

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

On the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year, we think of the end and of judgment. The apocalyptic vision from the Book of Daniel sets the tone (First Reading). It talks about the coming of a “son of man,” a title for the future redeemer. It is not clear that Jesus referred to Himself as “Son of Man” in this apocalyptic sense, but the early Christians certainly did. Basing itself on this same text from Daniel, the Book of Revelation looks to Jesus’ coming at the end of time, when He will take full possession of His Kingdom (Second Reading). The Gospel, where the Lectionary once again shifts to St. John, contains a section from the Passion narrative: Jesus is being interrogated by Pilate. And the issue here is the nature of Jesus’ kingship. Hail Christ the King!

### MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, November 24 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Jesus Christ – King of the Universe</i> | 9 am<br>11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i><br><i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>     |  |
| Monday, November 25 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>         | -             | -  | -  |
| Tuesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ordinary Time</i>                      | 9 am          | + <i>Alfred Fischer</i>  | By Bill & Donna Lang                           |
| Wednesday, November 27 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ordinary Time</i>                    | 12 pm<br>4 pm | <i>Intentions of Brendan Myers</i><br>+ <i>Mrs. Vu (Linwood)</i> | By Bob & Linda Myers<br>By the Family          |
| Thursday, November 28 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ordinary Time</i>                     | 9 am          | <i>In thanksgiving</i>   | By Jim & Donna Harnack                         |
| Friday, November 29 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ordinary Time</i>                       | 9 am          | + <i>Ronald Dietrich</i>   | By Mary Haffner & family                       |
| Saturday, November 30 <sup>th</sup><br><i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>               | 5 pm          | + <i>David Jewell</i><br>+ <i>Jack Lorentz</i>                   | By Cathy Fleischhauer<br>By the Lorentz family |
| Sunday, December 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>      | 9 am<br>11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i><br><i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>     | -  |

**History of the Catholic Church (#51)** – However, over and above sheer political preponderance, Rome enjoyed certain attributes that raised it above all the other churches and destined it for a unique role as a center of Church unity. First, it could claim special status as the see of the Apostles Peter and Paul. St. Irenaeus cited Rome as the preeminent example of his principle of apostolic succession: “When the Blessed Apostles (Peter and Paul) had founded and built up the Church, they handed over the ministry of the Episcopate to Linus.” Therefore, St. Irenaeus concluded, all the other churches should agree with Rome as an unquestioned channel of pure apostolic doctrine. Second, as the capital of the Empire, it attracted churchmen of rival schools of thought who were extremely desirous of having the support of the Bishop of Rome. Third, it became a very wealthy community, noted for its munificent charity; its willingness to be of assistance to other churches around the world considerably enhanced its influence.

**FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT POTLUCK** – Thanks to everyone who made our potluck a success!

**2024-25 MISSALS** – The new missals are available to purchase for \$5.00. Please see Fr. Irenaeus after Mass in the sacristy, or stop by the office. (Linwood – please see Gloria Kittel).

**VATICAN II GROUP STUDY** – In 2025, the universal Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year. We will also mark 60 years since the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, and Pope Francis has asked that we prepare for the Jubilee by rediscovering the teachings of Vatican II, in particular the four Constitutions, and by praying.

The Diocese of Hamilton is offering a five-part study of the Constitutions to parishes and other communities to assist them in their preparation for the Jubilee year and take up Our Holy Father’s invitation to become a synodal Church, a church of communion, participation, and mission. The study sessions and a downloadable study guide can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vatican-ii/>.

Fr. Irenaeus would like to offer a special opportunity to gather together and do the study as a community. Meetings will likely take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the morning, beginning in early Advent. This study will only be possible if there are a sufficient number of people interested. Please email or call the office ASAP to register.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION** - The next meeting for candidates preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation takes place Saturday Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. in the church hall.

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** - On Saturday, December 7th at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, beverages and dessert all included! Please sign up through the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Meal prices are: Adults \$30.00; Children 6-12 years \$15.00 and Children 5 & under are free. Payment can be made by cash, cheque made out to St. Teresa of Avila Elmira or you can e-transfer to [stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com](mailto:stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com) (include for Turkey Dinner in the notes). The last chance to sign up is Monday, December 2nd. Come out and enjoy a community meal together during this festive season!

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz, Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel, Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.), Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C., Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C., & Very Rev. David Walter.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$2,550.00. Thank you for your generosity!