

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Advent is a season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. *Gaudete* Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing; God has given hope to His people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

FROM THE CATECHISM C.C.C. #153: *Why is the Church the 'people of God'?* The church is the 'people of God' because it pleased God to sanctify and save men, not in isolation, but by making them into one people gathered together by the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat., December 12	4:30 pm Rosary	5:00 p.m.	✠ Beatrice Vollmer – The Estate
Sun., December 13	8:30 am Rosary	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
	10:30 am Rosary	11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass in Linwood</b> – For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Tues., December 15	11:30 am Rosary	12:00 p.m.	✠ Len Hergott – Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Wed., December 16	11:30 pm Rosary	12:00 p.m.	✠ Clare Meyer – The Estate
	3:30 pm Rosary	4:00 p.m.	<b>Mass in Linwood</b> – ✠ Jeff Schill – Bryan & Donna Schill
Thurs., December 17	7:30 am Rosary	8:00 a.m.	✠ Special Intentions of Paul – A Friend
Fri., December 18	7:30 am Rosary	8:00 a.m.	✠ Theresa Miller – Ornella & Peter Miller & Family
Sat., December 19	4:30 pm Rosary	5:00 p.m.	✠ John Miller – Tom Miller
Sun., December 20	8:30 am Rosary	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
	10:30 am Rosary	11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass in Linwood</b> – For the Intentions of all Parishioners

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021 – The 2021 envelopes are available at the church entrance. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining them, please contact the parish office.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,100.00. Thank you for your generosity.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Parenting Tip 125 – Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent, set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID, since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change: God's great love for each of us.

RE: START – A SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM – The program will resume once again in early 2021 - either in person or on line depending on the situation with COVID-19. We invite you to look on the Diocesan website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) to see the programs offered and then check back in January for dates and registration.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – Mark your calendars! Due to COVID-19 protocols and limited space, this year you will need to register for Christmas Mass. There are only a few seats left for Christmas Eve at 7 pm! Please contact the parish office by phone or email and provide your name and phone number, which Mass you will attend, and the number of people in your group.

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – 5 p.m. Linwood, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. St. Clements  
**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – 9 a.m. St. Clements & 11 a.m. Linwood  
**New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>** – 5 p.m. St. Clements  
**New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>** – 9 a.m. St. Clements & 11 a.m. Linwood

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D., Rev. Ronald Hodara, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.), Rev. Edward Henhoeffler, Rev. John Schnurr., and Rev Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

VOCATION SEEDS – There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email at [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or by telephone at 905-528-7988 x2246.