

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3rd, 2022

The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus in the shade. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to His people. This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically, we see God’s love and compassion in Jesus’ treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from St. John’s Gospel, but it resembles the style of St. Luke. It’s an “entrapment” story which sought to show Jesus’ wisdom in besting His adversaries. The aim of the scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he pardoned the woman, He could be accused of encouraging people to break the law of Moses. If He agreed that she should be stoned, He would lose His name for mercy. But Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins. St. Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Jesus Christ, and for the hope of resurrection (Second Reading). Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn’t look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 3 rd <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 4 th <i>St. Isidore of Seville</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 5 th <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Betty Gravelle</i>	By Jeanne Gravelle
Wednesday, April 6 th <i>Lent</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Betty Gravelle</i> + <i>Margaret Karley (Linwood)</i>	By Jeanne Gravelle By the Estate
Thursday, April 7 th <i>St. John Baptist de La Salle</i>	8 am	+ <i>Betty Gravelle</i>	By Jeanne Gravelle
Friday, April 8 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	+ <i>William Haffner</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Gilbert Runstedler & family
Saturday, April 9 th <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Theresa Miller</i> + <i>Leonard Meyer</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller & family By Jim & Ken Meyer
Sunday, April 10 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: *St. Isidore of Seville (560-636)* The 76 years of Isidore’s life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore’s birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders. Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville. An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages” because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to

be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested. He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside. Our society can well use Isidore’s spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore’s Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their understanding love for one another. St. Isidore pray for us!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE & STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Please mark your calendar for the Lenten penitential service on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:30pm (please note the time change!) and join your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER – The Knights of Columbus are having their MAPLE SAUSAGE AND MAPLE BURGERS FUNDRAISER once again. The burgers and sausages are gluten, whey and soy free. They contain NO MSG, no nitrates, nitrites or phosphates. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 27th. Proceeds to Ukraine Humanitarian Relief.

ADORATION FOR LIFE - Thursday, April 7, 2022 Mass at 12 noon followed by AFL and Benediction, St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener. Thursday April 7, 2022 6pm followed by 7pm Mass at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale Rd. N. Waterloo.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE - Fish Dinner and Speakers April 29th, 2022, Waterloo K of C Hall Friday April 29th will feature dinner and the ‘Right Now’ organization will speak on the upcoming elections and guidance on finding prolife MPPs and MPs best suited to run for office. Call 519.746.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve a seat or table.

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTER – is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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. Franjo Sprajc, Rev. Leszek Szczygiel, Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.), Rev. Tom Moisan, Rev. David Weise, Rev. Pablito Labado.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,490.00. Thank you for your generosity!