

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism and shows that God’s salvation is offered to all. In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds Him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to Him and to one another. Jesus’ love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as He has observed the Father’s commandments, so they should observe His. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now Jesus is going to give them the supreme proof of His love - giving His life for them (us). He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love. In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God’s essence. God has shown His love for us by sending His Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God’s life.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francois De Laval</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Jerome &amp; Rosella Fischer</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Blessed Catherine of Augustine</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Frances Kraemer</i> + <i>Daniel &amp; Lucille Kelley</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By Richard Kraemer By the Estate
Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i>	By the Estate
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. John of Avila</i>	8 am	+ <i>Ronald Dietrich</i>	By the Family
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Ursula Kaczor &amp; Zibi Kulik</i> + <i>Sherri Fleischhauer</i>	By the Family By Cathy Fleischhauer
Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#31)** – By the end of the second century, the Christian Church presents itself as an institution with a clearly defined system of authority based mainly on its Sacred Scriptures, its creed, and its hierarchy of bishops, priests, and deacons. The question of how this system developed constitutes one of the most challenged (by Protestants) chapters in the history of the Church. Whether or not we accept the view that Jesus Himself founded the Church and conferred authority over it on His twelve Apostles, history clearly shows that from the beginning the first believers formed a tightly knit community and were conscious of being members of a unique fellowship – still within Israel indeed but with a distinct sense of identity due to their belief in the risen Christ. This awareness soon found expression in the terms they used of themselves – they called themselves the saints, the elect, the Church of God, the true remnant of Israel, the new Israel.

**LAWN CLEANUP** – Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time Saturday morning!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024** – Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children’s school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is, “We are called to love”, and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: “If we love one another, God lives in us.” (1 John 4:12) To learn more about Catholic Education Week in the Diocese of Hamilton, visit us at <https://www.hamiltondiocesecew.com/>

**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, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for more details.

**RELICS OF ST. BROTHER ANDRE BESSETTE VISIT HAMILTON DIOCESE** – The major reliquary of St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton May 17-24, 2024. The relics of Brother Andre start their tour at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King and finish at Holy Family, Hanover. See the diocesan website, Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton ([hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)) for dates and times. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our own Canadian Saints. We are truly blessed to have the relics of St. Andre Bessette visit our Diocese.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Very Rev. David Wynen, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.), Rev. Mark Morley, Very Rev. Adrian Lee, & Rev. Fadi Rizk.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The greatest love story that ever happened: God’s continuing love for His people. All God asks is “Love one another as I have loved you”. The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God’s call, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$2,825.00. Thank you for your generosity!

