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## –FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT–

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

With the Fifth Sunday of the Lent, the instructions to the catechumens reach its climax, where they will be made aware that the day of their approaching baptism is also the day of their resurrection. After they have proved their grasp on this essential Christian teaching they will join the 'faithful' for the first time during this mid-week to pray 'The Our Father'. Let us then try to understand the teaching that is presented in today's Liturgy.

The scripture begins with rather a strange family. Mention is made of a brother living with two of his sisters and nothing is spoken about their parents (unusual for a Jewish writer). John, in a strange way, speaks about Christian family. All believers in Christ are one family – brothers and sisters in Christ, and there is no superior among them. This family is 'of one heart and one mind'. The death of one person (brother) has affected all of them.

John is using Jesus' words to help the early church understand what it means to have 'life in Christ'. Believing in Christ does not stop us from facing our natural death. John emphasizes that Jesus waited for two more days to allow Lazarus to die. So that he can give Lazarus new life. St. Paul explains beautifully this mystery in the second reading. Paul implies that Jesus is part of God and God has no beginning or end.

As a human person, Jesus dies on the Cross – a sacrifice for the salvation of humanity. God raised Jesus and gave Him His divine Glory. Saint Paul says that every believer receives in baptism the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, when we believe in Christ even though we die, we will live.

The early Church firmly believed that our death is the beginning of a much greater and fuller life. It celebrated the death of the Saints. The divine life, which a believer receives in baptism, cannot be seen or touched but it will fully manifest at his death. His faith in Christ will lead him to eternity. Jesus ordered to remove the stone which blocked the tomb. In Jesus' resurrection, death has been conquered, the stone is removed and we have the pledge of eternal life.

There is a pleasant scene in today's scripture which teaches us the basic, yet very important step in the growth of our faith. Jesus waited for Mary and Martha to come to Him before He entered the village. Jesus did not want Mary and Martha to grieve aimlessly and look inwardly for consolation, rather He wanted them to initiate the movement to go to Him. He waited for them to come to Him first before he gave back Lazarus his life. It is an invitation for all of us to find Jesus in our times of struggle. Our struggles bring us meaning when we face them in Christ. He is our 'Resurrection and our life'. –

## PARISH LITURGIES

### –FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT–

**Tuesday March 24** - *St. Cairlon*

8:30 am + Christine-Zaira Pestrin Doyle

**Wednesday March 25** - *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

8:30 am + Moira Coffey

**Thursday March 26** - *St. Margaret Clitherow*

8:30 am + Ludgero Leal

**Friday March 27** - *St. John of Egypt*

8:30 am + Guido Bardaro

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### –PALM SUNDAY OF LENT–

**Saturday March 28** - *Bl. James Claxton*

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ John Duggan, + Victoria Sekowski, + Maria Urban, + Jozef Skicki, + Myung Sun Lee, + So Myung Ku + Benjamin Kim, + Hueng Sik Bun, + Darryl Ward, + Margaret MacDonald, + Rose Ferguson

**Sunday March 29**

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



*“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.”*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Meditating on the Stations of the Cross helps us 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.



### SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Camacho Family*

### HOLY WEEK 2026 MASS TIMES

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

### 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](http://commissariat.ca) in the “Support Us” link.

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

### YOUNG VINCENTIANS

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

### 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 the Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. 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.

## 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? 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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF**

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## VBS TRAINING FOR YOUTH LEADERS

Youth and young adult volunteers are important in the preparation and conducting of the VBS. The Office for Youth Ministry will be hosting a one-day training for youth leaders on May 9, 2026. New and returning youth volunteers (ages 12-18) are welcome to attend and this training can be a refresher for VBS leaders. If you plan to bring a group from your parish to the training, please complete the Google form here: [rb.gy/8pz0r9](https://rb.gy/8pz0r9)

## WHEN LIFE CHANGES GRIEF PROGRAM

Using Dr. Bill Webster’s grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. Part Two (for those who have completed part one). The Ongoing Journey, will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West on Wednesday evenings from April 8 – May 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocese home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](https://hamiltondiocese.com) or call Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 23	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tuesday, March 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wednesday, March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday, March 26	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Friday, March 27	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Saturday, March 28	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

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## RETREATS 2025



**ACTS** *Canada*

Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre is offering retreats for both men and women. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The date of the Women’s Retreat is April 16-19, 2026 and the date of the Men’s Retreat is May 21-24, 2026. For more information and to register, please visit our website at [www.actscanada.org](https://www.actscanada.org)

## VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026

The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honoured and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this years’ ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

*“With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.”*

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