

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd, 2025

This feast is an old celebration in the Church. Just as a cut diamond shows many facets, Christians over the centuries have seen many dimensions to this event in the life of the Child Jesus. This feast originated in Jerusalem during the late 300's as a remembrance of the meeting of Jesus and the old man Simeon. Three centuries later, it found its way to Rome and from there traveled throughout the Church. Christians have seen many lights in this feast of light.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 2 nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 3 rd <i>St. Blaise; Bishop & Martyr</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 4 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By the Estate
Wednesday, February 5 th <i>St. Agatha; Virgin & Martyr</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> <i>Intentions of Fr. B. John</i> <i>(Linwood)</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Barrett family
Thursday, February 6 th <i>St. Paul Miki & companions;</i> <i>Martyrs</i>	9 am	+ <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i>	By the Estate
Friday, February 7 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i>	By the Estate
Saturday, February 8 st <i>St. Jerome Emiliani</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Anna Miller</i> + <i>Beatrice Vollmer</i>	By Tom Miller By the Family
Sunday, February 9 th <i>5th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#61) – With this act the final agony of the Church began; it was to last from 303 to 312. A second, more severe decree singled out bishops, priests, and deacons for special attention, while later great numbers of Christians in all ranks were seized. They had their eyes and tongues gouged out, their feet sawed off; they died at the stake or in red-hot chairs. Some were thrown to wild beasts to entertain a holiday mob; others were starved to death or thrown into dungeons. The struggle for the soul of the Empire raged on a vast scale, for though only a sprinkling in the West, Christians in the East numbered around 10 per cent of the population, and in some cities even formed the majority. And it was mainly in the East that the blood flowed – under Galerius (Diocletian's successor) and Maximus Daia.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – The next meeting will be this Saturday, February 8th at 10 am in the parish hall.

USHERS NEEDED! – If you are able, please consider volunteering as an usher for Saturday or Sunday Mass. Contact the office or speak with Jim Hehn.

16th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE – This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information and to register go to <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com> Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM.

STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE – Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 – The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been marked as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESAN CHOIR – The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations, and is looking for new members. For more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. James Petrie, Rev. Charles Galea, Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H., Parents & Guardians, Rev. Pablito Labado, 7 Rev. William Meehan.

VOCATION SEEDS – No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. 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 \$2,485.00. Thank you for your generosity!