

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

In his address to slaves (Second Reading), St. Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore His sufferings for love of us. Slavery was a fact of life in New Testament times. The New Testament writers do not, as might have been expected, lead a campaign against it. Even if they had wanted to do so, they must have been aware that such a stance could only be judged subversive and would imperil the tenuous foothold Christianity was gaining in the world of the day. St. Peter's words have a wider application. He singled out slaves only because their burden of suffering was heavier than that of others.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	9 am	<i>In thanksgiving (parishioner's prayers, kindness)</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer
Wednesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Sherri Fleischhauer</i> + <i>Vincent Runstedler</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By Ann Runstedler & family
Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Marie de L'incarnation</i>	9 am	+ <i>Harold &amp; Elis Schipper</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	9 am	+ <i>Ancestors of Thanh Nguyen</i>	By the Family
Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>St. Athanasius</i>	5 pm	+ <i>John Druar</i> <i>Intentions of William Vollmer</i>	By the Family By the Family
Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

**History of the Catholic Church (#113)** – This growing dominance of the Christians was severely challenged, however, when the new Emperor, Julian, took office in 360. Upon assuming the imperial purple he marched into Constantinople, declared himself a pagan, and stated his intention of restoring the ancient religion. As a boy raised in the imperial household he was baptized Christian and forced to conform to his uncle's religion; but the bookish and dreamy lad secretly dedicated himself to the ancient gods, and once securely in power he tore off his mask and showed his true colors. No doubt his negative view of Christianity was influenced by his dolorous experiences in the professedly Christian imperial household, where the death of his uncle Constantine was attended by a bloodbath, with the massacre of cousins and relatives and where his own life hung in the balance for a long time.

**LAWN CLEAN-UP!** – Thank you to all who gathered to help with our spring clean-up!

**ST. CLEMENT'S SUPPORTS FOOD4KIDS** – During the month of May, the Christian Mothers will be sponsoring a food drive in our Parish to support Food4Kids Waterloo Region. Food4Kids is a charitable organization which provides packages of healthy food to children ages 1-14 living with severe food insecurity. With the support of Food4Kids, children have access to nutritious food during weekends and school breaks when they are unable to access the school nutrition programs. Currently Food4Kids is having a Peanut Butter drive with a goal of collecting 5000 jars of **peanut butter** to support the summer program. The Christian Mothers would greatly appreciate your support with donations of peanut butter of any kind (including non peanut brands such as Wow Butter to support children with allergies). Bins will be located at the entrance to the church for the month of May for donations. For more information please contact Donna at 519.699.5061. Thank you so much for your support!

**ST. CLEMENT'S SCHOOL GREENING TEAM** – Calling all Weed Warriors & Green Thumbs! Our Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) is officially calling on the troops to help us stage a garden intervention. We're turning this place into a blooming masterpiece, and we need your hands, your heart, and maybe your favourite shovel! This isn't just about dirt; it's about community, fresh air, and showing our students that many hands make light—and beautiful—work. We're looking for high energy, big smiles, and people who don't mind a little dirt under their fingernails for a great cause. Reach out to the office at 519-699-5271 or email the principal at [Ermelinda.Luis@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Ermelinda.Luis@wcdsb.ca) to add your name to the list, and you'll be contacted by our greening team leader.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, 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), vocations testimony and praise music(8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 2nd at the Saint Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Robert Kiffman, Rev. Francis Noronha, CSC, Order of St. Augustine, OSA, Rev. Alberto Ferreira, Rev. Michael King, & Rev. Gary Schlack.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$3,230.00 Thank you for your generosity!