

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

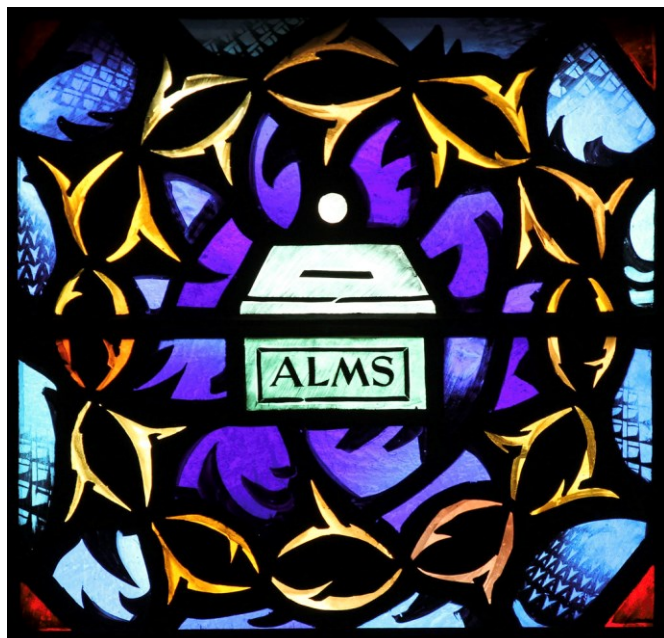
**Tuesday, March 28 Bill Dawson** Mass 7:00pm  
**Wednesday, March 29, Taylor Cross & Family**  
9:00am  
**Thursday March 30, Aldona & Dalbert Dawson**  
9:00am  
**Friday March 31, Silvana Petrella** 9:00am  
**Saturday April 1, Mario Zoysa, Fernando**  
**Discesce & Family, Pauline Newby, Paulette**  
**& Robert Huard and Margo & Glen White &**  
**Family**  
**Sunday April 2**  
9:30 am **Our Faith Community**  
11:30 am **Joseph Nguyen & Family.**

## **SANCTUARY LAMP** **CORRADO PADOVANI**

Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of your loved one, your contact information and \$10 in the collection basket.

### **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Isaiah 50.4-7, Philippians 2.6-11,**  
**Matthew 26.14-27.66**



## **THE SEASON OF LENT** **HOW TO DONATE TO**

**DONATE**

### **ST. BASIL'S**

The Diocese of Hamilton has helped all their Parishes set up a giving page whereby parishioners can support their Church during this difficult time. The link for this giving page is on the first page of our website. You can visit our website [www.stbasilparish.ca](http://www.stbasilparish.ca). and just hit the red donate button on the home page and it will take you to the Canada Helps secure donation. Just complete the St Basil's Parish Donation form and you are finished. Thank you for your support!

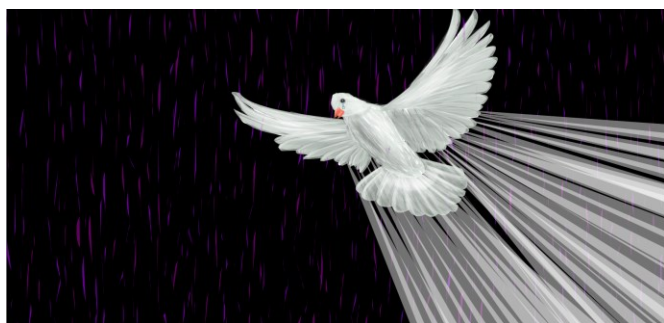
### **EVENINGS WITH HIS** **EXCELLENCY-**

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month 7 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome!



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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

In your charity, please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially Helen Boros, may she rest in the peace of Christ and rejoice in the glory of heaven.

## Weekly Collections

March 12, 2023

Envelopes:	3,520.00
Loose:	537.25
Easter Flowers:	310.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00

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Total	\$4,467.25
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Diocesan Collection for Turkey & Syria

**\$195.00**



St. Basil's, Knights of Columbus

## EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>



Dear Parishioners,  
please mark your  
calendars to give for  
the St. Basil's, Knights  
of Columbus Upcoming  
food drive at St. Basil's  
Church!



C.W.L. General  
Meeting and elections  
to take place Sunday,  
March 26, 2023  
following the 9:30  
a.m. mass in the  
Parish Hall. If you are

unable to attend the meeting, please  
provide your written vote to a fellow  
member attending the meeting, or  
provide to Leeanne Vreugdenhil ahead  
of time. Thank you



The Knights of  
Columbus Council  
meeting will be held  
on Monday March  
20th at 7pm in the  
Church Hall. Please  
join us if you are interested in becoming  
a member!

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## EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in the Church for



Easter, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your name or envelope number placed on the front and deposit it in

the collection basket. Many thanks ahead of time for your generosity.



