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First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

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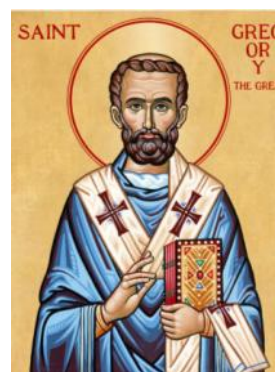
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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sundays @ 10:00 am

Weekdays

Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday Thursday & Friday @ 8:15 am

DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday—6:00pm—6:45 pm

Rosary

Sunday @ 9:30 am

Tuesday @ 6:20 pm

Saturday @ 4:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

Blessing of Expectant Parents

Fourth Sunday of the month following Mass

SUBMISSIONS to the bulletin due
TUESDAY AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call to arrange the appropriate preparation at least two months in advance.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10:00 am — 10:30 am

Tuesdays 6:00 pm — 6:30 pm and by appointment.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

Marriage: Please contact the office at least one year in advance of expected date.

Holy Orders :

Contact Fr. Khalid Karomi at the Parish Office or contact Fr. Mike King at the Diocese at 905-528-7988

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office 519-623-3111

When entering a hospital please register as a member of St. Gregory's Parish. When confined at home, contact the parish.

St. Vincent De Paul Society - Voucher Program
519-622-2232

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First Sunday of Lent



Tuesday, February 20 —NO MASS
7:00 pm - NO CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, February 21—NO MASS

Thursday, February 22—NO MASS

Friday, February 23—NO MASS
7:00 pm Station of the Cross

Saturday, February 24
8:00 am 2,000 Hail Mary's

5:00 pm + Jose, Emilia and Jorge Morrias
+ Ernest Belosic
+ Theresa Bugeja
+ Abel Avelar

Sunday, February 25
10:00 am Int. of all Parishioner

Station of the Cross
Friday, February 23th at 7:00pm

Pray for our Priests and Religious

Monday	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Tuesday	Rev. Ron Cote
Wednesday	Disalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.)
Thursday	Rev. William Foote
Friday	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Saturday	Consecrated Virgin Candidates

TAX RECEIPTS **NOW AVAILABLE**

2023 Tax Receipts are now available. They can be picked up in the Atrium (off the Parish Center) when attending Mass, or they can be picked up during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday from 8:45am—4:00pm.

If you contributed to St. Vincent de Paul, you will find the tax receipt enclosed in the envelope.

Thank you once again for your generosity during the past year.

Fr. Khalid

Sunday Offering

EFT weekly Collection..... \$620.00

January 28, 2024 \$1,398.20

Thank you for your Generosity!

Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally - Take Heart: By His Wounds We Are Healed.

Saturday, March 2, 2024 - 9 AM - 5:30 PM
 Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)

Adult Tickets \$ 30 / Youth Tickets \$ 15

The bus will be leaving from Guelph at 7 AM and returning at approximately 6:30 - 7 PM.

Tickets and bus information call Tina 519-222-6283

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."- Jeremiah 29:11

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS. Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest. [Register online at hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).



2,000 HAIL MARY'S
Saturday, February 24th, 2024
Starting with Mass at 8:00am and

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Hail Mary's will run the whole day until the 2,000 have been prayed approx. 8:30pm

During the 5:00pm Mass the reciting of the Hail Mary's will continue in the parish hall. **Once Mass is completed the reciting of the Hail Mary's will return to the church.**

Anyone (families, children, seniors) can join us for the whole day, half day, a couple of hours or whatever time works for you.

The Hail Mary's can be said in different languages The gathered prays this private devotion to Our Lady, asking her for any kind of favours, and trusting that God will grant them through our Lady's powerful intercession. **All are welcome to participate**

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: "If we had a minute of silence for each of the 4.5 million children killed by abortion in Canada between 1969 and 2020 we would be standing in silence for 8.5 years". Let us pray for an end to abortion.

February 18, 2024

Seven Things to Know about Ash Wednesday *By Michelle Brylowski is Associate Director, RCLA*

1. What do the ashes on the forehead represent?
Biblically, ashes symbolize mourning, mortality and penance. One would put ashes on one's head as an outward sign of penance. In the early centuries of the Church, penance was a very public act, penitents were sprinkled with ashes to identify to the community as someone who was doing penance.

2. When was the first Ash Wednesday celebrated? What was the story behind it?

By the eighth century, the practice of public penance had largely disappeared. It was gradually replaced by a new practice of marking everyone with ashes at the beginning of Lent and eventually became known as the "Day of Ashes." Since the tenth century, the Church has used ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins.

3. Where do the ashes that parishes use on Ash Wednesday come from?

Ashes that are distributed on this day are made from the burned palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. This symbolic action creates a visible and tangible link between the season of Lent, and its purpose in preparing us for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ, and our celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

4. Are ashes a sacrament?

While the act of receiving ashes is not a sacrament in and of itself, they are a form of sacramentals. Sacramentals are objects or actions that are set apart or blessed by the Church in order to prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it. Sacramentals are instituted by the Church, whereas sacraments are instituted by Christ.

5. Is there anything we should do before receiving ashes?

Spending time in quiet reflection is always a good way to open one's self to the Holy Spirit, at work in and through this sacramental rite. Meditating on Psalm 51 – the psalm for the Mass of the day – is a concrete way to focus on the penitential character of Lent.

6. How long should I leave on the ashes for?

There is no prescribed length of time to leave ashes on one's forehead. Generally, they are kept on until they naturally come off, or until one washes at the end of the day. Because ashes on the forehead are so distinct, they are meant to be seen by others. Intentionally removing ashes shortly after receiving them can diminish their effect on the recipient.

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The Dawn Centre invites you and yours to our annual spring fundraiser scheduled for March 21st, 2024 at Temple Baptist Church (Cambridge). Come for a tasty dessert, fellowship, centre updates, and learn how clients have benefited from your support! It is sure to be an uplifting time and we hope to see you there! Tickets ~ \$10/person. For more info. & to register visit <https://www.dawncentre.ca/spring-fundraiser>

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Children's Fundraiser
Having Faith in Children

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7. Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation?

No, Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. In Canada there are only two Holy Days of Obligation: January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and December 25, The Solemnity of Christmas. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is one of two universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat (the other day is Good Friday). Fasting is a penitential discipline in which we deprive ourselves of food in order to open ourselves to God and witness to our faith.

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