

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Emmaus story is a sophisticated eucharistic catechesis: a “liturgy of the Word” is followed by a “liturgy of the Eucharist”. The expression “breaking of bread” is a technical term for the Eucharist. St. Luke deliberately uses eucharistic language: Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, gave it to them. By the time St. Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord’s death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken. The Christians of St. Luke’s time had those same means of recognising the Lord – the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday worship. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 19 <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>	
Monday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Anselm</i>	9 am	+ <i>Ancestors of Thanh Nguyen</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Janet Black</i> <i>Intentions of Juan P. Baldizon</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Family
Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St. Adalbert</i>	9 am	+ <i>Anton &amp; Else Woeschka</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Carol Awrey</i>	By Bill, Donna & Amelia Lang
Saturday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Mark</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Dorothy &amp; William Lotz</i>	By the Family
Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</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 (#112)** – This pro-Christian imperial policy, as we have seen, began with Constantine, who favored the Christians and only tolerated paganism, hoping to see it die a natural death. His three sons, however, who succeeded him at his death in 337, took a more resolute stance. This was especially true of Constantius, who was left sole ruler in 350. He aimed at the total extirpation of paganism; he ordered the temples closed and imposed the death penalty for participating in sacrifices. Some pagans still managed to carry on their worship at the great shrines in Heliopolis, Rome, and Alexandria, but they were caught in a tight squeeze.

**LAWN CLEAN-UP!** – This Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am, join us with your rakes and wheelbarrows for a spring cleaning of the church lawn. Thank you and God bless!

**ST. CLEMENT’S MEN** – Thanks to all who came out for our first meeting - it was great to see so many gentlemen from the Parish! Please mark your calendars...our next meeting will be Friday, May 22 at 8 PM. Watch the bulletins for more details. For more info or questions, please contact John Dixon (519-498-0093).

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL** – The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 30, 2026. The theme of our Retreat given by Fr. David Reitzel is “Our Lady-The Visitation”. This Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, April 20, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website ([www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca)) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat schedule and a Registration Form. Enjoy a day with quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

**PARENTING TIP** – Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus’ suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

**MARRIAGE TIP** – All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allows! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done, it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Robert Sims, Rev. Jason Kuntz, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent do Paul of Zagreb, SOC, Rev. Edward Hinsperger, Rev. Msgr. David Reilander, & Rev. Matthew Durham.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$4,592.00 Thank you for your generosity!

