

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1st, 2026

Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the Transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are manifestations of Jesus as He is, or as He will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets. It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. Was it a vision? Was it a profound religious experience? There has been a tendency to see the Transfiguration simply as a stage in the education of the Apostles. But its first and chief significance was for Jesus Himself. It was meant to confirm Him in the course He had taken. But of course, it also benefited His disciples. And it's this that St. Matthew emphasises. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the Risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead. In the First Reading we see the obedience of Abraham, an obedience which brought blessings to many. It also points to the obedience of Jesus (an obedience which took Him to death on a cross) and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1 st <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 2 nd <i>St. Polycarp</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 3 rd <i>Lent</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Maynard Dietrich</i>	By Mary Dietrich & family
Wednesday, March 4 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	CANCELLED CANCELLED	-
Thursday, March 5 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Barb Campbell</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Friday, March 6 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am 7 pm	CANCELLED <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	-
Saturday, March 7 th <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Connie Walser</i> + <i>Maurice Downey</i>	By Christian Mothers By Diane Dietrich
Sunday, March 8 th <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

[History of the Catholic Church \(#106\)](#) – It was only in the second half of the third century that Christianity began to make considerable inroads into the rural lands. In many of the great provinces of the Empire, the peasants deserted the temples of their ancestral gods and turned to Christ. In one North Africa township, dedication tablets tell the tale: the last one dedicated to Saturn-Baal Hammon is dated 272; all subsequent ones uncovered have proven to be Christian. By the year 300, North Africa was largely Christian. In Asia Minor the story was similar. The most famous of the missionaries there was Gregory the Wonderworker. His well-known remark that he found only seventeen Christians when he arrived in Neo Caesarea in 243 and left only seventeen pagans when he was ready to die thirty years later is probably close to the truth, since it is in accord with the general history of the province.

DONATION RECEIPTS – Are available at the back of the church.

SCHEDULE CHANGE – For the next two weeks, daily Mass will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at Noon. Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm will continue. The soup luncheon will follow the Thursday noon Mass on March 5 & 12.

SOUP LUNCHEON DURING LENT – Beginning this Wednesday, February 25th, and on every subsequent Wednesday during Lent, you are invited to a delicious soup luncheon following the noon Mass. As we enter this period of reflection and repentance, strengthen your connections to this beautiful community! Free-will offerings gratefully accepted. Profits will go to our Share Lent collection – Development and Peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Please join us on Fridays at 7pm during Lent for the Stations of the Cross and follow the footsteps of Jesus.

LENTEN RETREAT – Mark your calendars! Our Lenten retreat with Fr. Brian Quigley begins the weekend of March 21/22, and continues with Mass on Monday, March 23rd and Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm. Confession will follow Tuesday's Mass.

LISTENING AND FASTING: POPE LEO XIV'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026 – Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Ambrose Tshiaba Ntumba, Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk, Society of African Missions, SMA, Very Rev. Msgrz Kroetsch, & Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis.

VOCATION SEEDS – Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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