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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"For God loved the world so much He gave His one and only Son..."

The very nature of God is love and His love for this world proceeds from the fact that He is Love. God's love is unconditional, it is for all; it is for the entire world and for the universe. Everything that He has created should experience His love because they are the product of His immense love. God's love is wide enough to embrace all people.

Love is sacrifice – it is a love that costs. God's love made Him to sacrifice His own Son, His only Son. The word 'gave' is used in two distinct senses. Firstly, God 'gave' His Son by sending the Son into the world. Saint Paul puts it nicely: *"Though He was in the form of God... emptied himself... born in the likeness of men"* (Ph 2: 6). Secondly, God 'gave' His Son on the cross as a sacrifice for the salvation of the world. The Cross of Christ is the highest expression of God's (The Father's) love for the world. Hence, Christ crucified is the best gift of God for all.

The 'giving' of God's only son and the coming of the son into the world, put before the world a choice. There is a paradox here.

Jesus is not come here to judge the world but to redeem the world. He came to bring people back to the presence of God's infinite love. But when they reject God's life-giving love in Christ, they have brought condemnation upon themselves. The very incarnation of Christ and His redeeming death on the Cross have their effect on the world: we are either helped to the fullness of life or to the life of condemnation.

Jesus Christ raised on the Cross is our source of salvation. Salvation of all people is the central mission of Christ. That is the reason Christ came into the world. So, believing in Christ's death and His consequent resurrection becomes the criterion of salvation. There is no salvation for John without believing. Therefore, for John the judgement is here and now. Those who have rejected Christ have already been condemned, and likewise, those who have believed need not fear the day of judgement.

The message of the cross, which is preached from the gloom of Good Friday, becomes the brightest message of salvation. If we believe the message of the Cross – the love and sacrifice of the Father, then we have already come to our salvation.

PARISH LITURGIES

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

Tuesday, March 12 - St. Fina

8:30 am + Marek Zyla

Wednesday, March 13 - Bl. Agnello of Pisa

8:30 am + Wladyslaw Cybulski

Thursday, March 14 - St. Boniface Curitan

8:30 am + Zbigniew Cetera

Friday, March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac

8:30 am + Jan Lis

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Lenten Reflection

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

Saturday, March 16 - St. Julian of Antioch

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Rita Merrick, + Frank Suklje, + Gerry Casey, Int. Liza Metz, + Lori Linster

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebrations of Easter, which is the Feast of Jesus' Resurrection – the Feast of our Salvation! We prepare for Easter by prayer, fasting, and penance. A traditional form of prayer is the communal celebration of the Way of the Cross. The Way of the Cross helps us to understand and relive, in our own way, the Passion of Christ.

Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

HOLY WEEK 2024 MASS TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, March 28 **7:00 pm**
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm Silent Prayer 'at Gethsemane', ending with Evening Prayer at 9:45 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Friday, March 29 **11:00 am** Children's Service
 3:00 pm Solemn Service
 Saturday, March 30 **11:00 am** *Blessing of the Easter Food*

EASTER – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 30 **8:00 pm** The Great Vigil of Easter
 Sunday, March 31 **8:30 am** Easter Morning Mass
 10:15 am Easter Morning Mass
 12:00 pm Easter Morning Mass

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Alegria Lomibao

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 14th 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS – FRIDAYS FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Friday evenings for a short video reflection with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead us to meet the tenderness of God's Mercy, the Power of His Love, and the restoration of your heart and life, as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice. Each session will begin at 7:30 pm after Stations of the Cross in the Church for just a few minutes. Participants are then welcome to take home guided reflections for prayer throughout Lent.

CHALICE APPEAL

A volunteer from Chalice will be making a short presentation at the end of all Masses on the weekend of March 16th and 17th. This Catholic sponsorship program is present in 13 developing countries around the world and is helping to improve the situation of children who are living in impoverished circumstances. You will learn more about this charity and how you can help a child in need. More information on Chalice can be found at chalice.ca

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm - St. Nicholas School

On Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm - St Dominic School

We pray that confirmandi may open their hearts and minds for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and make witness to the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday Masses beginning April 13th – May 12th.

We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPDATE

Thank you to our compassionate parishioners for their generous donations of breakfast food for the first of our Lenten Almsgiving Food Drive. Our friends at Fare Share Food Bank were thrilled to receive our 7 grocery carts of food for those in need. Your kindness will go a long way to brighten the lives of those experiencing food insecurity.

The schedule for the remaining collection is as follows:

- Mar 09/10 Supper Canned Fish, Meat, Rice, Beans
- Mar 16/17 Dessert Packaged Cookies, Snack Bars, Canned Fruit
- Mar 24/25 Self-Care Toothbrush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Shampoo

Items may be left in the big red box in the Narthex and will be delivered to Fare Share each week. Many thanks!

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Have you noticed the new speakers in the church? Installation of a totally new sound system was completed last week. The new sound system is comprised of a brand new mixer, amplifier, wireless transmitters, microphones, the rewiring of all cables, and four powerful full-bandwidth speakers.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 11	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Tuesday, March 12	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wednesday, March 13	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday, March 14	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Friday, March 15	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Saturday, March 16	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

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YOUNG VINCENTIANS

An important part of our Lenten practices is almsgiving. If you have any spare change, there will be a glass jar in the church for anyone who would like to donate it for Lent. The change collected will be donated to our Young Vincentians Youth Group. Thank you for your generosity!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Vacations or 'Stay-cations' are a wonderful time to step away from the busy-ness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration of Easter!

"Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you."

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adult Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm) social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocation testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, April 6th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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