

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30th, 2023

In his address to slaves (Second Reading), St. Peter urged them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Sheppard, 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 30 th <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 1 st <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 2 nd <i>St. Athanasius</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Ralph Meyer</i>	By Anne, Patty & Janet
Wednesday, May 3 rd <i>St. Philip & St. James</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of William Vollmer</i> + <i>Vincent Runstedler (Linwood)</i>	By Wayne & Donna Vollmer By Ann Runstadler & family
Thursday, May 4 th <i>Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis</i>	8 am	+ <i>Harold Schipper</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, May 5 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	<u>CANCELLED</u>	-
Saturday, May 6 th <i>St. François De Laval</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Sherri Fleischhauer</i> + <i>Gerri-Rose Straus-Moser</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By Dianne Strauss
Sunday, May 7 th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: *St. Joseph the Worker* - to foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope St. John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from

the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work." To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. St. Joseph pray for us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Save the Date! Our church will be hosting a 1-week Vacation Bible School for elementary students (Gr k-5) July 24-28th. Registration details will follow in a few weeks. We require adult and youth (middle/ high school) volunteers to make this program a success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emily Runstedler via email emilyrunstedler@gmail.com or text/call 519-897-3645. Thank you for helping make this VBS program possible!

ROSES FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus "ROSES FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN is the weekend of May 14th at the St. Clement's 5pm, 9 am, and St. Mary's 11am Masses. The new redesigned Rose Lapel has a red and white rose. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is a symbol opposing euthanasia. Please pick up a "Rose Lapel;" all donations will support KW Right-to-Life.

ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday, May 13th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – May 6, 2023 – Hamilton- Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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, religious and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, 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 Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Joe Selvanayagam, Rev. William Foote, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.), Rev. Terence Sehl, & Rev. Scott Whitfield.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,010.00. Thank you for your generosity!