

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 19th, 2023

The Gospel story is a lesson on growth in faith. The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus: “Lord, I believe.” His journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. St. Paul says: “Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” (Second Reading) Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. In giving sight to a blind man Jesus shows that He is “the light of the world.” The First Reading talks about the depth of God’s seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19 th <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 20 th <i>St. Joseph</i>	7 pm	+ <i>For deceased choir members</i>	By St. Clement’s Choir
Tuesday, March 21 st <i>Lent</i>	7 pm	+ <i>Arthur Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, March 22 nd <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Druar</i> + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler By the Estate
Thursday, March 23 rd <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Friday, March 24 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>John & Sylvester Moser</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, March 25 th <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Joseph Klink</i>	By Fr. Irenaeus H. Koziak SAC
Sunday, March 26 th <i>5th 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. 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 pray for us!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Consider joining your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Be generous with your time and follow the Lord as he walks for our Salvation.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION – Our Lenten Parish Mission with Bishop Lobsinger continues with Mass on Monday at 7:00 pm, with confession to follow Tuesday’s Mass.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING – The Christian Mothers will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children each week for the remainder of Lent, according to the following schedule:

- March 19 – Vegetable oil (4L size only)
- March 26 – Large bottles of Shampoo
- April 2 – Spaghetti sauce (no glass) & yarn, wool, sewing notions/material

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – This summer our parish will be offering a 1-week Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for elementary students. Programs like this cannot run without the help of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to teach a class (lessons will be provided), be a group leader (high school aged) or group helper (gr. 5-8), handle the snack station, MC our opening and closing sessions, help with the planning, or run the sign-in table we would love your help! Please email Emily at emilyfrunstedler@gmail.com or complete the google form <https://forms.gle/ALkF9QR3xAWX9Ck98>. Thank you for your help!

ANNUAL WOMEN’S SEMINAR – The Family Foundations Institute is hosting their Annual Women’s Seminar – Understanding and Living Out God’s Will for Your Life on Saturday, April 15th from 10am – 3pm at St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London. \$40/person before Thurs. April 13 (\$50/person after). Register and learn more at famfi.ca/aws.

VOCATION SEEDS – “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day.” Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 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. Laszlo Amaszka, Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.), Rev. Piotr Golinski, & Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,012.00. Thank you for your generosity!