



## 2024 Lenten Schedule

### Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph, Ontario

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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  
Father Bill Foote

Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki  
Deacon Quinto Tami

## Ash Wednesday

The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Parish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

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The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Solemn Mass

## February 14

7:00 am

7:30 am

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

12:15 pm

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

## Solemn Vespers and Benediction

February 18 at 4:00pm

Vespers is the official Evening Prayer of the Church, which the Second Vatican Council desired to become a prayer for all the Church, rather than exclusively for the Clergy. On the First Sunday of Lent please plan on coming to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament featuring sung Solemn Vespers in the more ancient form of the Divine Office led by the ***Sine Nomine Ensemble*** from Kitchener. Vespers will be followed by a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and then Benediction. There will be a free will offering taken up to assist the choir with their costs.

## Divine Office, Mass and Stations on Fridays During Lent

Throughout the year, but especially in Lent, Fridays are special days of prayer and penance. Each Friday of Lent we will offer two opportunities to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, celebrate Mass, and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations provide a wonderful way to reflect on the Passion and Death of Christ, and is one of the most traditional devotions of the Lenten Season.

Mornings:	8:30 Morning Prayer	9:00 Mass	9:30 Stations
Evenings:	6:30 Evening Prayer	7:00 Mass	7:30 Stations

## Holy Hour & Compline on Wednesdays During Lent

On Wednesday evenings you are welcome to spend some quiet time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and join in the Hour of Compline (*Night Prayer*) from the Divine Office, or the Liturgy of the Hours. Compline will be sung by our own Basilica Gregorian Schola, made up of young adults from the Basilica. The Holy Hour will finish by 8:00pm following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament	7:00pm
The Office of Compline and Benediction.	7:40pm

## An Evening of Lenten Music

March 3 at 7:00pm

Once again this year, we are pleased to welcome John B. Miller & Friends back to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for an evening of Lenten music. This group's musical offerings will provide a wonderful evening to reflect on the Mystery of Our Lord's Life, Death and Resurrection. All are welcome. A free will donation will be taken up.

## The Feast of St. Joseph

March 19 at 7:00pm

St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and the Patron of Canada, and his feast is a Solemnity of the Church. The Day's 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

## Tenebrae on Palm Sunday

March 24 at 7:00pm

During the evening on Palm Sunday, please join us for the noble, solemn and very moving ***Office of Tenebrae***. "Tenebrae", the Latin word for "Darkness", is a combination of the Liturgies for the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. Once again this year we are pleased to welcome some of the alumnae of St. Michael's Choir School to sing the beautiful Tenebrae Responsories composed by the Choir School's founder, Monsignor Ronan. You are encouraged to enter into Holy Week by attending this simple yet moving liturgy at 7:00pm on Palm Sunday, March 24.

## Forty Days for Life

Forty Days for Life, which coincides with the forty days of Lent, is a silent, prayerful witness to our belief in the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death. There will be more information to follow. Our

parish is asked to stand witness on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, March 27, Bishop Lobsinger will celebrate the Mass for the Forty Days for Life here at the Basilica at 7:00pm. Please note that there will be no Compline or Benediction that evening. Confessions, however, will continue throughout the Mass.

## Saturdays During Lent

On Saturdays of Lent, we will observe the following schedule:

Holy Hour with Confessions at 8:00am

Morning Prayer at 8:30am

Mass at 9:00am

Confessions - 4:00pm – 5:00 pm (*from 3:00pm on March 16 & 23*)

Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5:15pm

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

All Saturdays                      8:00am – 8:45am  
   4:00pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, March 16                8:00am – 8:45 am  
   3:00pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, March 23                8:00am – 8:45am  
   3:00pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday, March 26                5:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27            4:00pm – 8:00pm

## 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                      Mass at 9:00am

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

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

Fridays    Morning Prayer at 8:30am                      Mass at 9:00am  
   Mass and Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Saturdays                              Confessions from 11:00am – 12:00pm  
   Confessions from 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
   Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5:15pm

*Note: On Saturday, March 2, the 9:00am Mass will be sung in Latin in the Ordinary Form (Vatican II Missal)*