

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14th, 2024

In the First Reading Peter shows great courage when he confronts the people with their part in the death of Jesus. However, he goes on to excuse them on the grounds that they acted in ignorance. In this way he may have been inspired by the dying prayer of Jesus: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” He urges them to repent, assuring them that if they do, their sins will be forgiven. In the Gospel St. Luke’s primary interest is to show that the Risen Lord is the same person the Apostles had known prior to the crucifixion. He emphasises the reality of Jesus’ bodily resurrection, it makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. It was only by combining various passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering Messiah was part of God’s plan of salvation. So St. Luke has the risen Lord showing the Apostles how the Scriptures had foretold that the Christ would suffer and so enter into His glory. Jesus also gives them a mission – the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14 st <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 15 st <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 16 th <i>Easter</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Florence Meyer</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer
Wednesday, April 17 th <i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Estate
Thursday, April 18 th <i>Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin</i>	8 am	+ <i>John & Elaine Ainsworth</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, April 19 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Janine Keller</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, April 20 th <i>Easter</i>	5 pm	<i>Intentions of Anthony Vollmer</i>	By the Family
Sunday, April 21 st <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#28) – Finally, a most important difference and a potent cause of the superiority of Christianity was the effective demonstration by Christians in their own lives of the power of love; it proved an irresistible magnet for many souls and caused the pagans to exclaim: “Look how they love one another!” This love found expression in a multitude of activities.

FIRST COMMUNION – Please join us in praying for Benedict, who receives his First Holy Communion today.

MOTHER’S DAY TEA – Calling all Mothers! The Christian Mothers invite you and your guest(s) to a fun-filled afternoon in honour of your special role as Mother, Grandmother, or mother-figure. Please join us for tea, delicious treats, activities, prizes, and more in the St. Clement’s Parish Hall on Saturday, May 4th from 2-4pm. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/children 10 & under (payable at the door). To register, please RSVP to Donna Lang by providing your name and the number of adults/children who will be attending. The deadline for registering is April 30th. Email: christianmothers.stc@gmail.com Phone: 519-699-5061. We look forward to seeing you there.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE: ST JEROME’S UNIVERSITY – St. Jerome’s University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On Monday, April 15, Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ will be speaking on the topic of science and truth. For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome’s Website: <https://www.sju.ca/LCE>

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024 – The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. Please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen, Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J., Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Rev. David Wilhelm, & Rev. Scott Whitfield.

VOCATION SEEDS – What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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