

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the “new Moses”, gives the people something infinitely better – “living water”, a share in the very life of God.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 14 <sup>st</sup> <i>Lent</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Else Woeschka</i>	By the Lehmann’s
Wednesday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Robert Gravelle</i> + <i>Margaret Karley (Linwood)</i>	By Joe Boccanfuso & family By the Estate
Thursday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>John Druar</i>	By the Retrofit Committee
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Patrick</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>Raymond &amp; Elizabeth Moser</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	5 pm	+ <i>John &amp; Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Sunday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> 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. Cyril of Jerusalem (316-386)** – the crises that the Church faces today may seem minor when compared with the threat posed by the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ and almost overcame Christianity in the fourth century. Cyril was to be caught up in the controversy, accused of Arianism by Saint Jerome, and ultimately vindicated both by the men of his own time and by being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1822. Raised in Jerusalem and well-educated, especially in the Scriptures, he was ordained a priest by the bishop of Jerusalem and given the task during Lent of catechizing those preparing for Baptism and catechizing the newly baptized during the Easter season. His *Catecheses* remain valuable as examples of the ritual and theology of the Church in the mid-fourth century. There are conflicting reports about the circumstances of his becoming bishop of Jerusalem. It is certain that he was validly consecrated by bishops of the province. Since one of them was an Arian, Acacius, it may have been expected that his “cooperation” would follow. Conflict soon rose between Cyril and Acacius. Cyril was summoned to a council, accused of insubordination and of selling Church property to relieve the poor. Probably, however, a theological difference was also involved. He was condemned, driven from Jerusalem, and later vindicated, not without some association with and help from Semi-Arians. Half his episcopate was spent in exile; his first experience was repeated twice. He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wracked with crime. Even Saint Gregory of Nyssa, who was sent to help, left in despair. They both went to the Council of Constantinople, where the amended form of the Nicene Creed was promulgated in 381. Cyril accepted the word *consubstantial*—that is, Christ is of the same substance or nature as the Father. Some said it

was an act of repentance, but the bishops of the Council praised him as a champion of orthodoxy against the Arians. Though not friendly with the greatest defender of orthodoxy against the Arians, Cyril may be counted among those whom Athanasius called “brothers, who mean what we mean, and differ only about the word *consubstantial*.” St. Cyril 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 begins this coming weekend at the Saturday 5pm Mass, followed by 9am Mass on Sunday. Mass on Monday and Tuesday will be celebrated at 7pm, 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 12 – Soap (bars or liquid)
- March 19 – Vegetable oil (4L size only)
- March 26 – Large bottles of Shampoo
- April 2 – Spaghetti sauce (no glass) & yarn, wool, sewing notions/material

**MINI RETREAT AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA** - You are invited to join us at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira for a MINI RETREAT, “MARY’S YES TODAY”. Join us on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. followed by the Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The retreat is facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Rosemary Howarth, Celeste Reinhart and Barbara Paleczny. All are welcome. Please register for the retreat by calling the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or emailing [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DID YOU KNOW...** Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – “But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Mark Sullivan, Rev. David Wilhelm, Lay Parish Ministers, Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen, Rev. Stephen Gilbert, and Rev. George Stortz.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$2,270.00. Maintenance \$1380.00. Thank you for your generosity!