

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The First Reading shows how God remained faithful to His people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of His people. It was because of their sins that God allowed His people to be exiled to Babylon. But His mercy is seen in their home-coming. This leads into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that He sent His Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgment is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light. The reading from Ephesians stresses the enormity of the love God has shown in Christ. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to the goodness of God.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Debbie Stock</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	8 am 4 pm	+ <i>Ronald Dietrich</i> <i>C A N C E L E D (Linwood)</i>	By The Family
Thursday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Elis &amp; Harold Schipper</i>	By The Lehmanns
Friday, March 15 <sup>st</sup> <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>Len Meyer</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Jim & Ken Meyer
Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Isadore &amp; Florentine Hehn</i> <i>&amp; deceased family members</i>	By Jim & Shirley Hehn
Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#24)** – One of the best-known mystery religions is that of Cybele, the Great Mother. Like the others it gives evidence of having originated in fertility rites associated with the vegetative rhythms of nature – death in winter and resurrection in the spring. Cybele, the mother of all gods and men, had as her companion the semidivine Attis, who betrayed her and died. The Great Mother, however, restored him to life and deified him, making him immortal. This myth was celebrated in two main rituals: in the taurobolium, the faithful reenacted the death of Attis by slaying a bull, then sprinkling themselves in his blood and even drinking it; in the spring festival of Attis's resurrection, they engaged in frenzied dancing while lacerating themselves and sprinkling the blood on a pine tree symbolizing Attis, until in a final ecstasy some of men would hurt themselves in imitation of their god. By participating in such rituals, the devotee believed himself regenerated, liberated from guilt, and reborn as a new person, sharing in the divinity and immortality of his gods. But the mystery religion that proved to be most serious rival of Christianity, however, was... Mithraism.

**LENTEN ALMSGIVING** - The Women's Ministry suggests that in order to fulfill our almsgiving obligation for Lent that we bring items for the Canadian Food for Children. These items will be taken to a central location in Kitchener where they will be flown to third world countries. Please leave the items at the back of the church.

- Week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Personal Hygiene Products, (Soap, shampoo, combs, brushes, toothpaste, tooth brushes)
- Week of March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - Pasta or Rice
- Week of March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Cooking Oils
- Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Peanut Butter
- Week of March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - Tomato Sauce or Tomato Paste

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Our souls aren't all that need cleaning this Lent! Please join us as we prepare the church for a beautiful Easter season. We will have two cleaning dates: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm, and Saturday, March 23 from 10:00am – Noon. If you are able, please come armed with a rag and bucket.

**MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER** – Maryhill Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) GOOD FRIDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>, noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! ADVANCED orders for Take out orders strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939 or check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT** - We would like to invite everyone to "Harbour"- a night of praise & worship with music led by Steadfast. Steadfast is a music ministry base in Toronto, Canada, whose mission is to worship straight from the heart, leading from a place of deep, personal relationship with Jesus and propelled by devotion to his church. "Harbour" is a shelter for God's beloved from the storms of life, a place to cry out for help, and to experience the stillness we seek. Please join us in worship and prayer on April 6 - Doors Open 6:30pm at St Joseph Catholic Church, Stratford, ON. Please register through online through Eventbrite at [www.2024HARBOUR2.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://www.2024HARBOUR2.EVENTBRITE.COM)

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R., Rev. David Mowat, C.R., Lay Parish Ministers, Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R., Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R., & Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be 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) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$2,425.00. Thank you for your generosity!