

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8th, 2024

The prophet Baruch delivers a comforting message to Sion (First Reading). Her sorrows are ended and her children will be restored to her from exile. God will level a highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era. This leads into the Gospel where St. Luke introduces us to the Messiah and His herald, John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, St. Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John the Baptist undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Saviour by calling them to repentance. The Second Reading deals with the final coming of Christ. In his love for his fellow Christians, St. Paul urges them to prepare for the Second Coming by living pure and blameless lives.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, December 8 th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, December 9 th <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i> | 9 am | <i>Intentions of Brother Gregory SAC</i> | - |
| Tuesday, December 10 th <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> | 9 am | + <i>Shirley Hehn</i> | By Jim Hehn |
| Wednesday, December 11 th <i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | <i>Living & deceased family members of Quinn/Harnack</i> + <i>Mrs. Vu (Linwood)</i> | By Jim & Donna Harnack By the Family |
| Thursday, December 12 th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> | 9 am | <i>Intentions of Noel Myers</i> | By Bob & Linda Myers |
| Friday, December 13 th <i>St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i> | 9 am | + <i>Dennis Meyer</i> | By Donna Druar & family |
| Saturday, December 14 th <i>St. John of the Cross, Doctor</i> | 5 pm | + <i>John Miller</i> + <i>Anna-Maria Roeck</i> | By Tom Miller By Lorentz family |
| Sunday, December 15 th <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | - |

History of the Catholic Church (#53) – Rome was tolerant in principle and allowed many religions to flourish. It only declared war on the Christians when it realized that their aim was total triumph over all other religions. The first recorded incident of massive persecution by the Roman Government was Nero’s action in 64. Nero exploited public opinion, which saw Christians as atheists and moral monsters because of their refusal to join in pagan worship and because of the secrecy with which they surrounded their own services.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – Come Home for Christmas!

Christmas Eve: 5pm Linwood, 7pm St. Clements, 11pm St. Clements

Christmas Day: 9am St. Clements, 11am Linwood

New Year’s Eve: 5pm St. Clements

New Year’s Day: 9am St. Clements, 11am Linwood

2024 Advent Daily Challenge

Journey to Christmas with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph & Blessed Bartolo Longo! Begin your challenge with finding some info about Blessed Bartolo Longo. Each day pray the [Litany of St. Joseph](#), fulfill the challenge of the day, and ponder a corresponding trait of St. Joseph.

Sunday, Dec. 8 – Solace of the wretched; be aware of your weaknesses, and how they offend the Lord. Say the [Act of Contrition](#) three times.

Monday, Dec. 9 – Diligent protector of Christ; practice gratitude for the good things we receive from the Lord. Thank God for your daily bread.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – Head of the Holy Family; take care not to hurt those closest to you today. Instead, show them kindness and warmth.

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – Hope of the sick; visit a sick person or try to help a person in need financially.

Thursday, Dec. 12 – Terror of demons; make a good examination of conscience and plan your confession before Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 13 – Joseph most obedient; be grateful for your shepherds. Say a prayer for Pope Francis, your Bishop, parish priest, and the priest who baptized you.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – Lover of poverty; try to give up something you are addicted to (tv, cell phone, social media, etc.) and offer that sacrifice to St. Joseph.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thursday, December 12th. We invite all women of the parish to an evening of joy, laughter, and delicious food! Join us for Mass at 5pm, followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. If anyone needs a ride call Sharon by Dec 6th at 519.570.6453. We will be collecting donations to Marillac place (suggestions include new baby toys and clothes, new clothing items for women, diapers & wipes).

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES – Are available at the back of the church. Contact the office if you don’t currently receive envelopes but wish to.

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Lawrence Parent, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.), Rev. John Ha, & Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

VOCATION SEEDS – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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 \$4,711.00. Thank you for your generosity!