

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20th, 2022

The First Reading tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed His name as Yahweh (I Am Who I Am). God has heard the cries of His oppressed people, and sends Moses to liberate them. It is a turning point in the Old Testament. It leads to the Exodus and beyond. In the Gospel we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents which befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolises the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short. The role of Moses prefigures the role of Jesus. Through Moses God saved His people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from slavery of sin, and now en route under the leadership of Christ to the promised land of eternal life. We too are fed with food “from heaven”, namely, the Eucharist. In the Letter to the Romans St. Paul says that in spite of all God had done for them, most of the Israelites were not pleasing to God. Christians must not think that just because they have received the sacraments they are automatically saved.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20 th <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 21 st <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 22 nd <i>Lent</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Arlene Herteis</i>	By Bryan & Patty White
Wednesday, March 23 rd <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Clarence Comfort</i> + <i>(Linwood) + Margaret Karley</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By The Estate
Thursday, March 24 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Betty Gravelle</i>	By Mary Haffner
Friday, March 25 th <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Gilbert Runstedler & family
Saturday, March 26 th <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Michael Grubb</i> + <i>Joanne Moser</i>	By Diane Dietrich By Knights of Columbus Elmira
Sunday, March 27 th <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (1538-1606) – together with Rose of Lima, Turibius is the first known saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru, South America, for 26 years. Born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. He succeeded too well. But he was not sharp enough a lawyer to prevent a surprising sequence of events. When the archdiocese of Lima in Peru required a new leader, Turibius was chosen to fill the post: He was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected that area. He cited all the canons that forbade giving laymen ecclesiastical dignities, but he was overruled. Turibius was ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru, where he found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population. Abuses

among the clergy were flagrant, and he devoted his energies and suffering to this area first. He began the long and arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese, studying the language, staying two or three days in each place, often with neither bed nor food. Turibius confessed every morning to his chaplain, and celebrated Mass with intense fervor. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was the future Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly the future Saint Martin de Porres. After 1590, he had the help of another great missionary, Francis Solanus, now also a saint. Though very poor his people were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibius solved the problem by helping them anonymously. The Lord indeed writes straight with crooked lines. Against his will, and from the unlikely springboard of an Inquisition tribunal, this man became the Christlike shepherd of a poor and oppressed people. God gave him the gift of loving others as they needed it. St. Turibius of Mogrovejo pray for us!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Please mark your calendar for the Lenten penitential service on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm and join your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS – There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7pm in the church for parents of Grade 2 children who wish to receive their First Communion this year.

ROSARY FOR PEACE – On Friday, March 25th, 2022 at 11 am, there will be a gathering at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King to pray for peace, especially in Ukraine, and, in union with Pope Francis, to consecrate Ukraine & Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Livestream will be available on the Cathedral’s YouTube channel.

3 KEYS TO CREATING YOUR CatholicHOM (Household on Mission) is the third talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Join us on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com) a dynamic online community, directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, as well as authors of over 20 popular books integrating the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counseling psychology. Visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> for more information on the series and to register. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Mark Morley, Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.), Rev. James McSharry, Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, & Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.

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