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–FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT– Gaining Spiritual Insight To 'See' Easter's True Mystery Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

The choice of scripture for the whole Lenten season focuses on the final instruction of catechumens to prepare them for their baptism on Easter. To become a Christian in the early church was very difficult. Any desiring candidates had to prove themselves well-equipped with an understanding of Christian doctrine, and knowledge of the Gospels. On Lenten Sundays they had their final series of catechism and examinations from the Bishop. The fourth week was an important week for the catechumens as they were tested that week concerning their knowledge on faith and their motivation to live the faith they professed.

Today's readings set the tone for the week's instructions. The first reading urges us to go beyond human logic and see things from God's perspective. It is a call for us to be faithful to God rather than successful professionals. True Christians will learn to live their faith unscathed, amidst all odds – the pains and struggles, isolation and boredom, the glimmers and attractions of the world – because they know that their God will look into the purity of their hearts.

In the Gospel, the blind man becomes an example. Despite a dire situation created by his

enemies, the blind man stood his ground and professed his faith in Jesus, who gave him his sight. His adherence to Jesus helped him gradually see the divinity in Jesus. Like the catechumens, the faith of the blind man grew step by step: the ordinary 'man', Jesus, becomes a 'prophet' then a 'man of God', and finally the 'Lord'.

Today's Gospel passage starts with Jesus healing the blind man and enkindling his faith. It ends with Jesus healing the blind man's spiritual blindness and accepting him as a disciple. In the middle part of the Gospel, the blind man was left alone to defend his healing and gain spiritual insights. It is in this phase of our Christian life, amidst of our mundane life struggles, that we get to know Christ more through our prayers and meditations.

After the initial phase of meeting Christ in Baptism, catechumens are encouraged to grow in their knowledge of Christ, whom they will come to believe as their 'Lord and God'.

This fourth week of Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect how far our faith in Jesus has grown. We can ask Jesus to give us spiritual sight, that we may understand and 'see' the true mystery of Easter in the struggles of living our faith day by day. This is the mystery of the cross, which prepares us for the Day of the Resurrection. –

PARISH LITURGIES

–FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT–

Tuesday March 17 - *St. Patrick*

8:30 am Int. Liza Metz

Wednesday March 18 - *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:30 am + Klasina Van Hees

Thursday March 19 - *Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 am + Pia Dionisio

Friday March 20 - *Bl. John of Parma*

8:30 am + Benedict D'Sa

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

–FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT–

Saturday March 21 - *St. Nicholas of Flue*

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ John Duggan, + George Hutter, + Stanislaw Urban, + Maria Skicki, + Wladyslaw Skicki, + James Foley, Int. Fr. Peter Houghton, + Micky Adams, + Angela & Guido Parise, + Frank Suklje, + John Meyerstein, + Mirna Escribano Rodrigues, + Enzo Bettazoni, + Harry Bagh

Sunday March 22

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We will be having Stations of the Cross to prepare ourselves adequately for the celebration of Easter. Please come and join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Way of the Cross.

Following the Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent, we invite you to watch a brief reflection from Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR. This Lent, enter the wilderness with Jesus to experience grace, freedom, and transformation with our Lord.

PARISH PENANCE CELEBRATION

There will be a Parish Penance Celebration on March 19th, 2026 beginning at 6:30 pm.

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 Penance Celebration 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!

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!



SANCTUARY LAMP



Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of Amanda

HOLY WEEK 2026 MASS TIMES

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Thursday April 02, 2026	7:00 pm	
<i>Good Friday</i>	Friday April 03, 2026	11:00 am	Children's Service
		3:00 pm	Solemn Service
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Saturday April 04, 2026	11:00 am	Blessing of the Easter Food
<i>Easter—The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Saturday April 04, 2026	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
	Sunday April 05, 2026	8:30 am	Easter Morning
		10:15 am	
		12:00 pm	

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you would like to advertise your business in our parish newsletter, we have a few spaces available. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-827-2373 or email: office@saintdominic.ca

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.

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN – “ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE”

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada – through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year’s Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world, who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. We are deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“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 consecrated person? 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

LENTEN EVENING REFLECTION

Gethsemane – A Sacred Place

Friday March 20, 2026 at 7:30 pm – St. Matthew's Parish



We invite you to come and remain with Jesus Under the Olive Tree, where we will contemplate the different movements of His Agony in the Garden, console the Heart of Jesus in His suffering, and be consoled in ours. Walk with Jesus through a Guided Meditation down the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives and into the garden, stay awake and allow Him to restore the garden of our own heart and embrace the Cross with Him.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 16	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
Tuesday, March 17	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Wednesday, March 18	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
Thursday, March 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, March 20	Rev. Luis Inacio
Saturday, March 21	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, 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 Dabrowski, 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, March 30th at 2:00pm. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30 pm. The Celebration will be livestreamed with links on the diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica website.



PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 03, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 03, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or CanadaHelps, accessible at: commissariat.ca in the “Support Us” link.

–Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m, Commissary of the Holy Land In Canada

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