

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 21st, 2023

The Resurrection, the Ascension, and the giving of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) are part of the same event. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Spirit. However, from the viewpoint of the first disciples, who continued to live on within time, these actions are described as having taken place at different times. They found the empty tomb on Sunday morning; the Risen Lord appeared to them on that day or subsequently; the termination of the appearances caused them to realise that Jesus was now permanently with God; and they received the Spirit. The theological meaning of this feast is expressed in the Second Reading: God has glorified Jesus, raising Him above all earthly powers, and making Him Head of the Church and Lord of creation. In both the First Reading and the Gospel Jesus gives a mission and makes a promise to His followers: “And remember I will be with you always!”

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 21 st <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 22 nd <i>St. Rita of Cascia</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 23 rd <i>Easter</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Florence Meyer</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer
Wednesday, May 24 th <i>Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Joe Lehmann Sr</i> + <i>Members of the Kenny family (Linwood)</i>	By the Lehmanns By The Barrett family
Thursday, May 25 th <i>St. Bede the Venerable</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Donna Harnack</i>	By Rick & Melody Brewer
Friday, May 26 th <i>Easter</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Saturday, May 27 th <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Mary McCann</i> <i>Confirmandi from St. Clement's School</i>	By Diane Dietrich By their community
Sunday, May 28 th <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Bede the Venerable (672-735) - Bede is one of the few saints honored as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches. At an early age, Bede was entrusted to the care of the abbot of the Monastery of St. Paul, Jarrow. The happy combination of genius and the instruction of scholarly, saintly monks, produced a saint and an extraordinary scholar, perhaps the most outstanding one of his days. He was deeply versed in all the sciences of his times: natural philosophy, the philosophical principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, ecclesiastical history, the lives of the saints and especially, holy Scripture. From the time of his ordination to the priesthood at 30—he had been ordained a deacon at 19—till his death, Bede was ever occupied with learning, writing, and teaching. Besides the many books that he copied, he composed 45 of his own, including 30 commentaries on books of the Bible. His *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* is

commonly regarded as of decisive importance in the art and science of writing history. A unique era was coming to an end at the time of Bede's death: It had fulfilled its purpose of preparing Western Christianity to assimilate the non-Roman barbarian North. Bede recognized the opening to a new day in the life of the Church even as it was happening. Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, Bede managed to remain in his own monastery until his death. Only once did he leave for a few months in order to teach in the school of the archbishop of York. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever.” Though his *History* is the greatest legacy Bede has left us, his work in all the sciences, especially in Scripture, should not be overlooked. During his last Lent, Bede worked on a translation of the *Gospel of Saint John* into English, completing it the day he died. But of this work “to break the word to the poor and unlearned” nothing remains today. St. Bede the Venerable pray for us!

MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S – A reminder that the Sunday 11am Mass at St. Mary's, Linwood will be moving to St. Joseph's, Macton on the first weekend in June, Sunday, June 4th.

CONFIRMATION – Please join us in praying for the youth of our community who will be celebrating their Confirmation on Monday, May 29th at 7pm. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – We are continuing our plans for VBS the week of July 24-28 for children K-4. Children in grades 5-8 are invited to be group helpers, and we need teens as group leaders. We are also looking for two more adults to run stations; games & a film. If you or your children are interested in volunteering please contact Emily Runstedler via email emilyfrunstedler@gmail.com or text/call 519-897-3645. Thank you for helping make this VBS program possible! Registration details to follow.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH – July 16, 2023. The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha.

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE – 20th Anniversary Aug 5 – Aug 12. Join us, where you will experience fun, spiritual nourishment, exercise, beautiful scenic views, good food and fellowship as we walk from Loyola House, Guelph to Martyr's Shrine, Midland. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We transport your camp equipment, provide meals, snacks and drinks. To register go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs) or email: guelphwalkingpilgrimage@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus said, “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 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. Peter Meyer, Rev. Emmanuel Olusola, Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.), Rev. Gordian Okpuruka, & Rev. Robert Héту.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,345.00. Thank you for your generosity!

