

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
April 6th, 2025

The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to His people. This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically, we see God’s love and compassion in Jesus’ treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from St. John, but it resembles the style of St. Luke. It is an “entrapment” story which sought to show Jesus’ wisdom in besting His adversaries. The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If He pardoned the woman, He could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If He agreed that she should be stoned, He would lose His name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins. St. Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection (Second Reading). Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn’t look back but keeps his eyes on the winning tape.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, April 6 th <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, April 7 th <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, April 8 th <i>Lent</i> | 9 am | + <i>Joe & Marie Lehmann</i> | By the Lehmanns |
| Wednesday, April 9 th <i>St. Francis of Paola</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | <i>Intentions of Shawn-Michael Reilly</i> + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i> (Linwood) | By Bob & Linda Myers By the Estate |
| Thursday, April 10 th <i>Lent</i> | 9 am | + <i>Dolores Bugera</i> | By the Estate |
| Friday, April 11 th <i>St. Stanislaus</i> | 9 am 7 pm | + <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | By the Estate |
| Saturday, April 12 th <i>Lent</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Nancy Maschio</i> | By Peter & Ornella Miller & family |
| Sunday, April 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | - |

History of the Catholic Church (#69) – So what happened next? The period from Constantine to Pope Leo the Great (d. 461) was one of decisive importance in the history of the Catholic Church. Many of the basic features of Catholicism were fixed during these years in the form they were to retain, with relatively few modifications, for the next fifteen hundred years. Its chief act of worship, the Mass, was highly standardized and ritualized. Its chief dogma, belief in Jesus Christ, God and man, was affirmed and clarified in lasting terms. Many practices henceforth fundamental to its discipline and life originated and were incorporated into its canon law. Its clergy took on the character of a sacred caste and began to submit themselves to the law of celibacy. Monasticism took root in Egypt and spread across Christendom. Finally, the basic principles of its code of social and personal ethics achieved nearly permanent form.

VATICAN II GROUP MEETING – Meetings are paused until after Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Walk with Christ! Please join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for Stations of the Cross.

MOTHER’S DAY HIGH TEA – The Christian Mothers would like to invite all women of the parish to the Annual Mother’s Day High Tea on Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 pm in the St. Clement’s parish hall. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/child 10 and under. Please email christianmothers.stc@gmail.com or call Donna at 519-699-5061 to register. Spots are limited so reserve your tickets now!

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL – The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 24. The theme of the Retreat is “Hope”. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, two short conferences, and a time for prayer and reflection. The retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details and register on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

ANNUAL WOMEN’S SEMINAR 2025 – Family Foundations Institute invites all women to the Annual Women’s Seminar on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Saint André Bessette Secondary School in London. This year’s theme, “Magnificently Created”, features Ann Burns, founder of The Feminine Project. Ann’s inspiring talks will help women embrace the beauty of authentic femininity and build strong, faith-filled communities. Experience a day of fellowship, spiritual renewal, and encouragement in your unique role as a woman of faith. All women are welcome! For details and registration, visit www.famfi.ca/aws.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1st at 1:30 pm with His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Couples celebrating an anniversary for 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years are invited to register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Deaha (John) Kim, Rev. marian Gil, OMI, Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, CSJ, Rev. Jan Wadolowski, OMI, Rev. Lajos Angyal, & Rev. Joseph Durkacz.

VOCATION SEEDS – What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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 \$2,455.00. Thank you for your generosity!