



## 2023 Lenten Schedule

### Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph, Ontario

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, we will begin the holy season of Lent. Let us pray that this will be a time of tremendous grace for all of us as a parish family. The forty days of Lenten prayer and penance are a special time for us to grow in the love of God, and in loving service to our brothers and sisters. During Lent we focus on the Cross of Christ, so that, through the Cross, we might be brought to the glory of new life.

In his book, *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Bishop Peter Elliott writes these beautiful words about the season of Lent, "In these forty days, Mother Church vests herself simply in violet. Her sacred halls are bare, and much of her gracious music is muted. Flowers at her altars and shrines are set aside, and, at the end of the season, the lamps will be extinguished, the bells will fall silent, and her altars will be stripped. But this is her true springtime, when her children grow in grace, in ways often imperceptible, subtle, and varied. Lent thus reminds us that the greatest graces are often given by God, not when our senses perceive them or when our hearts are full of consolations, but in the silence and stillness of 'the night'."

I hope that you will all plan to participate as fully as possible in the spirit of this Lenten season, so that together we may rejoice in the new life of Easter. In this pamphlet you will find the schedule of liturgies and devotions for the Lenten Season, as well as the times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which I hope all of you will celebrate during Lent. Let us pray that the Lord will look with favour upon our acts of penance and charity, and bless our parish with many graces during "the stillness of the night".

With prayers for all of God's blessings,  
We remain, yours in Christ:

Father Ian Duffy  
Deacon Quinto Tami

Father Bill Foote  
Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki

## Ash Wednesday

The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
Parish Mass  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Parish Mass  
The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)  
Parish Solemn Mass  
The Office of Compline (Night Prayer)

## February 22

7:00am  
7:30am  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
12:15pm  
6:30pm  
7:00pm  
8:00pm

## Joint Parish Mission

### March 27, 28, 29 at 6:00pm

This Lent the Basilica of Our Lady and St. Joseph's Parish will host a joint Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Michael King will be the Retreat Master, and will speak on "***The Wisdom of the Desert: Flee, Be Silent and Pray Without Ceasing***". Each evening will begin with a Holy Hour at 6:00pm, followed by Fr. King's talk at 7:00pm. On Tuesday, March 28 there will be multiple priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Mission will close with Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 29. ***The Mission will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph.***

## Artists' Stations of the Cross

### Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30pm

All artists, of whatever talent or experience level, are welcome to take part in evenings of prayer and art creating a Station of the Cross in your chosen medium. Weekly gatherings with creativity and reflection through art will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in the Crypt. For information or to register please e-mail [wendy.obbema@rogers.com](mailto:wendy.obbema@rogers.com)

## The Feast of St. Joseph

### March 20 at 7:00pm

Because March 19 falls on a Sunday of Lent this year the Solemnity of St. Joseph gets transferred to Monday, March 20. The Days schedule is as follows:

Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Litany to St. Joseph	8:30am
The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)	6:30pm
Solemn Mass in Honour of St. Joseph	7:00pm

## A Walk Through Holy Week

### April 2 at 7:00pm

On the evening of Palm Sunday, April 2, you are welcome to take part in an evening with **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger**. We will pray Vespers (*Evening Prayer*) for Palm Sunday, and have a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm. During the Holy Hour Bishop Lobsinger will give a talk entitled "***A Walk Through Holy Week***", on the Rites and Ceremonies of Holy Week to help us enter more fully into the sacred mysteries we are about to celebrate.

## The Office of Tenebrae

### April 5 at 7:30pm

Traditionally the evening before the Paschal Triduum begins the Church would celebrate the noble, solemn and very moving **Office of Tenebrae**. "Tenebrae", the Latin word for "Darkness", is a combination of the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. This year we are pleased to welcome the Hamilton Schola Cantorum, under the direction of The Rev'd Dr. William Renwick, to sing the Office of Tenebrae, with Responsories by the Canadian composer Healey Willan, and the haunting Miserere by Allegri. All are welcome on Wednesday of Holy Week (*Spy Wednesday*), April 5 at 7:30pm

## Masses and Devotions During Lent

Sundays	Morning Prayer at 8:30am	Masses at 9:00am and 11:00am
Mondays	Morning Prayer at 8:30am	Mass at 9:00am
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer at 8:30am Evening Prayer at 6:00pm	Mass at 9:00am Mass at 6:30pm

Wednesdays Morning Prayer at 7:00am Mass at 7:30am  
Perpetual Help Devotions at 8:00am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30am – 12:00pm  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00pm  
Mass at 12:15pm

Thursdays Morning Prayer at 8:30am Mass at 9:00am

Fridays ***Fridays are Days of Lenten Devotion at the Basilica***  
Morning Prayer at 8:30am Mass at 9:00am  
Stations of the Cross at 9:30am  
Mass at 12:15pm  
Vespers and Holy Hour at 6:00pm  
Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00pm

*On Friday, March 10 Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm will be led by the John B Miller Band, and will be followed by an evening of Lenten Music. Vespers and Holy Hour on March 10 will be in the Crypt.*

Saturdays Morning Prayer at 8:30am Mass at 9:00am  
Confessions from 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5:15pm

*On Saturday, March 4 and Saturday, April 1 the 9:00am Mass will be sung in Latin in the Ordinary Form (Vatican II Missal)*

## Celebrate The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Please make sure to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confession*) during Lent. There is no better way to obey the call of the Lord to return to Him with all our hearts than to come before Him as our Saviour in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come even if it's been a while!

### Confessions will be heard at the following times during Lent:

Saturday, February 25	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 4	8:00am – 8:45am 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 11	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 18	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 25	4:00pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday, March 28 *During the Joint Parish Mission at St. Joseph's confessions will be heard starting at 7:00pm. There will be multiple priests available.*

Saturday, April 1	8:00am – 8:45am 10:00am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
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### **Holy Week Confessions**

Tuesday, April 4	4:00pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 5	4:00pm – 6:30pm
Friday, April 7 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	5:00pm – 7:00pm

*On Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church for quiet prayer and reflection during Confession times.*

**Please Note That There will be No Confessions on Holy Saturday**