

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The First Reading talks about a new covenant between God and His people. This new covenant was brought about through the death of Jesus: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” (Lk 22:20). In the Gospel Jesus talks about His imminent death. It shows the very real disquiet with which He approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that His own death will bear fruit. St. John has no account of the agony in garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying: “My soul is troubled.” And in the words: “Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?” we catch an unmistakable echo of His prayer in Gethsemane (Mk 14:36). We also catch a similar echo in the Second Reading: “He learned to obey through suffering.” This reading also stresses the fruitfulness of Jesus’ death: He became the source of eternal life for all who obey Him... for ALL who OBEY Him.

### MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup><br><i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> | 9 am<br>11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i><br><i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>          |   |
| Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>        | -             | -   | -   |
| Tuesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Joseph</i>                   | 10:30 am      | + <i>John &amp; Rita Black</i>  | By John & Christine Dixon                       |
| Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Lent</i>                       | 12 pm<br>4 pm | + <i>Maynard Dietrich</i><br><i>Intentions of the Koert (Linwood)</i> | By Louis & Mary Bender<br>By the Barrett family |
| Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup><br><i>Lent</i>                        | 8 am          | <i>An end of abortion in Canada</i>                                   | By Bob & Linda Myers                            |
| Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>Lent</i>                          | 8 am<br>7 pm  | + <i>Tony &amp; Margit Weiss</i><br><i>Stations of the Cross</i>      | By the Lehmanns                                 |
| Saturday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>   | 5 pm          | + <i>Pauline Dietrich</i><br>+ <i>Joseph Strauss</i>                  | By the Family<br>By Dianne Strauss              |
| Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                   | 9 am<br>11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i><br><i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>          | -   |

**History of the Catholic Church (#25)** – Mithraism – the mystery religion that proved to be the most serious rival of Christianity – was restricted to men and very popular with soldiers. Originating in Persia, it was apparently spread around the Mediterranean by the soldiers of Alexander the Great. Mithra was a Persian sun god who had slain the cosmic bull whose blood was the source of all life. His images always show him fighting for right against wrong – an appealing idea for some soldiers. The cult promised immortality to its initiates. Its shrines have been uncovered in many places, a large one not long ago in London.

**LENTEN ALMSGIVING** - The Women’s Ministry suggests that, in order to fulfill our almsgiving obligation for Lent, we bring items for the Canadian Food for Children. These items will be taken to a central location in Kitchener where they will be flown to third world countries. Please leave the items at the back of the church.

- Week of March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Cooking Oils
- Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Peanut Butter
- Week of March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> - Tomato Sauce or Tomato Paste

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Our souls aren’t all that need cleaning this Lent! Please join us as we prepare the church for a beautiful Easter season. We will have two cleaning dates: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm, and Saturday, March 23 from 10:00am – Noon. If you are able, please come armed with a rag and bucket.

**REQUEST** - Do you have a crock pot you are no longer using? We are looking for one for the parish kitchen. We are also looking for 8-10 used sap buckets to store the silk flowers in. Metal or plastic. If you have any of these items and would like to donate them, please contact Sharon at (519) 570-6453 and leave a message.

**CARDS IN THE PARISH HALL!** – Every Thursday afternoon, from 1-4pm, join us for euchre. Everyone welcome!

**MASS OF CHRISM** - The Mass of Chrism will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 2pm on Monday, March 25th. Bishop Crosby will consecrate Sacred Chrism and bless Oil for the Sick and Catechumens for use in the Sacraments during the coming year. The Bishops and Priests will renew their Ordination promises. All are welcome.

**DEVOTION TO BVM** - The 2000 Hail Mary’s Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed on Saturday May 11, 2024, at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30am, and we anticipate the devotion will finish by 7:30 pm. Join us for all or part of the day. For information contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Ken Miskiewicz, Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.), Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon, Rev. Donald Sanvido, & Permanent Diaconate Candidates.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call 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 \$2,090.00. Thank you for your generosity!