

CORPUS CHRISTI
June 22nd, 2025

The First Reading tells how Melchizedek, king of Salem (early name for Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham. Melchizedek is also a priest. As such he brings an offering of bread and wine to Abraham, and pronounces a blessing over him. In Christian tradition that bread and wine were taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist. St. Paul’s account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account of the origin of the Eucharist (Second Reading). When we celebrate the Eucharist, not merely is Christ present, but we re-enact the Death by which He saved us! The Eucharist not only looks to the past, but also looks forward to the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. The eucharistic significance of the multiplication of the loaves is brought out by the use of liturgical language. St. Luke uses the same words here as at the Last Supper and at Emmaus: “Jesus... took... blessed... broke... gave...” In the Eucharist the Church continues the mission of Jesus to teach, to heal, and to nourish the people of God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 22 nd <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, June 23 rd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, June 24 th <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	9 am	+ <i>Franciso Faria</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, June 25 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Brendan Myers</i> + <i>Leonard Sherrer</i> (Linwood)	By Literature families By the Family
Thursday, June 26 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Mateo Chevrier</i>	By Kevin & Mary Elizabeth Walker
Friday, June 27 th <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, June 28 th <i>St. Irenaeus</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Danielle Pilon</i> <i>Intentions of Carol Awrey</i>	By Diane Dietrich By Jim & Ken Meyers
Sunday, June 29 th <i>Sts. Peter & Paul</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#80) – Those penitents who had completed their penance were sacramentally reconciled with the Church – on Holy Thursday – as a rule. They prostrated themselves before the bishop, who raised them up while placing his hands on them signifying their restoration to full communion with the Church. This act of reconciliation with the Church was the essential sacramental act and still is. The system made extreme demands on human nature, for once enrolled in the ranks of the penitents, a person was condemned for life to an inferior status in the Church: he could never be admitted to the clerical state, run for public office, or even have marital relations. Even after absolution, he had to continue to live like a monk.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – Do you have any peonies to spare? We are looking for fresh flowers to adorn our altar! Please contact Sharon at 519-570-6453 if you would like to donate peonies. Every stem is appreciated! Thank you!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM – This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of you life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered once again this fall and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration will be on line soon so to register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Mussie Keflezghi, MCCJ, Rev. Domenico Guarino, MCCJ, Discalced Carmelite Fathers, OCD, Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, CR, Rev. Toby Collins, CR, & Rev. Raphael Ma, CR.

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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