

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7th, 2025

Isaiah foretells that even though the family of Jesse (David’s father) has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from that stump a new shoot will spring – a true king filled with the Spirit and endowed with all the virtues of his ancestors. The new king (the Messiah) will be a champion of the poor and will restore paradisaal peace. St. Matthew introduces John the Baptist as the herald, foretold by Isaiah, of the long-awaited Messiah, and the one who prepared the people to receive Him. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling the Old Testament promises. St. Paul also sees Jesus as the One through whom God fulfilled His promises, and at the same time the reading from Romans continues the theme of peace and harmony of the First Reading.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7 th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, December 8 th <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Juan Pablo Baldizon</i>	By the Family
Tuesday, December 9 th <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Karen Doyle</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Wednesday, December 10 th <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Mike Dalton</i> + <i>Sharon Basler</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, December 11 th <i>St. Damasus I</i>	9 am	+ <i>Fr. Piotr Golinski</i>	By the Barrett family
Friday, December 12 th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9 am	+ <i>Wayne Vollmer</i>	By the Family
Saturday, December 13 th <i>St. Lucy</i>	5 pm	<i>Intentions of Patsy Vandenhooogen</i> + <i>Franciso Faria</i>	By the Family By the Family
Sunday, December 14 th <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#95) – His main difficulty was winning over the Eastern bishops, who preferred the formula “of a substance like the Father” (homoiousios – heretical). But the gap between them was considerably narrowed by their memorandum of 359, which insisted that though Father and Son are separate, yet the Son having been begotten from the Father is like Him and hence “one and the same” as He. Eventually these two parties, the Homoousions and the Homoiousions, were brought even closer together at the council held in Alexandria under the guidance of Athanasius.

2025-26 MISSALS – The new missals are available for a purchase price of \$7. See Fr. Irenaeus in the sacristy after Mass or stop by the office. Please bring exact change.

LA POSADA: A MEXICAN ADVENT TRADITION – Sun., Dec. 21, 4pm – Come and join us at St. Mary's in Linwood for Vespers, a procession, and a re-enactment of St. Joseph and St. Mary's search for an inn when they arrive in Bethlehem. (Outdoors - dress for the weather.) Followed by a potluck and pinatas in the church hall.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY – For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the ‘Bambinelli’ – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 9am Mass to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – Come Home for Christmas!

Christmas Eve: 5pm in Linwood, 7 & 11pm in St. Clements
Christmas Day: 9am in St. Clements, 11am in Linwood
New Year’s Eve: 5pm in St. Clements
New Year’s Day: 9am St. Clements in 11am Linwood

MARRIAGE TIP – Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: “I married my best friend.” It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Ronald Voisin, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, CSsR, Catholic Young Adults, & Rev. Michael McHugh.

VOCATION SEEDS – “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? If God is calling you, 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 \$3,395.00. Thank you for your generosity!