

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26th, 2023

St. John's main aim is to elicit faith in Jesus and to show the effects of faith in Him. "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe." The story ends with the words: "Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him." Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence she makes a wonderful profession of faith: "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world." Jesus in the source of life, not just physical life, but the undying life of God. This new life is not a mere future hope but a present reality which physical death, despite appearances, does not negate. The key words in the story are: "I am the resurrection and the life." The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the Lord of life and death.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 26 th <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 27 th <i>Lent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 28 st <i>Lent</i>	7 pm	+ <i>Bernard & Betty Gravelle</i>	By Joe Boccanfuso & family
Wednesday, March 29 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Therese Silva</i> <i>All Souls in Purgatory</i> (Linwood)	By Bob & Linda Myers By The Barrett family
Thursday, March 30 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Len Meyer</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer
Friday, March 31 st <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>Joseph Strauss</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Dianne Strauss
Saturday, April 1 st <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Anna Miller</i>	By Tom Miller
Sunday, April 2 nd <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at hamiltondiocese.com, or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Consider joining your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Be generous with your time and follow the Lord as he walks for our Salvation.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Our next series on Sister will begin this Tuesday in the church hall. All women are welcome, and bring a friend!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING – The Christian Mothers will be collecting items for Canadian Food for Children each week for the remainder of Lent, according to the following schedule:

- March 26 – Large bottles of Shampoo
- April 2 – Spaghetti sauce (no glass) & yarn, wool, sewing notions/material

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – This summer our parish will be offering a 1-week Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for elementary students. Programs like this cannot run without the help of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to teach a class (lessons will be provided), be a group leader (high school aged) or group helper (gr. 5-8), handle the snack station, MC our opening and closing sessions, help with the planning, or run the sign-in table we would love your help! Please email Emily at emilyfrunstedler@gmail.com or complete the google form <https://forms.gle/ALkF9QR3xAWX9Ck98>. Thank you for your help!

ANNUAL WOMEN'S SEMINAR – The Family Foundations Institute is hosting their Annual Women's Seminar – Understanding and Living Out God's Will for Your Life on Saturday, April 15th from 10am – 3pm at St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London. \$40/person before Thurs. April 13 (\$50/person after). Register and learn more at famfi.ca/aws.

CARD PARTY – Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 17th from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Get a group together and join us at the Polish Legion, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Tickets will be remaining at \$25. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, draws and lots of prizes including a light lunch and refreshments. ALL proceeds go to support our local youth. For more information please contact Diane 648-2432 or dstrickler@continuum.org

PRAYER VIGIL – Delayed one week to Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

VOCATION SEEDS – "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, 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: Very Rev. Stephen Murrin, Rev. Kevin D'Souza, Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada (C.S.J.), Rev. Andrew Czarny, Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley, & Rev. Michael King.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,477.00. Thank you for your generosity!