

PALM SUNDAY
March 24th, 2024

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday morning: it includes the last days of Lent (Monday – Wednesday) and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of our salvation accomplished by Jesus the Christ in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into the city of our salvation... Jerusalem.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 25 th <i>Holy Week</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 26 th <i>Holy Week</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Carol Awrey</i>	By a Friend
Wednesday, March 27 th <i>Holy Week</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Jacob & Yvonne Simpson & family</i> + <i>Bill Barrett (Linwood)</i>	By the Walkers By the Barrett family
Thursday, March 28 th <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7 pm	<i>All priests of St. Clement's Parish</i>	
Friday, March 29 th <i>Good Friday</i>	11 am 3 pm 7 pm	<i>Passion of the Lord (Linwood)</i> <i>Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday, March 30 th <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8 pm	<i>For all RCIA catechumens entering the Church tonight</i>	
Sunday, March 31 st <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#26) – Certain similarities of doctrines and rites have led some scholars to claim that Christianity belongs in the same category as the mystery religions and, in fact, is derived to some extent from them. The evidence, however, does not support such theories. The fact that both the mystery religions and the Christian Church used certain rites as washing, anointings, and sacred meals does not necessarily indicate a dependency. Such common symbols are so basic to humanity that any religious person might use them to express an experience transcending this world. Moreover, the Christian conception of salvation is worlds apart from that of the mysteries. The devotees of Cybele or Mithra saw their salvation as a magical liberation from the flesh. Christians, on the other hand, assumed the existence of sin and free will and conceived redemption as the forgiveness of sin. They preached sin and repentance with a frightening earnestness that had nothing in common with the licentious ceremonies of the mystery religions. As St. Paul put it: “You broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God and... are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution” (1 Thess 1:9-10). Again, unlike the mystery religions with their timeless myths linked with the rhythms of nature, Christianity was founded on a historical person and connected with datable events.

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 23rd & 24th - Peanut Butter
- Week of March 30th & 31st - Tomato Sauce or Tomato Paste (NO GLASS)

CHURCH CLEANING – A very sincere thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to clean the Church; they worked incredibly hard, and it shows!

EASTER FLOWERS – As Lent draws to a close and we anticipate the joy of the Easter season, we hope to fill the sanctuary with beauty and life. Please consider providing funds to purchase Easter flowers. Donation envelopes can be found at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Please join us in praying for the children who have recently celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for their First Holy Communion, which will be taking place on April 7th at 11:30 a.m.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese 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, April 6th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HOLY WEEK RESOURCE FOR TEENS – The Office of Youth Ministry will be publishing “Walking the Way, a Holy Week Journal for Teens.” This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The journal bridges the Gospel readings for each day of Holy Week to practical ways young people can live out the message. The journal also has reflections from Pope Francis’ letter, Christus Vivit for young people to consider. The Holy Week Journal can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/yyxvxyj>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, Rev. Gerald Mulhall, & Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.).

VOCATION SEEDS – Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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 \$3,335.00. Thank you for your generosity!