

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 23rd, 2025

David had been already anointed King of Judah by his own people at Hebron. Now we hear how the northern tribes also acknowledge him as their king (First Reading). Thus David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Christ. The Second Reading is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of His role in creation; the second of His role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as head of the Church and ruler of the universe. In the Gospel we see how the inscription over the cross, and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim the true identity of Jesus. The irony is that the titles which are pronounced in mockery are true: Jesus is both Messiah and King. Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 23 rd <i>Jesus Christ – King of the Universe</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, November 24 th <i>St. Andrew Dũng-Lac</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 25 th <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Abigail Webster</i>	By Natalie Runstedler
Wednesday, November 26 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Mike Dalton</i> + <i>Leonard Sherrer</i>	By Bryan & Patty White By the Family
Thursday, November 27 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Margaret Rettinger</i>	By Fran Hergott
Friday, November 28 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Marianne Lang</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, November 29 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>David Jewell</i> + <i>Frances Wagner</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By the Wagner family
Sunday, November 30 th <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#93) – Complicating the situation was the accession to power of Constantine’s son Constantius, who became sole ruler in 350; he favored the Arians and tried to crush the Nicenes. With his help the Arians were able to chase Athanasius from his diocese; call numerous synods, which repudiated the Nicene formula; and promulgate the Arian doctrine under the cover of various vague formulas. The peak of their success came at Constantinople in 360, when bishops from East and West subscribed to an anti-Nicene formula that concealed its Arianism under the vague words: “The Son was like the Father.” This phrase later became the official dogma of the Arian heresy.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN – The campaign has drawn to a close. If there are any boxes that still need to be returned, please drop them off at the office this week. A special thank you to Anne & Lorne Reitzel for organizing.

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT POTLUCK – Join us today at noon for a potluck gathering to celebrate the feast of our patron saint!

WOMEN’S ADVENT RETREAT – All women of the parish are invited to join us for a Women’s Advent Retreat on Monday, December 1st at 7pm in the church hall. Come join us as we prepare our hearts for Christmas! Doors open at 6pm with light refreshments for those wishing to mingle prior to the retreat starting. Karen Doyle will lead our retreat. Free will offering.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS DINNER – On Wed., Dec. 3 at Bonnie Lou’s Restaurant in Floradale, ON. Doors open at 4:30, dinner served at 5pm. All women of the parish are invited to our Annual Christmas Dinner for a delicious buffet meal of pecan salad, turkey and cranberry sauce, roast beef, vegetables and mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert, & coffee/tea. \$25/person includes tax and tip! Please RSVP by Monday, November 24th by emailing Donna at christianmothers.stc@gmail.com or calling 519-699-5061.

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.

POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE, “I HAVE LOVED YOU” – The Holy Father’s first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, December 6th at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Pierre Caouette, LC, Rev. Jerek John Scherber, LC, Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, pcj, Rev. Adam Zettel, LC, Rev. Jerry Punnessery, CMI, & Rev. Rijo Jose, CMI.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” 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 \$2,650.00. Thank you for your generosity!