

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
September 14th, 2025

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ’s life. She razed the temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour’s tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over it. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The Cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus’ head. Then... “all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.” To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholics and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica’s dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered it from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, fifteen years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the Cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he put off his imperial attire and became a barefoot pilgrim.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 14 th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 15 th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 16 th <i>Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9 am	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, September 17 th <i>St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Marlene Denomme</i> + <i>Alvin Runstedler</i>	By Bill & Judy Meyer By the Family
Thursday, September 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Gilbert Runstedler</i>	By Frances & family
Friday, September 19 th <i>St. Januarius</i>	9 am	+ <i>Rita Kuntz-Regier</i>	By Bertha & family
Saturday, September 20 th <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gōn</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Walter Runstedler</i>	By the Family
Sunday, September 21 st <i>25th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#83) – To understand the unfolding of this controversy/heresy we must begin with the Church’s basic understanding of Jesus Christ as it is found in the New Testament. Almost every page of the New Testament speaks in some way or other of Jesus Christ. Underlying all the variety of expressions and terms applied to Jesus there is the basic conviction that because of Jesus Christ, God was now an indestructible, vivid reality in the consciousness of men, His Kingdom was definitively established, and all men were invited to taste and enjoy the peace, forgiveness, love, and joy of His Kingdom. Note that Jesus was regarded as the indispensable agent and instrument of this reign of God; His death by crucifixion and His resurrection were means of salvation.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY & SUNDAY SOCIAL – Our new schedules will begin September 21st. We are always looking for new teachers, helpers, and social hosts! If you’d like to join us, please leave a message with the office.

VATICAN II STUDY GROUP – Our study group resumes on Saturday, September 20th at 10am, and from then on will be scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

MISSION CO-OP – This weekend we welcome Fr. Brian Quigley of the Comboni Missionaries. Yellow donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. Clement’s Parish, with “Comboni Mission Co-op” in the memo line.

ST. CLEMENT’S CEMETERY MASS – Join us on Saturday, September 28 at 3pm to celebrate our Cemetery Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

BISHOP CROSBY’S 50th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION - His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

MARYHILL HERITAGE DAY - Please mark your calendars for the Maryhill Historical Society’s 49th Annual Heritage Day celebration on Sunday, September 21, 2025 Mass is at 11 a.m. at St. Boniface Church with the program at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) from 12pm-4pm. Lunch Tickets–advance tickets only. \$20/person, \$10 --10years & under, 5 and under FREE. Tickets are available from Linda at 519-242-9595 / Diane at 519-648-2432 or by email: maryhillroots@gmail.com. Payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer. E-transfer to maryhillroots@gmail.com and indicate tickets in the message box. There will be lunch with dessert and refreshments a Silent Auction, 50/50 draw and an escorted Heritage Cross tour at the end of the program. All welcome. This is the Maryhill Historical Society’s major fundraiser.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Phillip Cook, Rev. Laszlo Amaszka, Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, MChR, Rev. Kevin D’Souza, Rev. Piotr Golinski, & Rev. Rafal Tomon.

VOCATION SEEDS – God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$4,132.00. Thank you for your generosity!

