

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 13th, 2025

St. Luke's Passion narrative resembles that of St. Mark but has its own emphasis. The devil who departed from Jesus after the temptations returns now, entering Judas and demanding to sift Peter. Throughout his Gospel Luke portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Saviour of humankind; in death He forgives His executioners, and on the cross He brings salvation to a criminal. Typical of St. Luke is his special attention to women in a society where they were downgraded. His story is that of a disciple who relives the drama of his Master. Personal attachment to Jesus is expressed by the repeated affirmations of his innocence. He develops the personal relationships between Jesus and various characters in the tragedy, especially Judas and Peter. To understand the Passion message, we have to keep in mind the other half of Luke's two-volume work, the Acts of the Apostles. The Jesus who is accused by the chief priests before the Roman governor prepares the way for Paul being brought before the same cast of adversaries. The innocent Jesus who dies asking forgiveness for His enemies and commending His soul to God the Father prepares the way for the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who will die voicing similar sentiments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, April 14 th <i>Holy Week</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 15 th <i>Holy Week</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Yesid & Maria Bernal</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, April 16 th <i>Holy Week</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Dianne Brenner</i> + <i>Joseph Csergo (Linwood)</i>	By Dianne Strauss By Anonymous
Thursday, April 17 th <i>Paschal Triduum – Lord's Supper</i>	7 pm	<i>All priests of St. Clement's Parish (living & deceased)</i>	By St. Clement's Community
Friday, April 18 th <i>Paschal Triduum – Good Friday</i>	11 am 3 pm 7 pm	<i>Good Friday Service - Linwood</i> <i>Good Friday Service – St. Clements</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday, April 19 th <i>Paschal Triduum – Easter Vigil</i>	8 pm	<i>Intentions of all RCIA Catechumens</i>	By St. Clement's Community
Sunday, April 20 th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#70) – Worship, Faith, and Life in the early Church. The Mass, originally called the Lord's Supper, the breaking of Bread, the Eucharist, was celebrated by the first Christians in the late afternoon and was joined with a regular meal but of ritual character. Toward the middle of the second century, however, the sacramental meal had become an independent rite and was now celebrated on Sunday morning and combined with a service of reading and preaching. Our earliest descriptions of the Mass is from the pen of St Justin Martyr (d. 165) and reflects this development. It is

a simple service consisting of prayers by the whole assembly followed by a kiss of peace. Bread and wine were then brought to the president of the assembly, who recited a long prayer of thanksgiving, all present finally consuming the bread and consecrated wine. On some occasions, the Eucharist was preceded by a reading of the prophets and memoirs of the Apostles, as well as a homily by the president. The oldest liturgical form of the Mass is found in the Church Order of Hippolytus (d. 236). It is evidently the basis of all eucharistic prayers that have since been composed

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – The next meeting is this (Holy) Saturday at 10am.

CONFESSION – Your last chance for confession before Easter will be this Wednesday from 7-7:30 pm!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Walk with Christ! Our last Stations of the Cross will be this Friday at 7pm, followed by the first day of the Divine Mercy Novena. Day two will continue on Holy Saturday at 10 am.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA – The Christian Mothers thank the women of the parish for their enthusiastic response to the Annual Mother's Day High Tea on Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 pm in the St. Clement's parish hall! All tickets have been reserved, but you may email christianmothers.stc@gmail.com or call Donna at 519-699-5061 to be added to our waitlist.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION – Please join us in praying for the children who celebrated their First Confession this weekend, and who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27th at 11:30 am.

HELP AFTER DIVORCE – Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants, so register early! We are offering a choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Friday evening from 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday from 8:45 – 4:00 PM. Register now by emailing davefromcm@gmail.com or calling 519-572-6962 or visiting <https://www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates>. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch; early bird special by April 30th of \$100.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly, Rev. Gregory Merkley, & Oblates of Mary Immaculate, OMI.

VOCATION SEEDS – Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? 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 \$5,795.00. Thank you for your generosity!