



2026 Lenten Schedule

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph, Ontario

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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 Paul Niesiobedski
Deacon Quinto Tami

Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki
Father Bill Foote

Ash Wednesday

The Office of Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)
Parish Mass
Parish Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
The Office of Vespers (*Evening Prayer*)
Parish Mass

February 18

7:00am
7:30am
12:15pm
1:00pm – 6:30pm
6:30pm
7:00pm

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

Saturdays of Lent

On each Saturday of Lent there will be a Holy Hour with Morning Prayer at 8:00am, and Mass at 9:00am. On March 7 and March 28 there will be Confessions during the Holy Hour.

Stations and Soup

March 3 at 4:30pm

On Tuesday, March 3 at 4:30pm, families are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross together in the church, with a soup dinner to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Children will be invited to participate in the Stations through songs and by helping to lead the prayers. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

Lectio Divina During Lent

March 4 & 18

This year you are invited to take a deeper dive into Sacred Scripture as we spend two evenings of Lent reflecting on Sacred Scripture using the ancient method known as Lectio Divina (literally divine reading). We welcome Fr. William Meehan on Wednesday, March 4 and Fr. Adam Voisin on Wednesday, March 18 to lead us in a prayerful reflection on the Word of God.

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 Before the Blessed Sacrament	5:30 – 6:45
The Office of Vespers	6:00pm
Benediction & Litany of St. Joseph	6:30pm
Solemn Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger	7:00pm
Reception for St. Joseph's Day after Mass	

Lamentations for Palm Sunday

March 29 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. This year we have extended an invitation to our Christian brothers and sisters at St. George's Anglican Church to join us for Lamentations. You are encouraged to enter into Holy Week by attending this simple yet moving liturgy at 7:00pm on Palm Sunday, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

All Saturdays	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 7	8:00am – 8:45am 4:00pm- 5:00pm
Saturday, March 21	10:00am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 28	8:00am - 9:00am 10:00am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday, March 31	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 1	5:00pm – 7:00pm