

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17th, 2024

The First Reading is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel concerning the end of time. It is remarkable because it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of everlasting life. In the Gospel we have part of St. Mark's Eschatological Discourse (13:1-37). Mark's account is coloured by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and kings. He believed that the parousia was imminent – a belief common among the early Christians. The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore, the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness and readiness. The purpose of the Lord's glorious coming will not be to execute judgment yet but first to gather His elect. While we cannot share St. Mark's view that the end is near, we do share his faith in God's victory in Christ (Christ the King – next Sunday!). And, for each of us, the parousia will be our meeting with the Son of Man when we pass out of this life into eternal life.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, November 17 th <i>33rd Sunday in OT</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, November 18 th <i>Dedication of Sts. Peter & Paul</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, November 19 th <i>Ordinary Time</i> | 9 am | <i>Intentions of Jerry White</i> | By Bryan & Patty White |
| Wednesday, November 20 th <i>Ordinary Time</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | + <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>Mrs. Vu (Linwood)</i> | By John & Christine Dixon By the Family |
| Thursday, November 21 st <i>Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary</i> | 9 am | + <i>Emma Ringrose</i> | By Pam Ringrose & family |
| Friday, November 22 nd <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i> | 9 am | + <i>Joseph Lorentz</i> | By Mary Haffner & family |
| Saturday, November 23 rd <i>St. Clement of Rome, Pope</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Beatrice Vollmer</i> + <i>Henry Roeck</i> | By the Family By the Lorentz family |
| Sunday, November 24 th <i>Jesus Christ – King of the Universe</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | - |

History of the Catholic Church (#50) – Gradually certain churches assumed authority over other churches (communities). Some of them acquired so-called metropolitan status, which elevated them over the churches of a province, while others – Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch, to be specific – acquired suprametropolitan status, by which they exercised a primacy over these metropolitan churches. Political factors were mainly responsible for these differentiations, the political preponderance of a town inevitably securing its ecclesiastical preponderance. So the bishop of the capital of a Roman province was granted a certain superiority over the other bishops of that province; he had the right to convoke synods and to preside over the debates. The fourth canon of the Council of Nicaea (325) officially sanctioned this principle when it recognized the primacy of Rome, Alexandria, and Antioch.

PLEASE NOTE – There will be no Adoration this Friday, November 22nd.

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT POTLUCK - Saturday, November 23 at 6pm, following the 5 pm Mass. Please join your fellow parishioners for an evening of food and fellowship as we celebrate the feast of our patron saint. Food can be brought downstairs to the Parish Hall before mass and kept warm if needed. Drinks, plates, cutlery, etc. will be supplied. We will be collecting donations of warm winter items for charity such as hats, mitts, socks which can be brought to the Parish Hall as well.

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 2nd 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 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.

ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL – To begin the Advent season, the Diocesan Choir is pleased to announce an Advent Hymn Festival at St. Joseph Parish, 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton, ON, on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. Registration is not required, and there is no charge—however, a goodwill offering will go to St. Joseph's Parish Neighbours in Need Program. Please see the Upcoming events on the Diocese of Hamilton web page.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Archange Kebe, Rev. Fernand Pierre, Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters, Catholic Young Adults, Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D., & Rev. John Schnurr.

VOCATION SEEDS – If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self for, when the end of times comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. If you feel God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon in His Church, call 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 \$3,595.00. Thank you for your generosity!