

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 5th, 2021

The prophet Baruch delivers a comforting message to Sion (First Reading). Her sorrows are ended and her children will be restored to her from exile. God will level a highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era. This leads into the Gospel where St. Luke introduces us to the Messiah and His herald – John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, St. Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John the Baptist undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour by calling them to repentance. The Second Reading deals with the final coming of Christ. In His love for his fellow Christians, St. Paul urges them to prepare for the Second Coming by pure and blameless lives.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 5 st <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, December 6 th <i>St. Nicholas</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, December 7 th <i>St. Ambrose</i>	12 pm	+ <i>John Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, December 8 st <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>William Haffner</i> + <i>Luise Venner (Linwood)</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger By the Barrett family
Thursday, December 9 th <i>St. Juan Diego</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Friday, December 10 th <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	8 am	+ <i>Albert Blattmann</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, December 11th <i>St. Damasus I</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Irene Detzler</i>	By George & Lynda Lorentz
Sunday, December 12 th <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Juan Diego (1474-1548) – thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas. The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups. First called *Cuauhtlatohuac* ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego. In

time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example. During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope St. John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint. St. Juan Diego pray for us!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Join us as we prepare our hearts this Advent season. Friday, December 17th, at 7pm in St. Clements.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS – *Please Register for Christmas Mass in St. Clements*

Christmas Masses ***Registration required in St. Clements.**

- Friday, December 24th – *No 8:00 am Mass* - 5:00 pm Linwood, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm St. Clements
- Saturday, December 25th – 9:00 am St. Clements, 11:00 am Linwood

Feast of the Holy Family

- *No Saturday 5:00 pm Mass*
- Sunday, December 26th – 9:00 am St. Clements, 11:00 am Linwood

New Year's Masses

- Friday, December 31st – (8:00 am regular weekday Mass, no Adoration) 5:00 pm St. Clements
- Saturday January 1st – 9:00 am St. Clements, 11:00 am Linwood

Epiphany of the Lord

- *No Saturday 5:00 pm Mass*
- Sunday, January 2nd – 9:00 am St. Clements, 11:00 am Linwood

2022 DONATION ENVELOPES – The new envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 115 - Intentional divorce and conscious uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscious coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscious coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

VOCATION SEEDS – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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. Lajos Angyal, Rev. Joseph Durkacz, Order of Preachers, (O.P.), Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P., Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I., and Rev. Zymunt Baranowski.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,660.00. Thank you for your generosity.