

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1st, 2022

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. And so, 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 the 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 and feeds them. 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 and teach that He was establishing His Church not on human strength, but on His own love and faithfulness. Happy Easter!

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, May 1 st <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, May 2 nd <i>St. Athanasius</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, May 3 rd <i>St. Philip & St. James</i> | 12 pm | <i>Intentions of William Vollmer</i> | By Wayne & Donna Vollmer |
| Wednesday, May 4 th <i>Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | + <i>Bob Large</i> + <i>Vincent Runstedler (Linwood)</i> | By Peter & Ornella Miller & family By Ann Runstedler & family |
| Thursday, May 5 th <i>Easter</i> | 8 am | + <i>William Haffner</i> | By Mary Haffner & family |
| Friday, May 6 th <i>St. François De Laval</i> | 8 am | + <i>Betty Gravelle</i> | By Jeanne Gravelle |
| Saturday, May 7 th <i>Easter</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Mary & Otello Maschio</i> + <i>Sherri Fleischhauer</i> | By Peter & Ornella Miller & family By Cathy Fleischhauer |
| Sunday, May 8 th <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |

Our Saint of the Week: St. Athanasius (296-373) – St. Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church. Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East – Arianism. When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily

won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul. After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ’s divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism. Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. St. Athanasius pray for us!

THANK YOU – A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners who helped clean the church yard on Saturday. Your dedication to the community is very much appreciated.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parents can become exasperated by the behaviour of their children, yet may unknowingly be contributing to it by not practicing more control in some areas of their children’s lives. You can help your child to be the best version of themselves by ensuring a balanced diet, by making sure they get enough rest (something severely lacking in many children), by ensuring they have lots of active movement each day and by praying as a family daily. Besides these proven benefits to children, there are other actions also proven to help: controlling screen time (all screens) to the recommended time for their age, spending quality time with parents every day, sharing meals as a family, ensuring they have downtime and are not too activity heavy and by knowing the right expectations to have for the age of your child. Many poor behaviours can be turned around when parents take on a strong leadership role in their families. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND – Please see Bishop Crosby’s Pastoral letter for an update on the participation of the Diocese of Hamilton in the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The donation envelopes provided will be taken up during the collection next weekend and the weekend of May 14/15.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE – Prayer Vigil - Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

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 Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R., Rev. Jim Valk, C.R., Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (S.S.M.I.), Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R., Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C., Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$3,000.00. Maintenance \$50.00. Thank you for your generosity!