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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*In God We Find Our Home*

*Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

Celebrating the “home return” (of a people and the “lost son”) is the main theme of this Sunday’s liturgy.

It is usually said: “There is a homecoming for us all because there is a home to come to.”

Saint Augustine, in the opening page of his celebrated book – “*Confessions*” – confesses his faith and his need to fall back to God for inner peace, through a very well-known quotation: “You have made us for yourself (Lord), and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”

We find ourselves comfortable in our own homes and in familiar surroundings. In today’s first reading, the Israelites experienced a similar comfort and joy of homecoming. They celebrated their return to the Promised Land through the Feast of Passover which their ancestors celebrated at the time of their departure from Egypt. In the Gospel, the father rejoiced with the return home of his “lost son.”

Each individual is a part of “a chosen race, the king’s priest, a holy nation, God’s own people...” (1 Pet 2-9). Therefore, no one is a “lost person” before God, and no one is kept

away from entering God’s “Holy Space”. His “Holy Space” has become our comforting home through the sacrifice of His own Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. God is waiting and ready with His extended hands to receive us to Himself. In God’s love and mercy alone, we can find our real place of rest – “Our Home.” –



## PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION IN LENT

**Mark your calendars**

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

## PARISH LITURGIES

—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

**Tuesday, April 01 - Bl. Anacleto González Flores**

8:30 am + Frank Flynn & John Thornton

**Wednesday, April 02 - St. Francis of Paola**

8:30 am + Joe & Nely Ypelaar

**Thursday, April 03 - St. Irene**

8:30 am + Tony Walker

6:30 pm **Lenten Penance Service**

**Friday, April 04 - St. Isidore of Seville**

8:30 am Int. Don Prince

9:00 – 10:00 am **Adoration**

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—

**Saturday, April 05 - St. Vincent Ferrer**

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm For:**

+ Maria Margarida Silva, + Octavio Silva,  
+ D’Souza Family, + Luigi Piconi

**Sunday, April 06**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



Please pray for the health of Pope Francis!

All Catholics have a duty to pray for him, his health and his mission. He has been in hospital due to a respiratory infection and pneumonia. He seems to be recovering slowly.

For updates on his health, please visit [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING

There is a First Communion Preparation Meeting on Wednesday, April 02 at 7:00 pm in the Church. We strongly recommend and encourage all parents and children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to attend this meeting.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. After the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent we will be showing a brief video reflection.

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

### WHEN WAS YOUR LAST CONFESSION?

Did you know that to be considered an active Catholic, we must confess our sins at least once per year? Consider returning to the Father, who is ready to run to us as soon as we take a step toward him. Our parish is having a Lenten Reconciliation night this week. Other parishes also have a similar event too; you don't have to confess to your Pastor. For a sample Examination of Conscience to help you, please see the 'Sacraments' page on our website. May God give you His peace!

### SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week:  
Intentions of the Paikeday Family*

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES 2025

Holy Thursday	Thursday April 17, 2025	7:00 pm	
Good Friday	Friday April 18, 2025	11:00 am	Children's Service
		3:00 pm	Solemn Service
Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 19, 2025	11:00 am	Blessing of the Easter Food
Easter—The Resurrection of the Lord	Saturday April 19, 2025	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
	Sunday, April 20, 2025	8:30 am	Easter Morning
		10:15 am	
		12:00 pm	

### OLD BLESSED PALMS

Do you have blessed palms from previous Palm Sundays? Bring your blessed palms from previous years to church next week and we will dispose of them appropriately.

### YOUNG VINCENTIANS

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN  
PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CWL SOUP AND BUN EVENT**



**We did it again!** Another sold out event in support of a wonderful organization that feeds those in need! Your CWL is so grateful to everyone in our parish community who pitched in to cook the soups, bake the desserts, buy the tickets and helped serve, set-up and clean-up. Thanks to all of you, we reached our goal of raising the

sponsorship fee for a Friday BBQ at the DeMazenod Door feeding the homeless in Hamilton's inner city. And, in response to a new request from the Door, we also were able to raise additional funds to provide Easter treats for the children. A special thank you this year to The Simple Kitchen (432 Kerr Street) who donated their delicious soup and to Longo's Burloak (3455 Wyecroft Road) who provided the dinner rolls. Well done everyone, much appreciated!

The next CWL meeting will be on **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

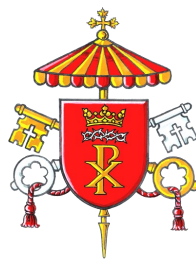
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 23, 2025**

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 31	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Tuesday, April 01	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Wednesday, April 02	Fanciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thursday, April 03	Grandparents and Elderly
Friday, April 04	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Saturday, April 05	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.

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**MASS OF CHRISM**



All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 pm. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will opened at 12:30 pm. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #147**

March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving with mercy and forgiveness, acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This year, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your lives. (Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

*"Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."*

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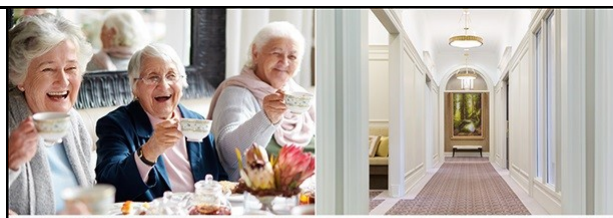
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