

Bulletin - March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

Fasting and self-denial, backed up by prayer and alms-giving, keep us growing in friendship with God. Let us make this Lent a time for beginning all over again by renewing our trust in Jesus.
–Desmond Knowles–

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns*

FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

If you wish to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

Churches are now open at full capacity. Reservations are no longer required.

Mandatory masking remains in place.

After two years of living with pandemic restrictions it may take time before all of our parishioners will feel comfortable about returning to Mass in person. For this reason, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in suspension at this time.

Please do not attend any Mass if you are experiencing any symptoms such as a stuffy or runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, headache, pink eye, decreased appetite etc...

Knights News: Thank you, Parishioners, for your participation in our Oct-Dec 50/50 lottery. \$740 of tickets were sold and our Knights of Columbus Council made \$196 in profits which will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society Lunch Program. The Society serves over 200 meals a day. You may register for our present draw at <https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/?olc=11886> Final draw 31 March.

Ask a Knight about the Knights of Columbus. Before/After all 3 masses **26/27 Feb and 5/6 March** outside in front of the church under the tree.

March Youth Office Update, [click here](#) for the digital link.

FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE March Newsletter: The March Family Newsletter is out and contains a number of guides to help your family enter into Lent and celebrate this month's solemnities and feasts. [Click here](#) to subscribe if you would like the newsletter sent directly to your inbox. Please find the March newsletter attached as well as downloadable [here](#).

Palliative Care and MAiD (March Lecture Series by deVeber Institute)

The deVeber Institute presents a three-night lecture series on palliative care in the face of MAiD featuring doctors, lawyers, and psychiatrists at the forefront of the conversation. March 1, 10 and 16, via Zoom. The topics to be discussed include: dignity conserving care, MAiD and individuals with disabilities, a doctors' roundtable, and MAiD and mental health. Registration is now open on our website at www.deveber.org. Additional details about each evening are also available on the website.

Stations of the Cross – Holy Hour

Join the Women's Fall Retreat team for the Stations of the Cross and Prayers of the Faithful being offered on Zoom **every Thursday from March 3 to April 7 from 7–8 pm**. To register, please email wfrconnections@gmail.com with your name, and the Zoom link will be sent to you each week. All are welcome to participate!

The Year of the Family Speaker Series - A Free Monthly Virtual Event from the Diocese of Hamilton

- 3 Keys to Creating Your Home on a Mission: March 22, 2022; 7-8:30pm
- The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows: April 26, 2022, 7-8:30pm
- Aging With Wisdom and Grace: May 18, 2022, 7-8:30pm

For more information, resources, and to register online please visit:

<https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/>

From Grief Toward Healing, Responding to the Crises of Our Times, a Lenten Series

The joint Anglican-Catholic Justice & Peace Commission is hosting a Lenten series on grief, involving four sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7pm during March. The sessions will consider grief (Mar 9 – James Reid Bereavement Team); grief as it pertains to the climate (Mar 16 – Mary Raddon); how grief is experienced as “the other” (Mar 23 – Mona Rahman) and finally, looking at grief through hope (Mar 30 – Sr. Pauline Lally). Please join via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4905877033>.

New Life Support Group Meetings: Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? We invite you to join our New Life Support Group Meetings, a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced. Every other Tuesday evening 7:30 – 9:00 pm, via Zoom. For more information or obtain the Zoom link, email newlife@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

The next upcoming meetings are:

March 8: Forgiveness – Father Shawn Hughes

Birthright Kingston - Celebrating 50 Years of Loving Them Both

Our gala celebration will take place on Thursday May 5, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be pro-life activist and author Abby Johnson. Tickets will go on sale beginning February 7th. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Marie 613-539-2348. Adults- \$75 (with \$35 tax receipt) Students- \$45 (no tax receipt). Due to Covid restrictions, tickets are limited.

Pray for Ukraine:

Prayer of Invocation to Our Lady of All Nations

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations

that they may be preserved from degeneration, disasters, and the ravages of war.

May Our Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our advocate.

Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, pray for the people of Ukraine.

Amen.

SYNOD 2021-23 : We are in the participation phase of the synodal process! All are welcome and encouraged to participate and share their voice. Our online survey is now live on our Synod webpage. Please take some time to complete the survey and share the link with your friends and family. www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/synod

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