

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27th, 2025

In the Gospel we have St. John's version of Pentecost, the official birthday of the Church. The Risen Lord 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. One of the effects of the gift of the Spirit was that the Church had the power to forgive sins. Thomas' profession of faith: "My Lord and my God" is the supreme Christological statement of St. John's Gospel. Originally 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 believers 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 time of persecution.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 27 th <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am 3 pm	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i>	
Monday, April 28 th <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 29 th <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Bishop. M. Ustrzycki</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, April 30 th <i>St. Marie De L'Incarnation</i>	9 am 4 pm	+ <i>Barbara Hiller</i> <i>C A N C E L E D</i> (Linwood)	By Bryan & Patty White
Thursday, May 1 st <i>St. Joseph the Worker & St. Pius V</i>	9 am	+ <i>Reta Ertel (5th Anniversary)</i>	By Sharon & Paul
Friday, May 2 nd <i>St. Athanasius</i>	9 am	+ <i>Irene Kuntz</i>	By the Kuntz family
Saturday, May 3 rd <i>Sts. Philip & James</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Marilisa Pigozzo</i> <i>Intentions of William Vollmer</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller + family By the Family
Sunday, May 4 th <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#72) – Church architecture came into being, Constantine being a prime mover in this regard. As Christianity flourished under his protection, simple, spacious buildings were no longer sufficient; they had to be "splendid, public and imposing" as well. Here as in their other artistic endeavours at the time, the Christians were receptive rather than creative. As models they had at hand the various Roman basilicas or assembly halls of different shapes and sizes. The imperial audience hall, with its apse to accommodate the throne of the Emperor, proved to be most suitable for adaptation to liturgical purposes. Constantine himself set the pace, erecting many churches such as the great Roman basilica over the spot where St. Peter's bones were thought to rest; like many of his structures it combined the basilica-type church with a large forecourt or atrium.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – Congratulations to all the children who have finished their First Communion preparation! And our heartfelt gratitude to Christine and Jenn for leading this program. Confirmation preparation will continue this Saturday, May 3 at 10 am.

ROSES FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus is having their Rose Sunday on May 11, and will be selling rose lapels after Mass to raise money for pro-life organizations and activities. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is the international symbol opposing euthanasia.

MARCH FOR LIFE – The KW Right to Life Association Travels to Toronto Saturday, May 10th, 2025. Bus trip to Queen's Park for the March for Life in Toronto. Leaves at the front of Walmart Parking Lot - Fairway Park Mall. 8:00 am Saturday May 10th, 2025. Arrives at Queens Park for 11 am Rally. Reserve your seat - \$25. Children and Students FREE. Parents, bring your children and grandchildren or friends. Great Speakers at 2:pm Return to Kitchener around 4pm. Contact 519.746.5433 jane@kwrtl.ca

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

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 3rd at the Saint Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. A monthly informal drop-in support is available at the parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. St. Michael's is also offering a more detailed 6 week program, When Life Changes (Part 1), which will run on Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from - May 14 - June 18 2025. Registration is required by early May for this program by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Most Rev. Francis Noronha, CSC, Rev. Shajymon Mandapathikunnel, CSC, Permanent Deacons, Rev. Michael Isabelle, Rev. Alberto Ferreira, & Rev. Gary Schlack.

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 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 \$3,855.00. Thank you for your generosity!