

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 4th, 2025

The First Reading tells of the opposition the Apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. Persecution did not come as a surprise; Jesus had predicted it! It became an opportunity for the Apostles to bear witness to Him. They refused to be silenced. Always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus. Far from being demoralised, they were glad to suffer for the sake of Jesus. The Gospel shows that a constant feature of the resurrection stories is that Jesus is not recognised at once; it takes some word or familiar gesture for Him to be known. This is an effective way of making the point that resurrection is not a return to earthly life – Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death. He is the same Jesus, yet transformed. He is not as He was; but He is still who He was. The miraculous catch of fish symbolises the mission of the Apostles to be “fishers of men.” The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus’ help. The meal symbolises the Eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them (us) and feeds them (us). Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who denied Him, Jesus wanted to show that He was establishing His Church not on human strength, but on His own love and faithfulness.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 4 th <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 5 th <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 6 th <i>St. François De Laval</i>	9 am	+ <i>Diane Fitzgerald</i>	By St. Clement’s Choir
Wednesday, May 7 th <i>Easter</i>	10:15 am 12 pm 4 pm	<i>Easter School Mass</i> <i>Intentions of Jordan Carter</i> + <i>Irene Kuntz</i> (Linwood)	- By Chris & Barb Runstedler By the Kuntz family
Thursday, May 8 th <i>Bl. Catherine de Saint-Augustin</i>	9 am	+ <i>Bill & Bruce Lehmann</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, May 9 th <i>Easter</i>	9 am	+ <i>Rita Lederman</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, May 10 th <i>St. John of Avila</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Sherri Fleischhauer</i> <i>Intentions of Mary Kocher</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By Diane Dietrich
Sunday, May 11 th <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 (#73) – The liturgy itself was considerably influenced by the Constantinian revolution. Millions of pagans suddenly entered the Church, and some of their customs inevitably crept into the liturgy: the use of the kiss as a sign of reverence for holy objects, the practice of genuflection, devotion to relics, and the use of candles, incense, and other ceremonial features derived from the imperial court. Under this pagan influence Christians began to face the east while praying, which made it necessary for the priest to lead prayers with his back to the congregation.

ROSES FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus is having their Rose Sunday on May 11, and will be selling rose lapels after Mass to raise money for pro-life organizations and activities. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is the international symbol opposing euthanasia.

YARD CLEAN-UP! – Saturday, May 10th at 10am. Bring your rakes and work gloves and join your fellow parishioners for our spring clean-up! A wheelbarrow or two would be appreciated as well.

MOTHER’S DAY TEA – A special thank you to the women who have worked tirelessly to organize our Mother’s Day Tea & Vintage Bridal Show, and to all our beautiful guests who made it such a resounding success!

VATICAN II GROUP STUDY – The next meeting is this Saturday, May 10th at 10am.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – This Mother’s Day to Father’s Day, we’re supporting Marillac Place’s Baby Bottle Campaign to help young mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in our community. Last year, Marillac Place provided safe housing and support to 45 women and 31 children. With your help, they also delivered 247 Life Skills sessions on budgeting, cooking, parenting, and more—empowering families to thrive. Pick up a baby bottle next weekend or give online using the QR code on the poster on our bulletin board.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025 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 one guest if you require assistance). Registration can be found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Michael King, Rev. Veselko Kvesic, OFM, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, SOC, Rev. Bradley Markus, Rev. Khalid Karomi, & Rev. David Reitzel.

VOCATION SEEDS – How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact 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 \$2,470.00. Thank you for your generosity!