## A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES . . .

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1<sup>st</sup> to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## EASTER FOOD DRIVE



**APRIL 1, 2023**

## Knights of Columbus Council 13442

Please drop off non-perishable foods at the Hall behind the Church. Knights of Columbus volunteers will be waiting for you and they will remove your donations out of your trunk or the back seats of your car. All proceeds are going to help feed the hunger through St. Vincent DePaul. Thank you ahead of time for your participation

## ANNIVERSARY MASS CATHEDRAL CHRIST THE KING

There have been some problems with the April 16 Anniversary Mass registrations at the Diocese, please see the message below:  
If you have not receive an email from the Diocese regarding your registration please re-register. When you register for the Anniversary Mass on the Diocesan website you will get an e-mail saying you are registered. If you did not



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receive this e-mail then your registration, for some reason, has not gone through and you should register again, or call the office. Those wanting to register need to do so in the next week or two.



## HOLY WEEK

### SEASON OF LENT SCHEDULE 2023

#### HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY** of the Lord's  
Passion

April, 1st / 2nd, 2023

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:30 am &  
11:30 am

#### MASS OF CHRISM

Monday, April 3rd, 2023

2 pm @ the Cathedral Basilica of Christ  
the King - Hamilton

#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 6th, 2023

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
The great three days, the Sacred

Triduum, begins tonight as we recall  
Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and  
the Priesthood. Following Mass,  
the Blessed Sacrament will be  
carried in solemn procession to the  
altar of

the altar of repose which will  
conclude around 9:30 pm.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th 2023

11:00 am - Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration of the  
Passion

Together we gather to hear the  
Passion taken from the Gospel of John  
and then we venerate the wood of the  
Cross, recalling the saving sacrifice of  
Calvary.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th 2023

8:00 pm - Solemn Easter Vigil

The liturgy begins with the blessing of  
new fire which is shared (lighting of  
candles) among the Assembly; we  
listen to the Story of Salvation as the  
Word of God is opened for us through  
the prophetic passages of the Old  
Testament, then we hear the first  
Gospel of Easter. In the light of the  
newly blessed Paschal Candle, the  
Easter Sacraments are then celebrated

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and our baptismal promises are renewed. With great joy in the Risen Christ, we offer the first Eucharist of Easter. This is the "Mother of all Vigils."

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 9th, 2023

Mass at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

I wish you a reflective Lent and a truly joyful Easter,  
Father Kevin

**Stations of the Cross:** After 7 pm Mass (@ 7:30 pm) every Tuesday evening throughout the Lenten Season.

### **Sacrament Of Reconciliation:**

Throughout the Lenten Season, (kindly approach Father) immediately after Stations of the Cross if you need confession on **Tuesday evenings**.

Also **Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm**

AND immediately following the Saturday 5 pm Mass until everyone's Lenten confession has been heard.

In preparation for the Vigil and the Easter celebrations, **no Confessions** will be held in the church on Holy Saturday.

**Lent has two major purposes:** It helps

catechumens prepare for celebrating Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil and it invites those who are already baptized through penance and prayer to prepare to renew their promise of baptismal faith at Easter. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer and penance believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

The highest point of the Church's year of prayer is the Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrating the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. We prepare for this three-day period during the Season of Lent and prolong it for the great 50 days of the Easter Season. May you have a fruitful and grace-filled Lenten Season.

**PENANCE:** During Lent, penance is an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** in the Roman Rite, are days of **FASTING\*** and of **ABSTINENCE\*** from meat. And I

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encourage you to extend yourself to such special penance on these days.

\*The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

All Fridays (throughout the year) are days of abstinence from meat as well, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on these days. (However, there is absolutely NO such substitution on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).



## **TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE**

On February 6th, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 46,000 people have lost their lives and 40,900 reported injured. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis that is made worse by exposure to aftershocks and winter storms. Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the

following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground. CNEWA Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria seeking emergency shelter.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/> Caritas International The International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and support services. <https://www.caritas.org/>.

**Catholic Relief Services:** CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake. [https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agics2023eqk00her00&\\_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052](https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agics2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052) ACN Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria: <https://acn-canada.square.site/> A special

collection will be taken up this weekend and envelopes will be provided from the Diocese for you to donate over the coming weeks.



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Let us continue to prayer for the suffering communities in Turkey and Syria and to commend the dead to God's mercy. Bless you.

## MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER

for Lent 2023

### *Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey*

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him. Shortly before, there had been a real clash between the Master and Simon Peter, who, after professing his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, rejected his prediction of the passion and the cross. Jesus had firmly rebuked him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" (Mt 16:23). Following this, "six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John his brother and led them away to a high mountain" (Mt 17:1). The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During

this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people. Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience. In his "retreat" on Mount Tabor, Jesus takes with him three disciples, chosen to be witnesses of a

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unique event. He wants that experience of grace to be shared, not solitary, just as our whole life of faith is an experience that is shared. For it is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travellers. Like the ascent of Jesus and the disciples to Mount Tabor, we can say that our Lenten journey is “synodal”, since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master. For we know that Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour. And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus “was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (*Mt 17:2*). This is the “summit”, the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in

the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God’s will and our mission in the service of his kingdom. The disciples’ experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. *Mt 17:3*). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God’s history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church’s tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation. The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both



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cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two “paths” to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal. The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: “Listen to him” (*Mt* 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always

indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church. On hearing the Father’s voice, the disciples “fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’ And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone” (*Mt* 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow “him alone”. Lent leads to Easter: the “retreat” is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord’s passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also, on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: “Rise, and do not be afraid”. Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be “artisans of synodality” in the ordinary life of our communities. Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.