

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27th, 2022

The chief function of the season of Advent is to prepare us for Christmas. However, to understand Christmas we have to start at the beginning – with the history of salvation. God’s plan of salvation is centred in Christ and realised through Him! Advent looks back at the promise of His first coming, when that plan was announced. And it looks forward to His second coming, when that plan will reach its complete fulfilment. And, of course, it celebrates His actual coming in time. The First Readings of the Advent Sundays (from Isaiah) are concerned with the Messiah and the messianic times. Isaiah kept the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. In today’s reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The Gospel and the Second Reading deal with the Lord’s second coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Both readings convey a sense of urgency through phrases such as: “Wake up,” “Stay awake!,” “Stand ready!”.

MASS SCHEDULE

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>	
Monday, November 28 st <i>Advent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 29 th <i>Advent</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Dorothy Comfort</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, November 30 th <i>St. Andrew</i>	11 am 4 pm	<i>Living & deceased members of the Quinn & Harnack Families</i> + <i>Mary Friedmann (Linwood)</i>	By Jim & Donna Harnack By Marian Kasza & David Gohl
Thursday, December 1 st <i>Advent</i>	8 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	By Anonymous
Friday, December 2 nd <i>Advent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Ellen Cowie</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Saturday, December 3 rd <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	5 pm	<i>Intentions of Amanda Vollmer</i> + <i>Frances Wagner</i>	By Wayne + Donna Vollmer By the Wagner Family
Sunday, December 4 th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Andrew – Andrew was Saint Peter’s brother, and was called with him. “As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him”. John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day”. Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse

to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross. As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus’ power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people. St. Andrew pray for us!

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT – Thank you to all who participated in our parish potluck. It was a rousing success!

ANGEL TREE – Please consider selecting a tag from our Angel Tree, and providing a Christmas gift to someone in need. Items can be placed under the tree at the front church. Please have gifts returned by Dec. 15th. If you have any questions, or if you know of a person or family in need, please see Stacey Mayer. All requests will be treated with the utmost discretion.

KWC PRAYER VIGIL - Prayer Vigil - Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

WYD FUNDRAISING DINNER – A Taste of Portugal... Save the Date! The Diocesan World Youth Day Planning Team warmly invites you to a fundraising dinner at St. Mary’s Church in Hamilton on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us as we celebrate the delegation of young people who will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal this summer while enjoying fine Portuguese food, music and cultural dance! Tickets will be available soon and full tables are available to purchase for families or parish teams. Please contact our office for more details or to reserve tickets: wyd@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP – Parenting Tip 144 - Parents hold two important roles in their family, they lead and model. Healthy families come from parents who take both roles seriously. As leaders you set the household tone by staying on the same page (even if parenting from a different household), setting rules to be followed and by ensuring children know you are in charge. Even more important is your role as a model, since children watch more than listen! Modelling happens when you spend time with your children, really listen to them, encourage them and have deep and important conversations. When you take on these two roles you will become the primary influencers of your children and they will feel loved and secure. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, deacon, or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 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. Sam Restivo, C.R., Rev. Brendan McGrath, Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.), Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V., Rev. Romelito Guillen, & Rev. Grayson Hope.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$1,375.00. Maintenance \$520.00 Thank you for your generosity!