

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 March 16th, 2025

The First Reading tells of God’s promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of His fidelity God made a solemn covenant with him. Our passage describes an ancient rite of covenant or treaty making. To ratify a covenant the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) in two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contract. Since God’s covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolized by the furnace and the torch) passes between the pieces. The birds of prey symbolize the forces hostile to Israel. This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant which Jesus sealed in His own blood on Calvary. The chief significance of the Tabor experience was for Jesus Himself, and this is what St. Luke emphasises. The incident was meant to confirm Him in the course He had taken. It comforted Him to know that the road He was travelling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah. But the Transfiguration also benefited the Apostles. It prepared them for the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16 th <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 17 th <i>St. Patrick</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 18 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, March 19 th <i>St. Joseph</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Dianne Brenner</i> + <i>Mark Kenny (Linwood)</i>	By Golden Years Club By the Barrett family
Thursday, March 20 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Turlough Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, March 21 st <i>Lent</i>	9 am 7 pm	+ <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By the Estate
Saturday, March 22 nd <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Bill Strauss</i> + <i>Suzanne Butler</i>	By Millie Eckert By Butler family
Sunday, March 23 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 (#66) – The Emperor Constantine showed great generosity to the Church in lavishing donations on it and erecting numerous great basilicas, including the magnificent one over the supposed site of the tomb of St. Peter at Rome and another over the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem. He surrendered his Lateran palace in Rome to the bishop of Rome for a residence, and it remained the papal residence until 1308. When in 324 he moved the capital of the Empire to Byzantium, which was renamed Constantinople after him, he erected numerous churches there also, including the two great ones dedicated to peace and to the Holy Apostles.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – The next meeting takes place this Saturday at 10 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Walk with Christ! Please join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for Stations of the Cross.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 – The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, “Opening the Holy Door.” Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. March 18-April 8, 2025. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE – During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Peter Robinson, Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R., Rev. Kevin Upendran, Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B., & Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba.

VOCATION SEEDS – Peter, John and James 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 lives. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact 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 \$2,360.00. Thank you for your generosity!