

Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph Parish. We pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

Prayer Intentions

Tuesday, March 30 7:00pm Intentions of Pat Clerkin 7:30pm Confessions Wednesday, March 31 8:30 am Elizabeth Clerkin 9:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 10am) 9:00 -10:00 am Confessions 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Confessions Thursday, April 1 7:00pm Holy Thursday *LIVESTREAMED Friday, April 2 11:00am Good Friday 3:00pm Good Friday * LIVESTREAMED Saturday, April 3 8:00pm Easter Vigil LIVESTREAMED Sunday, April 4 9:00 am Easter Sunday *LIVESTREAMED 11:00am Easter Sunday

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

March 29	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
March 30	Rev. Maria Joseph Ahilan Alphonse
March 31	Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada
April 1	Holy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	Holy Saturday



Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 28, 2021

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988 Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Easter Weekend Masses

We have received several inquiries about registering for the Easter Masses. Please note that we are <u>not</u> taking reservations or issuing tickets for the Masses. We would like to remind everyone though that the Church's <u>capacity at this time is still 150 people</u>. Once we reach that number, we will have to turn people away. If you are planning to attend, come a little early to ensure you can get a seat. Everyone must wear a mask and social distancing will be required.

Share Love, Share Lent

We would like to thank you for your generous support of the 2021 Share Lent Collection, and the important work done by Development and Peace. The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South. We will continue to accept your donations during the coming days. To learn more about Development and Peace, visit <u>devp.org/lent</u>.

Tuesday Night Mass Has Resumed

Fr. Ken has begun holding Tuesday evening Masses again ^d at 7:00pm. We hope you can join us.

Stations of the Cross

Your last opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross will be March 31st Livestreamed!

Holy Week & Sacred Triduum

This week we celebrate the most sacred events in our liturgical year as we as a Church commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On **Holy Thursday** we commemorate the Institution of the Eucharist with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. On **Good Friday**, the Solemn Liturgy is celebrated at 11:00am and 3:00pm. On **Holy Saturday** at 8:00pm we celebrate the most Solemn Mass of the year, the Easter Vigil, as we rejoice because Jesus is risen from the dead.

Please note: All Catholics in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

Holy Land Custos launches appeal for Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The Custos of the Holy Land, Br. Francesco Patton invites the faithful to support the work of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land through the Collecta pro Terra Sancta – the Traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

By Vatican News staff writer

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land who have the unique responsibility of maintaining the Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

For the Collection for the Holy Land this year, Br. Francesco Patton, Custos of the Holy Land, has launched an appeal in a video message, encouraging the faithful to generously support this important service to the universal Church. His appeal comes on Wednesday, the eve of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The *Collecta pro Terra Sancta*, born of the Popes' wishes for a bond between all Christians of the world and the Holy Places, received a decisive boost through Paul VI's 1974 Apostolic Exhortation "Nobis in Animo". The offerings collected by the parishes and the Bishops are sent by the Commissars of the Holy Land to the Custody of the Holy Land.

Service in spite of challenges

In these times of the ongoing health emergency and the multi-faceted challenges that it entails, the Holy Land has also been affected with the lack of pilgrims and the lack of jobs to local Christians, among other things. Nonetheless, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land has continued in its mission of service it has been entrusted.

Br. Patton explains that prayers have been intensified for the whole world "at the Holy Sepulchre, in Gethsemane, in Bethlehem, in Nazareth and in the other shrines."

The Custos also notes that in the parishes, they continue to take care of Arabic, Hebrew and Greekspeaking Christians, migrant workers and refugees. In fact, through the Terra Sancta Schools, around ten thousand children, teenagers and young people are able to benefit from a good education.

He further highlights that the charitable commitment has intensified to meet the essential needs of the local population which has been tested not only by the Covid-19 pandemic but also by war and the absence of both social and health assistance.

All of these costs, Br. Patton explained, "is largely covered by the Good Friday Collection every year." Appeal for charity

In light of the situation, the Custos appeals for generosity from Christians all over the world. "Please help us again this year, according to your possibilities, according to the generosity of your heart, so that we can continue to help those in need," Br. Patton said in the video message.

"Help us to help others! May the Lord bless and reward each and every one of you. Thank you!"

A PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Jesus, Lord of Life, show us how to live. When we are afraid, angry, sad or rejected, teach us to live deeply into difficult experiences, that we might find meaning and purpose even in the moments which require dying. May our deaths be just another step in our living. Amen.

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