

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28th, 2024

The First Reading tells how, three years after his conversion, Paul went up to Jerusalem. In spite of being introduced by Barnabas, such was the hostility he encountered that he had to be smuggled out of the city. The fact that Paul took all these trials in his stride shows the depth of his faith in Jesus. In the Gospel we have the lovely image of the vine and the branches. Here Jesus stresses the unity that exists between Him and His disciples. Vine and branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches. And the branches can have no life if separated from the vine. The branches need to be pruned (by trials) in order to be fruitful (St. Paul is a good example!) The Second Reading tells us what we have to do in order to be at rights with God. We have to believe in His Son, Jesus, and love one another as He told us. Active charity is what distinguished true Christians from those who are such in name only. This is what makes them/us fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine!

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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> | |
| Monday, April 29 th <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, April 30 th <i>St. Marie De L'incarnation</i> | 10:30 am | + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i> | By the Estate |
| Wednesday, May 1 st <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | + <i>Members of the Helmond family</i> + <i>Vincent Runstedler (Linwood)</i> | By Maria Wagner By Ann Runstedler & family |
| Thursday, May 2 nd <i>St. Athanasius</i> | 8 am | + <i>John Druar</i> | By his Family |
| Friday, May 3 rd <i>St. Philip & St. James</i> | 6 pm 7:45 pm | <i>Adoration & Confession</i> <i>Intentions of William Vollmer</i> | By the Family |
| Saturday, May 4 th <i>Bl. Marie-Leonie Paradis</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Danielle Pilon</i> | By Diane Dietrich |
| Sunday, May 5 th <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | - |

History of the Catholic Church (#30) – To sum up, the remarkable expansion of Christianity in the first century owed first of all to the truth of the Gospel and then much to general political, social, and cultural trends. But the second main reason for Christianity's success was the fact that it provided the best answers to the basic questions of the tortured soul: and so, inculcating worship of the one God, Creator of all, in opposition to the crass idolatry of the times. By its preaching of Jesus the Divine Saviour, risen and about to return for judgment, it brought assurance of liberation from sin, eternal resurrection, and a motive to lead a life of faith, holiness, self-control, love, and discipleship.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA – Registration is closed as we have reached capacity! Thank you to all who registered.

LAWN CLEAN-UP – Saturday, May 4 at 10 am, please join us on the church lawn for our annual spring clean-up. We are hoping for a small army!

ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA – Join us for an elegant afternoon tea on Saturday, May 11th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6 – 12 years. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

KW RIGHT-TO-LIFE – Prayer Vigil on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Guillermo Diaz, Rev. Paul Edmondstone, Rev. Duy Van Nguyen, Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek, & Grandparents & the Elderly.

VOCATION SEEDS – Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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 \$2,545.00. Thank you for your generosity!



