

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8th, 2022

The reading from the Acts shows that St. Paul’s policy was to preach to the Jews first, because they were the chosen people. But when they rejected his message, he turned to the Gentiles. In this way the prophecy that the light of salvation would reach the ends of the earth was fulfilled (Is 49:6) Jesus is the True Shepherd, and will not allow anyone to snatch from His care the sheep that belongs to Him. He will give them eternal life. What does belonging to Him entail? It entails listening to His voice and following Him. Happy Easter!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8 th <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 9 th <i>Easter</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 10 th <i>St. John of Avila</i>	12 pm	+ <i>John Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, May 11 th <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Gabriella Rebellato</i> + <i>CANCELLED (Linwood)</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller & family
Thursday, May 12 th <i>St. Pancras</i>	8 am	+ <i>Stephen Pilon</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, May 13 th <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	8 am	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Saturday, May 14 th <i>St. Matthias</i>	5 pm	+ <i>David Jewell</i> + <i>Maurice Downey</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer By Wayne & Donna Vollmer
Sunday, May 15 th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. John of Avila (1500-1569) – born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John’s parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people. He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John’s mystical writings have been translated into several languages. He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila’s liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10. Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ –

for example, thinking racism is OK – implicitly encouraging Christians to live their faith half-heartedly, and causing obstacles to non-Christians who might accept Baptism. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith. St. John of Avila pray for us!

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND – Thank you to those who have donated to the fund. An FAQ sheet can be found at the back of the church and on our website. Envelopes will be collected again next weekend.

CYO CAMP BREBEUF - CYO Camp Brébeuf in Rockwood, ON is hiring teenagers and young adults as camp counsellors for this summer. Please visit www.campbrebeuf.ca/employment for more information.

ROSES FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus “ROSES FOR LIFE” CAMPAIGN is on Saturday, May 7th at the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, May 8th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The new redesigned Rose Lapel has a red and white rose. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is a symbol opposing euthanasia. Please pick up a “Rose Lapel” and make a donation to support pro-life organizations.

SPEAKER SERIES - *Aging with Wisdom and Grace* is the fifth talk for the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person’s life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including *Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed*, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. **Join us Wednesday, May 18 from 7-8:30p.m.** Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESTART – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to our upcoming zoom sessions, one on **Wednesday, May 11th** and one on **Thursday, June 9th starting at 7 p.m.** Check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to register and find out more detail. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

VOCATION SEEDS – On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (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. Philip Reilly, C.R., Rev. Pawel Jamroz, Congregation of the Resurrection (C.R.), Rev. George Stortz, Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot, & Rev. Robert Héту.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,470.00. Thank you for your generosity!