

# Lent

Lent has a two-fold nature: it prepares us for Easter, when we recall Christ's saving death and resurrection, and it is also a time when we look at ourselves and strive to overcome our personal struggles that we may become the best person we can be.

The Sunday Scripture readings during Lent reflect this two-fold nature of the Season. The Old Testament readings (first reading) are generally taken from the books of Moses and the prophets and point us towards the life-giving Messiah. The New Testament readings (second reading) are selections from the apostles on the different themes of repentance and new life.

The Gospels for the Sundays of Lent might be a helpful guide for spiritual reading during this season – you may wish to read these passages and use them for prayer prior to the Sunday Mass:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>Luke 4:1-13</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>Luke 13:1-9</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<i>John 8:1-11</i>
<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b>	<i>Luke 19:28-40</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>

# Blessing of Easter Foods

On **Holy Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**, we will be celebrating an ancient tradition of the Church of blessing the foods that our families will be using for our Easter meal. You are invited to bring breads, meats and other items that will enhance our celebration of this great feast. This celebration will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School.

# Celebrations in the Easter Season

## Second Sunday of Easter of the Divine Mercy

Weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

*Regular Weekend Mass Schedule*

## Good Shepherd Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vocation Sunday

Weekend of May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

On this Sunday we ponder the love that Jesus has for each one of us and we pray for men and women to answer the call to follow the Lord more intimately as a priest, permanent deacon, religious sister, religious brother or consecrated life.

## Solemnity of Pentecost

Weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>

*Regular Weekend Mass Schedule*

## Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity

Weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>

*Regular Weekend Mass Schedule*

## Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

Weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

*Regular Weekend Mass Schedule*

## Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>

*Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.*

*in the chapel at Jean Vanier*

*Catholic Secondary School.*



# Seasons of Lent and Easter 2019



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### Mass Location

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary Sch

709 Bolingbroke Drive

Milton, ON.



## Lenten Message

Dear friends in Christ:

Greetings in the Lord! As the joyful celebration of Easter approaches, the Church invites us to enter the Season of Lent. This penitential Season of the Church's year is a time of preparing ourselves for the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At this time we affirm our belief in the love that Jesus had for all of us when He died for our sins. This time helps us reflect on the ways in which we are called to bring the Saviour's love and life to our world and to make His presence real among us.

This brochure will highlight our parish's celebration of the Season of Lent and the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. If you have any questions about this information please do not hesitate to call our parish office.

I pray that this Season of Lent will be a grace-filled opportunity for you and your family to prepare for the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives.

At Saint Benedict Parish, it is my hope that all Catholics in our parish boundaries will find a place in our parish community. If you have not been in regular practice of Church attendance, know that you are welcome anytime.

Please know that you are remembered weekly in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Father James S. Petrie  
Pastor



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, is the day when the Lenten Season traditionally begins. There will be two Masses on that day. We will have both Masses at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Liturgical Celebrations will take place throughout the day at each of our parish schools. Please contact your child's school for more details.

Asnes will be distributed at all the Masses and School Liturgies.



## Penance Celebrations

The Community Penance Celebration for both Milton Parishes will take place on:

**Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**

Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School  
1145 Bronte Street South  
Milton

This is an excellent opportunity to experience the Sacrament of the Lord's love and forgiveness. There will be a number of priests from the local area. Please take advantage of this wonderful event.

Other Penance Celebrations planned include:

**Holy Cross Parish (Georgetown)**  
Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm

**Saint Matthew Parish (Oakville)**  
Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm–4:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School in the Prayer Chapel.

Due to the Easter Season extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided:

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

There will be NO confessions after this time

Please do not wait till the last minute to celebrate the Sacrament. Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.



## Schedule of Holy Week Services

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon  
*Palms will be distributed at all Masses*

**Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass of Chrism**  
7:00 p.m.  
*Cathedral-Basilica of Christ the King  
700 King Street West in Hamilton*

**Holy Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and De**

12:00 noon  
*Liturgical Celebration for Children and Families*

3:00 p.m.  
*Solemn Liturgical Celebration*

**Holy Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Easter Vigil**  
7:00 p.m.

*This is the most important liturgical celebration in Roman Catholic Church. All are invited to be part of this beautiful ceremony.*

**Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord**  
8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 12 noon

*There are no Masses anywhere on Easter Sunday afternoon or evening in the Diocese of Hamilton*



