

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25th, 2025

Many Gentiles had accepted Christianity as a result of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas. But then a question arose: how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be required of these Gentile converts? The answer was: the bare minimum. They must abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood (symbol of life and which belonged to God), from the meat of strangled animals (which still had blood in them), and from marriage within degrees of kindred forbidden to Jews though allowed in other traditions. And so, instead of becoming a Jewish sect, Christianity became a universal religion. The Gospel reading is taken from Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper, and is dominated by His imminent departure. He is concerned to assure His disciples that He will not leave them orphans. Despite His leaving, Jesus and they will not be apart. If they keep His word (teaching) they will be drawn into the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit will remind them of His words. Peace is His final gift to them, a peace the world cannot give.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25 th <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, May 26 th <i>St. Philip Neri</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, May 27 th <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9 am	+ <i>Rita Runstedler & intentions of Gilbert Runstedler</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Wednesday, May 28 th <i>Easter</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>Vincent Runstedler</i> (Linwood)	By John & Christine Dixon By the Family
Thursday, May 29 th <i>St. Paul VI</i>	9 am	+ <i>Anton & Else Woeschka</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, May 30 th <i>Easter</i>	9 am	+ <i>James Beach</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, May 31 st <i>Visitation of the BVM</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Shirley Hehn (1st Anniversary)</i> + <i>Greg & Rosemary Beaupré</i>	By Jim & family By the Straus family
Sunday, June 1 st <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#76) – The formation of the liturgical calendar began with the special significance accorded to Sunday as the day of Christ’s resurrection and hence as the day Christians ordinarily gathered for their weekly liturgy. But it did not become a public day of rest until the fourth century, when Constantine forbade all official litigation on that day. Easter was celebrated very early – by the beginning of the second century. But its date was calculated differently in the East and in the West. At Rome, it was observed on the Sunday after the Jewish Passover, but in Asia it immediately followed the fourteenth of the Jewish month of Nisan, the beginning of the Passover. Pope Victor (d. 198) tried to make the Asians conform to Western usage but failed. However, the Roman custom finally

prevailed everywhere. Pentecost and Epiphany were the next feats added to the calendar; the latter, on January 6, coincided with pagan festivals celebrating the birth of the new year. Christmas originated in the fourth century, when Constantine joined it with a pagan feast celebrating the birthday of the sun on December 25.

SUNDAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH’S, MACTON – This Sunday, June 1st, the 11am Mass at St. Mary’s, Linwood moves to St. Joseph’s, Macton for the summer. Please join us!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – This Mother’s Day to Father’s Day, we’re supporting Marillac Place’s Baby Bottle Campaign to help young mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in our community. Last year, Marillac Place provided safe housing and support to 45 women and 31 children. With your help, they also delivered 247 Life Skills sessions on budgeting, cooking, parenting, and more—empowering families to thrive. Pick up a baby bottle or give online using the QR code on the poster on our bulletin board. Bottles will be collected on Father’s Day and returned to Marillac Place on the following Monday.

PARISH PICNIC – Please mark your calendars for our Church picnic, Sunday, June 22 from 12:00 - 2:30 pm at the church, rain or shine. Hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee, tea and water will be provided by the Christian Mothers. We are asking people to bring your favourite salad or dessert and a lawn chair. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please help us gauge our numbers by signing up by June 15. We are in need of two barbecues! Please reach out to Sheryl Runstedler if you have a bbq you could lend out for the day. There will be games and prizes for all ages. Please welcome your friends and families to join us for food, fun and fellowship. God bless.

ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP) WATERLOO – Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit the website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Melvin Pinto, OCD, Rev. George Nowak, CR, Seminarians, Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, CR, Rev. & Henryk Krajewski, CR.

VOCATION SEEDS – Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If God is calling you contact 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 \$1,960.00. Thank you for your generosity!