

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22nd, 2026

In the First Reading we have the story of the tempting of Adam and Eve, and in the Gospel the story of the tempting of Jesus. They are two very sophisticated stories, and not meant to be taken literally. Jesus is the new Adam, who by His obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam (see the Second Reading). He is also the new Israel. Like the first Israel He too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 22 nd <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 23 rd <i>St. Polycarp</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 24 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Joe & Renée Lehmann</i>	By Bill & Donna Lang
Wednesday, February 25 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Connie Walser</i> <i>Intentions of Kelty Terpstra</i>	By Louis & Mary Bender By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, February 26 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am	+ <i>Karen Dietrich</i>	By Tom & family
Friday, February 27 th <i>Lent</i>	9 am 7 pm	+ <i>Andrew & Doris Runstedler</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, February 28 th <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Geraldine Grubb</i> + <i>Harry & Bernice White</i>	By Christian Mothers By Bryan & Patty White
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>	

[History of the Catholic Church \(#105\)](#) – One development that pointed to its eventual triumph over paganism was the mass influx of peasants into the fold during the latter part of the third century. Until the third century, Christianity was almost urban in character and rooted in the middle and lower classes. The countryside had remained stubbornly pagan, conservatively attached to their local deities and superstitions and their old ways of life. There was also a language barrier, for the peasants clung to their ancient Coptic, Berber, Syriac, Thracian, or Celtic tongues. It was quite normal, therefore, for missionaries to bypass the rural areas and simply move from city to city.

ADORATION – There will be no Adoration this Friday.

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

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SPEAKING SYNODALITY – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join our three-part workshop series on Synodality and its applications in local parish settings. This seminar is encouraged for those involved in parish councils, pastoral planning, and leadership at all levels of Catholic community living. There will be 2 locations for each 3-part session series: Hamilton (with a Zoom option) and, Guelph. Registration and further details can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Joonbin Lim, Rev. Ralph Diodati, Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, RSCJ, Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, CSsR, Rev. Kevin Upendran, & Rev. Drago Gacnik, SDB.

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements Feb. 8 \$4,690.00. Feb. 15 \$1,955.00 Thank you for your generosity!