



2025 Lenten Schedule

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph, Ontario

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 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 John Iyekowa
Deacon Quinto Tami

Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki
Father Bill Foote
Deacon Moices Caballero

Ash Wednesday

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

March 5

7:00 am
7:30 am
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
12:15 pm
1:00 pm – 6:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

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

Forty Hours Devotion

March 10 - 13

This year we welcome His Eminence Cardinal Collins to lead all of Wellington Deanery in a Lenten Forty Hours Devotion. This ancient devotion is a kind of Parish Mission, focused on growing in our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Each evening the Cardinal will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm and preach a message of faith and hope. Throughout the days of the Devotion the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. Please plan to make the Forty Hours Devotion a central part of your Lenten journey.

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:

The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer) & Litany	6:30pm
Solemn Mass in Honour of St. Joseph	7:00pm
Reception for St. Joseph's Day after Mass	

The Feast of the Annunciation

March 25 at 7:00pm

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared 2025 the Jubilee Year of Hope, and Bishop Crosby has named the Basilica a Pilgrimage Church. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger, will celebrate a special Pilgrimage Mass for Wellington Deanery at the Basilica. You are all very welcome, and encouraged to come.

The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)	6:30pm
Solemn Mass with Bishop Lobsinger	7:00pm
Reception in the Parish Hall after Mass	

Lamentations for Palm Sunday

April 13 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

All Saturdays	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, March 8	8:00am – 8:45 am 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday, March 12	4:00pm – 7:00pm

(Multiple Priests Available)

Saturday, April 5	10:00am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday, April 12	10:00am – 12:00pm 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday, April 15	4:00pm – 7:00pm Adoration from 4:00 – 7:00 Vespers & Benediction at 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 16	4:00pm – 7:00pm