

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The reading from Acts gives a picture of a Christian community that is ideally faithful to the Gospel. It is a community of shared faith and shared possessions. In the Gospel Jesus appears to His Apostles, showing them His wounds and bestowing peace on them. Then He entrusts His mission to them, giving them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive sins. And Thomas' profession of faith: "My Lord and my God" is the supreme Christological statement of St. John's Gospel. The Second Reading stresses the Christian vocation to love. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Christians have become children of God. They will show their love for God by keeping His commandments. And if they love God, they will surely love their fellow Christians, because they too are children of God. Keeping the commandments is not difficult because through baptism they share in Christ's victory over the powers of evil. Happy Easter!

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7 <sup>st</sup> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 8 <sup>st</sup> <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Emilia &amp; Xavier Fernandes</i>	-
Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Ciarán Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Anthony Vollmer &amp; family</i> <i>+ Daniel &amp; Lucille Kelley (Linwood)</i>	By St. Clement's Choir By the Estate
Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Carol Awrey</i>	By a Friend
Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	8 am	<i>+ Richard Dietrich</i>	By the Family
Saturday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Martin I</i>	5 pm	<i>Intentions of the Vollmer family</i>	By Murrey & Sharon Runstedler
Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#27)** – As to the ethical demands made of the initiate, there is no comparison between Christianity and the mysteries. At their best, the mysteries manifested vague yearnings for life. The Church, on the other hand, laid down clear and precise norms of conduct for a Christian. Its emphasis on sexual control was a distinctive Church ideal that differentiated it from the pagan world; it insisted on monogamy and the indissoluble character of marriage and strictly forbade abortion and infanticide. It condemned all forms of greed and dishonesty in business life, all materialistic hedonism, double dealing and falsehood. In short, a Christian was to be a pure person who did not cling to his possessions, was not self-seeking, and was truthful and brave. And most important, it taught the individual to rely not on his own strength in the moral struggle but on the power of God's grace.

**FIRST COMMUNION** – Please join us in praying for the children receiving their First Holy Communion today: Leah, Vincent, James, Tristan, Christian, Ryan, Jake, Iyla, Ryan, Clarke, & Cecelia. May God bless you and your families on this joyous occasion!

**LENTEN ALMSGIVING** – We'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions to our Canadian Food for Children drive this Lent. A special thank you to the ladies who organized and transported the donations to Kitchener.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Email: [christianmothers.stc@gmail.com](mailto:christianmothers.stc@gmail.com) Phone: 519-699-5061. We look forward to seeing you there.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Allen Varlaki, Permanent Deacons, Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, O.C.D., Rev. Jerzy Tomon, & Parents & Guardians.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$6,010.00. Thank you for your generosity!

