

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21st, 2024

From the earliest days the Apostles encountered hostility from the Jewish leaders just as Jesus Himself had. Even so, the First Reading shows Peter fearlessly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. He asserts that the stone they rejected (Jesus) has become the cornerstone of a new building (covenant). The risen Christ is the One and only Saviour. The Gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep intimately and is known by them. Unlike the hireling, He is willing to die to protect His sheep. In the Second Reading John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us His children. Our future state will be like that of the glorified Jesus. This reading invites us to rejoice in our status as God's adopted children. If there is a theme in all readings perhaps it is this: the great love God has shown us in what He has done for us in Jesus, the Good Shepherd and our One and only Saviour.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21 st <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 22 nd <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 23 rd <i>St. Adalbert</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By the Estate
Wednesday, April 24 th <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Ela Łukasiewicz & Grace Abramowicz</i> + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley (Linwood)</i>	By the Family By the Estate
Thursday, April 25 th <i>St. Mark</i>	8 am	+ <i>Leonard & Valerie Wagner</i>	By Maria Wagner & family
Friday, April 26 th <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	8 am	+ <i>Arthur Dietrich</i>	By the Family
Saturday, April 27 th <i>Easter</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Eileen Kuenzig</i>	By John & Margaret Ann Zettl
Sunday, April 28 th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#29) – Christians saw to the support of teacher and officials, of widows and orphans, of the sick and infirm and the disabled. Christians dedicated themselves to prisoners and people languishing in the mines, to those hit by great calamities, and to the care of poor people needing burial; they furnished work to the unemployed, took care of brethren on journeys, and saw to the need of churches in poverty or in any peril. There is indeed no doubt that the Christian Gospel led the world to a higher stage of morality. Its social and ethical dynamism exerted a powerful influence on potential converts. Two of its greatest thinkers in the second century, Tatian and Justin, for instance, were converted, as they acknowledged, by the moral attractiveness of the Christians they knew.

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 4th 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. Capacity is limited so register soon! The deadline for registering is April 30th. Email: christianmothers.stc@gmail.com Phone: 519-699-5061. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL APRIL 25th - Join us from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. for the screening of Bigger Than Us. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu, Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico, Jesuit Fathers (S.J.), Rev. James Petrie, Rev. Donald Wilhelm, & Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.

VOCATION SEEDS – This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call 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 \$2,345.00. Thank you for your generosity!

