

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 12th, 2024

The reading from Acts describes the ascension of our Lord. It also shows how Jesus, now in the glorious presence of His Father, continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through His disciples. The Gospel is concerned with the Lord's ascension and the missionary charge He gave His Apostles. The preaching of the Apostles was to have the same effect as the preaching of Jesus. The reference to picking up snakes and drinking poison is not to be taken literally. Why not? According to the Middle Eastern mentality hyperbole is an accepted way of making a point – through the power of Jesus the Apostles will triumph over all evils. The Apostles are to challenge people of all times and places either to believe or reject the Gospel. The theological meaning of the feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising Him above all earthly powers, and making Him head of the Church and Lord of creation. The ascension of Jesus is His liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent His removal from the earth, but His constant presence everywhere on earth.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 12 th <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 14 th <i>St. Matthias</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Karen Dietrich</i>	By Tom & family
Wednesday, May 15 th <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Klara Blattman</i> + <i>Alvin Runstedler (Linwood)</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By Ann Runstedler & family
Thursday, May 16 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By the Estate
Friday, May 17 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>Richard Dietrich</i>	By the Family
Saturday, May 18 th <i>St. John I</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rita Miller</i> + <i>David Jewell</i>	By Tom Miller By Cathy Fleischhauer
Sunday, May 19 th <i>Pentecost</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#32) – Profoundly conscious, as they were, that it was the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and not some human agency that created the Church, they saw their fellowship as a gift of the Spirit, a miraculous act of God. This sense of the supernatural origin of the Church is powerfully conveyed by St. Paul, who thought of the Church as the new Eve – the spouse of Christ. St. Paul also spoke of the Church as Christ's Body; as a farm or garden planted and watered by the Apostles; as a building erected by the Apostles on the foundation of Jesus Christ, the Messiah; and the temple of God. This unique Christ-centered self-image of the early Church is revealed clearly in its two most important rituals. First was the Eucharist, which was celebrated by repeating Christ's words at the Last Supper over bread and wine in obedience to His command to remember Him and in the firm conviction that He was present as their risen Lord. A wealth of meaning was attached to this simple rite: it was the proclamation

of the Lord "until he comes"; it was a sharing in His Body and Blood; it was a sacrifice, the re-creation of Christ's sacrifice, which inaugurated a new covenant between God and man. The second act was the initiation rite of baptism, a cleansing with water; this was regarded as an essential part of conversion to Christ and admission to the community, to the Church.

PARKING LOT – In an effort to preserve our good relationship with the school, we ask that parishioners refrain from removing the pylons and parking on the playground blacktop; the painted games are being ruined. If the main lot is full, please consider the lot to the left of the rectory.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Double the love this Mother's Day and join us as we support Marillac Place's Baby Bottle Campaign, running from Mother's Day to Father's Day! These six weeks give us a special opportunity to come together and make a tangible difference in the lives of young mothers and their children in our community. By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place's programs, offering housing, education, counseling, and more to those in need. Bottles are available at the back of the church or in the parish hall. Let's embrace the spirit of giving and compassion as we uplift and empower these families towards brighter futures. For more information and other ways to donate, please call (519) 571-0722 x 2, send us an email at admin@marillacplace.ca or visit our website: www.marillacplace.ca

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers and guests who made our Mother's Day Tea a resounding success! Your support and participation are appreciated beyond measure.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Marko Stefanec, Rev. Joseph Akanbi, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.), Rev. Charles Jordan, Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I., & Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

VOCATION SEEDS – Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem to wait to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led 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 \$2,625.00. Thank you for your generosity!