

SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20th, 2022

David had already been anointed King of Judah by his own people at Hebron. Now we hear how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as their king (First Reading). Thus, David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Jesus Christ. The Second Reading is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of His role in creation; the second of His role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as head of the Church and ruler of the universe. In the Gospel we see how the inscription over the cross, and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim identity of Jesus. The irony is that the titles which are pronounced in mockery are true: Jesus is both Messiah and King!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 20 th <i>Jesus Christ – King of the Universe</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, November 21 st <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 22 nd <i>St. Cecilia</i>	12 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, November 23 rd <i>St. Clement I</i>	10:30 am 4 pm 6 pm	<i>All Souls in Purgatory (School Mass)</i> CANCELLED (Linwood) + <i>Maria Medeiros</i>	By Anonymous - By Anonymous
Thursday, November 24 th <i>St. Andrew Dũng-Lac</i>	8 am	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i>	By Mary & Olyvia Haffner
Friday, November 25 th <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	8 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	By Anonymous
Saturday, November 26 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>David Jewell</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer
Sunday, November 27 th <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

The Story of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: – Mary’s presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church. As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary’s presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond. It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even

somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God’s saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God’s saving work.

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT – The Feast of St. Clement is Wednesday, November 23rd, and we are having a party for our patron Saint! We will begin with the celebration of Mass at 6pm, followed by a potluck in the church hall. Food can be left in the church hall prior to Mass if you wish. There are fridges and ovens to keep your dishes warm or cool as needed.

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE – (437 Wilson St. E, Ancaster ON) is hosting an Open House and Christmas Market on December 10th from 10:00am-4:00pm. Guests are welcome to tour the grounds and buildings, enjoy some seasonal refreshments and do some Christmas shopping. Admission is free, and all are welcome! For more information about Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre please visit: www.mountmary.ca.

RESTART – Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS – When you have Lost a Loved One - Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are also welcome to join the session by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or e-mail her at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com. (You are welcome to attend even if you have not registered in advance.)

VOCATION SEEDS – “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak, Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters, Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I., Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski, & Rev. Timothy Higgins.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,005.00. Maintenance \$415.00 Thank you for your generosity!