</b> Day of Fasting and Abstinence No Morning Mass/No Confessions 12:00 Noon 3:00pm 7:00pm	<u>March 29, 2024</u> – <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Solemn Liturgy Solemn Liturgy Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b> No Morning Mass/No Confessions 10:00am 8:00pm	<u>March 30, 2024</u> – <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Blessing of the Easter Foods Solemn Easter Vigil
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00am 10:00am 12:00 Noon No Evening Mass	<u>March 31, 2024</u> – <b>EASTER</b> Mass Mass (Livestream) Mass

### Vocation View

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

### SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday:	Isaiah 42.1-7, John 12.1-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 49.1-6, John 13.21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Isaiah 50.4-9a, Matthew 26.14-26
Thursday:	Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-15
Friday:	Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12, Hebrews 4.14 – 16; 5.7-9, John 18.1 – 19.42
Saturday:	Genesis 1.1 – 2.2, Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1++, Isaiah 54.5-14, Isaiah 55.1-11, Baruch 3.9-15, 32 – 4.4, Ezekiel 36.16-17a, 18-28, Mark 16.1-8
Sunday:	Acts 10.34a, 37-43, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18++

### HAMILTON DIOCESE WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for the following people or groups:

Monday:	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki <b>Chrism Mass</b>
Tuesday:	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wednesday:	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
Thursday:	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday:	<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
Saturday:	<b>Holy Saturday</b>



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### A Reflection for Palm Sunday

#### From Pope Francis' 2021 Palm Sunday Homily

During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement. As Saint Francis of Assisi contemplated the crucified Lord, he was amazed that his friars did not weep. What about us? Can we still be moved by God's love? Have we lost the ability to be amazed by him? Why? Maybe our faith has grown dull from habit. Maybe we remain trapped in our regrets and allow ourselves to be crippled by our disappointments. Maybe we have lost all our trust or even feel worthless. But perhaps, behind all these "maybes", lies the fact that we are not open to the gift of the Spirit who gives us the grace of amazement.

Let us start over from amazement. Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: "Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!" Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realizing that we are loved. This is the grandeur of life: discovering that we are loved. And the grandeur of life lies precisely in the beauty of love. In the crucified Jesus, we see God humiliated, the Almighty dismissed and discarded. And with the grace of amazement we come to realize that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus. For that is where he is: in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the rejected and discarded, in those whom our self-righteous culture condemns.

Brothers and sisters, today God continues to fill our minds and hearts with amazement. Let us be filled with that amazement as we gaze upon the crucified Lord. May we too say: "You are truly the Son of God. You are my God".

## Good Friday - A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the 2 days in of abstinence Canada where all Catholics who are 14 years old and above are obliged to abstain from meat. All Catholics between 18 and 60 are required to fast on these days. There are no specific guidelines for what "fasting" means in Canada, but as an example of what a fast might look like, in the United States, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those who can are encouraged to maintain the fast through Holy Saturday in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

## Blessing of Easter Foods

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic tradition for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. This tradition has since been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds, who enjoy its rich symbolism. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items. The baskets are later brought to church to be blessed during a short service. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes. We will offer a Blessing of Easter Foods on **Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>h</sup> at 10:00am** in the church.

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy, offered each Sunday during the 9:00am Mass for children in JK to Grade 2, will take a break March 24th (Palm Sunday) and March 31st (Easter Sunday). We look forward to welcoming children back to this special liturgy service starting again on April 7th.

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## **Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney**

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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## RCIA This Week

As the Elect and Candidates, their godparents and sponsors, journey closer to the Easter Vigil, may they receive the prayers, support, and encouragement of the parish community. In these final days their focus is prayer as they reflect on the journey of the past months that will lead them to full reception into the faith. We will be baptizing 6 adults, 1 youth and bring into full reception 6 adults and 1 youth. As you enter the Triduum please keep them in your prayers.

## Office Hours

Please note the office will be closed Good Friday, March 29th and Easter Monday, April 1st.

## Crosses and Statues

The crosses and statues in the church will be shrouded until the celebration of Easter. This is done during the final two weeks of Lent to heighten our senses and awareness that Easter is fast approaching. We "fast" from looking at the beauty of our church as we enter the final days of our Lenten preparation, and to grow in the anticipation of Easter Sunday.

## Save the Date

Parish Community Breakfast: Sunday, April 21st, following the 9am & 11 am Masses. Tickets will be on sale in April. Hosted by the CWL & Knights of Columbus. More details to follow.



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## Holy Week Resource for Teens

The Office of Youth Ministry will be publishing, *Walking the Way* a Holy Week Journal for Teens. This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The journal bridges the Gospel readings for each day of Holy Week to practical ways young people can live out the message. The journal also has reflections from Pope Francis' letter, *Christus Vivit* for young people to consider. The Holy Week Journal can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/yyxvxyj>

## The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is available on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](https://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.

## Marriage Tip of The Month

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationship, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.



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