

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25th, 2024

The transfiguration is an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at His baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi. It is no longer possible to say what exactly happened in the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was Jesus Himself. It was meant to confirm Him in the course He had taken. But it also benefited the Apostles, and it is this that St. Mark 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. On the mountain Elijah and Moses appeared to them. Moses represented the Law, Elijah the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the Law and the prophets to fulfilment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 25 th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 26 th <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 27 th <i>St. Gregory of Narek</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Margaret Gruber</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer
Wednesday, February 28 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Anton & Else Woeschka</i> <i>Intentions of the Koert family</i>	By the Lehmanns By the Barrett family
Thursday, February 29 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Clarence & Dorothy</i> <i>Comfort</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, March 1 st <i>Lent</i>	6 pm 7:45 pm	<i>Adoration & Confession</i> + <i>Maurice Downey</i>	By Diane Dietrich
Saturday, March 2 nd <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Pauline Dietrich</i> <i>Intentions of Cyril Dziak on</i> <i>his 80th Birthday</i>	By the Family By his family
Sunday, March 3 rd <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 (#22) – Not that a seeker of salvation would necessarily turn to religion. Some found consolation in philosophy. The Stoic philosophers, for instance, won many followers by their doctrine that one could put oneself in harmony with the universe by attending to the underlying rationality of its laws; they also emphasized the need for self-discipline in order to attain inner peace. Philosophy, however, as always, was only a “refuge” for an elite. The ordinary man searched for spiritual peace in some form of religion, astrology, or magic. So once again, Christianity made the most of this opportunity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Accompany our Lord and join your fellow parishioners for the Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7pm during Lent.

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

WOMEN’S MINISTRY (DAY) – Join us Wednesday afternoons during lent, at 1pm in the church hall. NOTE: there is Noon Mass each Wednesday and you are welcome to join us for a soup lunch at 12:30 before our session begins. Please call Sharon 519-570-6453 so we know much soup to prepare.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY (EVENING) – Join us every second Tuesday for 7 weeks. Our first session is Tuesday Feb 27th from 7- 9pm. We will be reading and discussing the book “Love like a Saint: Cultivating Virtue with Holy Women.” The book is \$23. Please call Sharon to order your copy.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS – On Tuesday, March 5th, please join us in the church hall at 7pm (SHARP!) for a Very Important Annual General Meeting. We are looking to fill ALL executive positions! New members are always welcome.

BLESSED & BEAUTIFUL – Family Foundations Institute (FFI) is hosting the Annual Women's Seminar on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. André Bessette High School in London. "Blessed & Beautiful" celebrates the essence of womanhood, encouraging every woman to recognize her unique beauty and blessings as a cherished daughter of God. The seminar is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together, share ideas, build friendships, and develop practical tools for embracing their mission in the world. The guest speaker is Danielle Bean, creator and host of "Girlfriends," a podcast for Catholic Women. Register online at www.famfi.ca/aws and take advantage of early bird registration at \$45/individual (\$30/student).

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski, Rev. Timothy Higgins, Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.C.J.), Rev. Michael King, Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot, & Rev. Ronald Voisin.

VOCATION SEEDS – If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$1,705.00. Thank you for your generosity!