



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

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**Sunday Mass: 11:00am**

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Tuesday**

7:00pm

**Wednesday**

9:00am

**Thursday**

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

**Friday**

9:00am

**Parish Office Hours:**

9:00 am-2pm Monday

9:00 am-3pm Tuesday

9:30 am-3pm Wednesday

9:00 am-3pm Thursday

9:30 am-3pm Friday

(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage  
or Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office to  
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## From the Pastor's Desk



*Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest*

Today united in spirit with the crowds gathered almost 2000 years ago in Jerusalem with palm branches we greet Jesus entering the City of David. Palm Sunday always reminds us of two important events: Jesus' solemn entrance to Jerusalem and His Passion and Death. The same people who greeted Jesus as a King of Israel afterwards cried out to Pontius Pilate:

*Crucify Him!* Therefore, today in the liturgy we begin with the procession with palms and solemn, joyful hymns. Then we read the Passion of the Lord. Palm Sunday embarks upon Holy Week that is the most important week in the entire liturgical year. This Monday Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, along with his priests, both diocesan and religious, consecrate Holy Oils during the Chrism Mass. The Holy Oils will be distributed to all the parishes within the diocese and are to be used to administer the Sacraments: of Baptism, of Confirmation, of the Sick and Holy Orders. We are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at 7 pm in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King to show our unity with the Bishop.

This Thursday we begin with the Last Supper Mass, the period of the greatest importance of the whole liturgical year that is called The Easter (Paschal) Triduum. Since the very beginning of the Church it has been one feast extended from Holy Thursday evening up to the Vespers (the evening prayer) of Easter Sunday. The faithful throughout the world are greatly encouraged to attend all the days of The Triduum so that they may experience all the mysteries the Church lives and be bestowed with all the graces and indulgences prescribed to those who attend. During the Last Supper Mass we thank the Lord for the precious gift of the Eucharist. We extend our thanksgiving with the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Mass. On Good Friday we are united with our suffering Lord and His Death on the cross. In the evening we pray the Stations of the Cross and we begin the Novena to Divine Mercy. Good Friday is for the faithful throughout the entire Church a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. On Holy Saturday we remain in silence in union with Jesus' time in the Sepulchre. The Easter (Paschal) Vigil, which is to be celebrated at night, belongs to Easter Sunday. This Easter Vigil is the most important Mass in the whole liturgical year. By keeping vigil during this Holy Night we express our longing for the coming of *the Morning Star who never sets Jesus Christ who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity and lives and reigns forever and ever.*

This year during the Paschal Vigil five adult candidates will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. This is a great joy for our Parish! Let us keep them in our prayers during the final days of preparation!

God bless,  
Father Peter

## Mass Schedule & Intentions for Holy Week, 2019

MONDAY, April 15  
7:00 p.m. - Chrism Mass  
Cathedral of Christ the King

TUESDAY, April 16  
9:00 a.m. - Jenny Periera by Corena Furtado

WEDNESDAY, April 17  
9:00 a.m. - Domenica & Filippo Frisina  
by Giovanna Frisina  
followed by Confession

THURSDAY, April 18  
**Holy Paschal Triduum**  
*Holy Thursday - Lord's Supper Mass*  
7:00 p.m. - In thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist  
followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, April 19  
*Good Friday*  
3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord  
followed by Confession

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. - Divine Mercy Novena

*Easter Masses*  
SATURDAY, April 20  
8:00 p.m. - Paschal Vigil  
offered for those receiving  
the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

SUNDAY, April 21  
11:00 a.m. - The Parishioners of St. Lawrence

**Please pray for the religious of our diocese**  
Especially this week we pray for:

Tues - Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.  
Wed - Diaconate Formation Candidates  
Sat - Rev. John Redmond



Giuseppe Cavigliano  
Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.  
Gilberto Pavao and Families.  
Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families  
The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,  
& Nespal Families.



March 31, Sunday Collection  
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### In the Parish

**Confessions** - The last opportunities for Confession before Easter will be on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. after Mass and again on Good Friday after the 3:00 p.m. Liturgy.

**Mass on Tuesday** will be at 9:00 a.m. this week.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. To begin this month-long devotion, we will celebrate with Mass and the crowning of Mary. Everyone is invited to join in this blessed celebration as we honour her.

**Please Join Us!**

## CWL May Crowning

**Mother's Day**  
**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**11:00 am Mass**

Following this celebration, everyone is invited to gather together in the parish hall for a **Mother's Day Social with snacks & refreshments.**



*Celebrating*  
**67** years  
1952 - 2019  
Catholic Women's League  
St. Lawrence Parish Council

**The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places** is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 19, 2019. Each year on Good Friday, Catholics worldwide are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

*With gratitude,*  
Father Gilles Bourdeau, ofm  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

## **In the Diocese:**

### **Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother -**

Join us for this extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life where we will see why she is an essential part of our faith. Guided by Dr. Edward Sri, we will journey through the biblical narrative of Mary's life and be introduced to the Blessed Mother on a personal level showing how scripture, history & Jewish culture reveal the sorrows, anxieties & joys Mary would have held in her heart. This six session series takes place Wednesday afternoons beginning May 1st, 1:30 - 3:30, at the Chancery office in Hamilton. The cost is \$35 and includes resources. This program will be facilitated by David Dayler, please contact Monica Verin at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or

[mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) to register by April 22nd.

**Marriage Tip 92** - Marriage in the Catholic faith, through the love of the couple, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love for his people. When people observe your relationship do they see love, patience, kindness, and commitment? If the answer is not as often as you would like, then instead of reverting to arguing, whining, or sarcasm when something goes wrong, change your response to your spouse. Be calm in stressful situations, use (learn if necessary) good conflict resolution skills and above all, commit to putting your spouse first. God is divine, but with a few changes, we can move closer to reflecting his love to all who witness our relationship.

**Are you caring for a loved one? Are they in need of palliative care?** Do you have questions? A committee of experts, in various related fields, came together to answer possible questions that are often raised at this difficult time in a person's life. Find the answers to important questions at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care>, or for further assistance call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**Is your child in Grade 6?** Did you know we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Diocese of Hamilton? Confirmations at our Parish are normally celebrated in the Fall of each year. Because it will come quickly upon us, we want you to be ready in advance. If your child does not attend Catholic School, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. The Catechetical Correspondence Courses from the Diocese of Hamilton may be right for you. For more information on the Correspondence Courses, visit the website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call [Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238](tel:905-528-7988).

**Parenting Tip 112** - As the warmer weather makes its way into our lives, it is a perfect time to help children learn about the beauty of God's created world and our task to be stewards of his creation. Cleaning the yard after winter, planting flowers and vegetables, picking up garbage left behind once the snow melts - these are all great ways to teach your children to honour God's world. And as a bonus, you will spend time outdoors as a family. The world is our home, help your children learn to engage with the earth.

**Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced** - Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? This Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST.

**Struggling from an Abortion Experience?** - There is Help! Are you struggling with an abortion decision - either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.



**Are you Getting Married?** The Diocese of Hamilton offers three education options for those marrying: Marriage Preparation, Catholic Engaged Encounter, or Remarriage (where one or both people have been previously married). Find out more about these options on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The first step after engagement is to meet with your parish priest; then book one of the marriage preparation options. Book your course early to avoid issues finding a date that works for you.



Catholic Education Week 2019 begins on Sunday, May 5. The Catholic schools in our area will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in

Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples."

The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."