

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21st, 2025

All three readings deal with the identity of “the One who was to come.” The identity of the child was vaguely glimpsed in the Old Testament. Isaiah talked about the coming of a very special child (First Reading). But there is no reason to believe that he knew just HOW special that child would be. No prophecy is fully understood until after its fulfillment. St. Matthew shows that Isaiah’s prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, and in a far greater way than the prophet could ever have imagined. The New Testament reveals the true identity of this special child. The Second Reading and the Gospel make it clear that Jesus was the Son of David. This was so because Joseph, His legal guardian, was descended from the line of David. But He is more than that. He is also the Son of God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 21 st <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	
Monday, December 22 nd <i>Advent</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, December 23 rd <i>Advent</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Juan Pablo Baldizon</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, December 24 th <i>Christmas Vigil</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Leonard Sherrer</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By the Family
	7 pm	<i>Intentions of Natalie & William</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
	11 pm	<i>Intentions of the Holyoak family</i>	By Anonymous
Thursday, December 25 th <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	+ <i>Claude Coutu</i> <i>Intentions of the Barrett family</i>	By his children By Anonymous
Friday, December 26 th <i>St. Stephen</i>	9 am	+ <i>Fr. Piotr Golinski</i>	By the Barrett family
Saturday, December 27 th <i>St. John</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Greg & Rosemary Beaupré</i> + <i>Michael Hehn</i>	By the Straus family By Jim Hehn
Sunday, December 28 th <i>Holy Family</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#97) – Another great doctrinal struggle, however, almost immediately erupted as regards the relation of the divinity of Christ to his humanity, for once it was clearly defined that Jesus Christ fully shared the divinity of the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, another question was bound to occur: how was his humanity related to his divinity or how were the events of his life and death related to his divine nature? But this controversy we will consider later.

LA POSADA: A MEXICAN ADVENT TRADITION – Sun., Dec. 21, 4pm – Come and join us at St. Mary's in Linwood for Vespers, a procession, and a re-enactment of St. Joseph and St. Mary's search for an inn when they arrive in Bethlehem. (Outdoors - dress for the weather.) Followed by a potluck and pinatas in the church hall.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – Come Home for Christmas!

- Christmas Eve: 5pm in Linwood, 7 & 11pm in St. Clements
- Christmas Day: 9am in St. Clements, 11am in Linwood
- New Year’s Eve: 5pm in St. Clements
- New Year’s Day: 9am St. Clements in 11am Linwood

ANGEL TREE – Thank you for your generosity this year, and a special thank you to Stacey Mayer for organizing.

USHER SCHEDULING – After many years of service, Jim Hehn would like to pass on the responsibility of organizing the usher schedule. If you are able to take this on, please contact the office. Thank you, Jim! The new schedule has been emailed and hardcopies are available in the usher pew.

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES – The new donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you don’t currently receive envelopes but wish to, please contact the office.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Richard Dordunu, Rev. Robert Kiffman, Consecrated Virgin Candidates, Rev. Jason Kuntz, & Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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 \$2,450.00. Thank you for your generosity!

