

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24th, 2022

In the Gospel we have John's version of Pentecost, birthday of the Church. The risen Jesus appears to His apostles, showing them His wounds and bestowing peace on them. He gives them the gift of the Spirit and inaugurates the mission of the Church, which is the continuance of His own mission (to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins). One of the effects of the gift of the Spirit was that the Church had the power to forgive sins. St. John did not tell us who exercises this power or how it should be exercised. Though we cannot read back into this text the later Sacrament of Penance, we can confidently say that the Church's use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one valid and legitimate way of exercising the power over sin given by the risen Jesus to His disciples. Thomas' profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!", is the supreme Christological statement of St. John's Gospel. Originally St. John's Gospel ended where today's passage ends. For this and the next five Sundays the Second Reading is taken from the Book of Revelation. The book is the revelation of Jesus Christ, made known through an angel to an unidentified prophet, John. It describes the battle between good and evil, and assures that good (God) will triumph. It was addressed to the whole Church and was meant to be read at liturgical assemblies to encourage believers to hold fast to the faith in times of persecution.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 24 th <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 25 th <i>St. Mark</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 26 th <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Drew Ericson</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller & family
Wednesday, April 27 th <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i> <i>Special Intention (Linwood)</i>	By Frances Hergott By Carol Awrey
Thursday, April 28 st <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	8 am	<i>In thanksgiving</i>	By Frances Hergott
Friday, April 29 th <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Saturday, April 30 th <i>St. Marie De L'incarnation</i>	5 pm	+ <i>William Haffner</i> + <i>Michael Grubb</i>	By Jim Hehn By Gerry Grubb
Sunday, May 1 st <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Peter Chanel (1803-1841) – anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel. Born in France, Peter's interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a "bad" district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years.

Meanwhile, Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron. Suffering for Christ means suffering because we are like Christ. Very often the opposition we meet is the result of our own selfishness or imprudence. We are not martyrs when we are "persecuted" by those who merely treat us as we treat them. A Christian martyr is one who, like Christ, is simply a witness to God's love, and brings out of human hearts the good or evil that is already there. St. Peter Chanel pray for us!

FIRST COMMUNION – Please join us in praying for the children from St. Clements school who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Eustace Alves, Avery Hergott, Alexis Jordan, Olivia Koebel, Ayden Labelle, Drew Ohm, Gage Robb, Sloane Soehner, Holly Suliman, Alyssa Taylor, & Nicholas Taylor. We wish the children and their families the warmest congratulations on this momentous occasion!

YARD CLEAN-UP! – Join your fellow parishioners on Saturday, April 30th at 10am as we clean up the church yard after a long, windy winter. Please arrive armed with a rake. Many hands make light work, and we need yours!

TOUR OF NOTRE DAME DU CAP - The statue of Notre Dame du Cap is being pilgrimed across Canada to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Consecration of Canada to The Immaculate Heart of Mary. This year our country will once again be consecrated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Several bishops and priests will be present at these churches and we are invited to attend one or more venue where the re-consecration will take place. For more details please contact the parish you plan to attend. London - St. Mary's Parish - May 16th - 17th at 7:00 PM. Mississauga - Merciful Redeemer Parish - May 18th Time T.B.A. Toronto - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica - May 19th at 1:00 PM. Scarborough - St. Aidan's Parish - May 20th at 7:00 PM. North York - St. Timothy Parish - May 21st at 7:00 PM.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE – 2022 Toronto March for Life, Friday May 13th at Queen's Park. See brochure at the back of the church for schedule. A bus will leave Fairview Park Mall, Kitchener at 9am and return at 6pm. Cost for a seat is \$25. Please call 519.746.5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca for further details.

VOCATION SEEDS – Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life? If God is calling you 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. Patrick McKelvie, C.R., Rev. David Mowat, C.R., Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.), Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R., Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R., Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$4,340.00. Thank you for your generosity!