

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 18, begins the holy season of Lent - an opportunity for each of us to step back and look at our spiritual journey. The ashes remind us that the things of this world do not last and its glory is fleeting. Today we remember that this life is a journey; our destination - our goal - is to be in heaven for eternity with God. This is one of only two days in the year when we are asked to fast and abstain from meat. Let us give this holy day its due reverence.

During Lent, we give, we fast and we pray... but we are challenged to do these differently so that our spiritual life is shaken up and doesn't become complacent.

Can you give differently? Perhaps you can give your time to a shut-in or a person you know is lonely and sad. Giving doesn't have to be financial. Sometimes just your company is a precious gift to someone. Be a friend.

Can you fast differently? During Lent, we give up treats that we enjoy but can we give up a bad habit too? Perhaps by the end of the Lenten season a bad habit will be worked out of our system, making us a better person. Won't God be so happy!

Can you pray differently? Try a different way to talk to God. On Fridays throughout Lent, we will have an additional Mass at 7 pm. End your week by attending Mass and spending more time with Jesus. Join us for Stations of the Cross or Adoration as an intentional effort to devote more time to prayer. Come to our Parish Lenten Mission! Father Mark Morely will share his time with us to help us have a good Lent.

As we begin this season of Lent, let us keep top of mind how we want to be at the end of this season of Lent... closer to Our Lord who loves us so very much!

Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

In "good standing"...

A Catholic "in good standing" is a Roman Catholic who has already received their First Communion in the Roman Catholic church, and is permitted to receive the Eucharist when attending a Mass. A person in good standing must not be aware of any serious sin, which includes missing Mass intentionally except due to serious illness or work obligations at all Mass times. Being in good standing means that a person who is unmarried is not "living with" another person (in a sexual relationship); a person who is married must be married in the Roman Catholic Church, and cannot simply be married in a civil ceremony, or in another denomination without the appropriate dispensations from the Bishop. Catholics who are not in good standing should speak with their Catholic priest to discuss how to return to good standing. Those who are not Roman Catholic (or Eastern Catholic) are not allowed to receive communion in the Catholic Church at any time. Thank you for respecting the teachings of our Faith!



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***Celebrating together
since 1975***

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be reconciled first to your sister or brother

PASTOR: Rev. Mike Francis

Business Administrator/Bookkeeper: Mrs. Nancy Andrejciw

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday ~ 5 pm Sunday ~ 9 am and 11 am

CONFESSION 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm Saturdays before Mass

**Please contact the Parish Office to arrange the Sacraments
of BAPTISM and MARRIAGE at St. Luke Parish**

SCHOOLS St. Luke 905-561-3966 **Bishop Ryan** 905-573-2151

CWL Enza DeTina and Lori Graf **Knights** Jerry Nelligan

St. Vincent de Paul Society Help Line (289) 520-0802

St. Vincent de Paul donations/pickups - Vinnies Store 905-549-3902

In Memoriam

Please consider a donation to the parish in memory of someone who has passed away. A card will be sent to the family on your behalf and a tax receipt will be issued to you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday February 16 ~ NO MASS

Tuesday February 17

7 pm Lidia Papaiani

Wednesday February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday

9:15 am Souls in Purgatory
(Our Parish Mass will be with
the students of St. Luke School)

7 pm Souls in Purgatory



Thursday February 19

7 pm Berardino Pellegrini
Richard and Kathy Lubera
Gino DiNardo and deceased
members of the DiNardo family

Friday February 20

9 am Serafina Vescio
Stations of the Cross following Mass
7 pm For the poor
Stations of the Cross following Mass



Saturday February 21

5 pm Earl, Larry and Mark Helm
Pat Cosoleto; Joseph Mayne; Eleanor Morris

Sunday February 22

9 am Pro Populo
11 am Don Watson
* Children's Liturgy at the 11 am Mass

Parish Office will be closed for Family Day

God, I place my family
in Your hands. Protect us
from all evil, harm, and danger.
Surround us with Your divine
light and keep us safe. Amen.

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the
human heart conceived, what God has
prepared for those who love him."

If you feel you are being invited to spread the
Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon,
brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley,
Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton

905-528-7988

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Each of us has received a call from God.
By our prayers we help each other to be
faithful to this call. This week we pray for:

Monday Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

Tuesday Rev. Robert Love

Wednesday **Ash Wednesday**

Thursday Rev. Jeffery Oehring

Friday Rev. Francesco Cucchi

Saturday Rev. Mark Gatto



~ Parish Lenten Mission ~
Treasure In Heaven:

**The Mission of the Laity
and the Works of Mercy**

with Father Mark Morley, Director of Vocations

March 3 to March 5

~ Soup Fest ~

Wednesday March 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

*As Lent is the time for
greater love, listen to
Jesus' thirst... He
knows your weakness.
He wants only your
love, wants only the
chance to love you.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Family Game Night - during the day!

Monday February 16 from 2 to 4 pm in the Hinsperger Centre

Children of all ages are welcome!

**Please sign-up at the back of the church
or email stlukehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com**

****Families will be notified if the event is cancelled due to bad weather.****

****Please bring indoor shoes or slippers.****

Good Shepherd Food Drive

~ Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday Weekend, March 28/29 ~

Please place donations in the Sanctuary before or after Mass

Items needed...

⇒ Cereal/instant oatmeal ⇒ Pasta and pasta sauce ⇒ Macaroni and cheese

⇒ Canned vegetables, meat/fish, fruit, soup/stew, beans, pasta ⇒ Dry beans

⇒ Coffee, tea, juice ⇒ Pancake mix/syrup

⇒ Granola bars ⇒ Healthy snacks

⇒ Baby food, formula, diapers

⇒ Personal care products



St Vincent de Paul News Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) ~ February 28, 2026

Our St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society has members participating in the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walkathon on February 28 at St. Mary's High School. Funds raised go to support neighbours in need across all of Hamilton. To make a donation or to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year walkathon, go to this web site: <https://cnoy.org/location/hamiltonainsliewood>, click on "TEAMS", find St. Luke Skywalkers and then make a donation or register if you'd like to join us. You may also make a pledge after Masses today, or next week, on forms at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your support of our Neighbours in Need!



AN HISTORICAL MOMENT:

On February 4, 1976, Luke's Catholic Women's League signed their Charter. Adele Menagon was the founding president, Father Kramer was the Spiritual Advisor under the guidance of Bishop Reding. What a momentous occasion!

This year we will be celebrating this 50th Anniversary!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday April 26 following the 11 pm Mass, we will be having a 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Marquis Gardens on Rymal Road and Upper Ottawa.

*Further details will be coming very soon!

