

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

The Emmaus story is a sophisticated Eucharistic catechesis: a “liturgy of the Word” is followed by a “liturgy of the Eucharist”. The expression “breaking of bread” is a technical term for the Eucharist. St. Luke deliberately uses eucharistic language: Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, gave it to them. By the time St. Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord’s Death and Resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the Risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story St. Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken. The Christians of St. Luke’s time had those same means of recognising the Lord – the Scripture and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Mark</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Giorgio &amp; Luisa Boccanfuso</i>	By Joe Boccanfuso & family
Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Patricia Gohl</i> <b>C A N C E L L E D</b> (Linwood)	By John & Janet Pfaffinger -
Thursday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Mieczyslaw Rokicki</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Peter Chanel</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus H. Koziak SAC</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Danielle Pilon</i> + <i>Reta &amp; Claude Ertel</i>	By Diane Dietrich By Sharon & Paul
Sunday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> 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. Peter Chanel (1803-1841)** - anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel. Born in France, Peter’s interest in the missions began in school, when he read letters missionaries to America sent back home. As a young priest, Peter revived a parish in a “bad” district by the simple method of showing great devotion to the sick. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Obediently, he taught in the seminary for five years. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on

Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years. Meanwhile, Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain’s son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron. Suffering for Christ means suffering because we are like Christ. Very often the opposition we meet is the result of our own selfishness or imprudence. We are not martyrs when we are “persecuted” by those who merely treat us as we treat them. A Christian martyr is one who, like Christ, is simply a witness to God’s love, and brings out of human hearts the good or evil that is already there. St. Peter Chanel pray for us!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Save the Date!** Our church will be hosting a 1-week Vacation Bible School for elementary students (Gr k-5) July 24-28th. Registration details will follow in a few weeks. We require adult and youth (middle/ high school) volunteers to make this program a success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Emily Runstedler via email [emilyrunstedler@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrunstedler@gmail.com) or text/call 519-897-3645. Thank you for helping make this VBS program possible!

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY** – Our next Abiding Together sessions on the Identity of Women are as follows at 7:15pm in the church hall: Tuesday, April 25, May 9 & 23, and June 6. We will begin Part 3 and discuss the Power of Motherhood, and our call to cultivate, guard, and develop true humanity. All women are welcome! When you feel pulled in a thousand directions trying to be all that women are asked to be, we invite you to listen to other women’s stories and be reminded that God can fill you up when you have nothing left to give.

**NOT ALONE** – Thursday, May 4 at Woodside Bible Fellowship, Elmira, organized by Woolwich Community Services. Not Alone is a one-day conference that focuses on equipping rural congregations to effectively address family violence and promote healthy relationships. To view the full conference details, including descriptions of all the workshops, and for links to registration, please visit our website: [www.notaloneevent.ca](http://www.notaloneevent.ca).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Alberto Ferreira, Rev. Khalid Karomi, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb (S.O.C.), Rev. Gary Schlack, Rev. Bradley Markus, & Rev. Edward Henhoeffler.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$4,000.00. Maintenance \$120.00. Thank you for your generosity!

