

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

December 29th, 2024

The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus. We are inclined to say that Jesus got lost in the Temple. But Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, He was at home there. It was there, in the Temple, He began to find Himself and to discover His true identity. He was not just the son of Mary, but the unique Son of God!

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 29 th <i>Holy Family</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, December 30 th <i>Octave of Christmas</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, December 31 st <i>St. Sylvester, Pope</i>	9 am 5 pm	+ <i>Susan Butler</i> + <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i>	By Chad Butler & family By The Estate
Wednesday, January 1 st <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	9 am 11 am	+ <i>Br. Gregory Obrycki, SAC</i> (Linwood) + <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By Fr. Irenaeus By The Estate
Thursday, January 2 nd <i>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory</i>	9 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By The Estate
Friday, January 3 rd <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9 am	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i>	By The Estate
Saturday, January 4 th <i>Christmas</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Mark Ditner</i>	By the Lorentz family
Sunday, January 5 th <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#56) – It lasts only a few years, for Decius (249-51) succeeded to the throne. He was another harsh persecutor who saw the Christian group as a terrible poison to the ancient Roman morals and ordered all suspects to make a public act of homage to the gods. Great numbers of Christians apostatized when faced with the rack, but important Church leaders, including Pope Fabian, suffered heroically and died at the hands of their torturers. Once things cooled down, the apostates begged for readmission to communion – creating grave pastoral problems for bishops like Cyprian of Carthage.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve: 5pm St. Clements

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

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, January 4th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on January 23, 2025, with *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> We hope you can join us!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahoney, Rev. Felix Nwatu, Most. Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C., & Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

VOCATION SEEDS – By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,740.00. Thank you for your generosity!