

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Jesus performed this miracle (healing a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment) in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of His own people. In St. Mark’s mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah: “The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy) (First Reading). In other words, Jesus is the One who brings salvation to Israel. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism! Christ touches our ears so that we can hear His word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say: “He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Sharon Kienapple</i>	By Frances Hergott
Wednesday, September 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Mary Anne Schwehr</i> + <i>Mr. Vu (Linwood)</i>	By Bill & Donna Long By the Family
Thursday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9 am	+ <i>Larry White</i>	By Bryan & Patty White
Friday, September 13 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	9 am	+ <i>Eric Doiron</i>	By the Walker family
Saturday, September 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Walter Payton</i>	By the Lorentz family
Sunday, September 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#40)** – An important stage in this development (structure of the Church/please review #38 & 39) was reached around A.D. 96, when the apostolic origin of this presbyteral system was asserted in the First Epistle of St. Clement. This was a letter written by the Roman Church to the Church in Corinth in an effort to heal a schism there that occurred when a group of elders were deposed. St. Clement urged their restoration to authority by arguing that the deposed elders stood in due succession from the Apostles. But as is shown by a Syrian catechetical manual, *the Didache*, dating probably from the end of the first century, the system of elders was still not universal. In this work prophets and teachers were still regarded as exercising the most important ministries. The manual, *the Didache*, reflects, however, a state of transition to the institutional type of Church organization, for it instructs the congregation to elect bishops and deacons if prophets and teachers are in short supply.

**MARILLAC PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** – A message from Marillac Place: I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the congregation at St. Clement’s & St. Mary’s for your generous participation in this year’s Baby Bottle Campaign. Your congregation raised an incredible \$1,355.97! This amount is enough to provide three departure bins for families transitioning into independent living, or six welcome bins filled with thoughtful essentials that help our residents feel at home upon arrival. This support also helps provide many other vital services that Marillac Place offers to the mothers and children we serve. We are truly grateful for your continued support and generosity. It is through efforts like yours that we can continue to offer life-changing assistance to those in need.

**PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** – We will be offering a preparatory course for children who will be celebrating their First Communion or Confirmation this year. For those children who are enrolled in St. Clement’s school, this will be optional and supplemental to the preparation they will receive at school. There is an information session for parents on Saturday, September 28 at 10am in the parish hall. To register, please email both [stclementsparish@sympatico.ca](mailto:stclementsparish@sympatico.ca) and Bob Myers at [cug5five@gmail.com](mailto:cug5five@gmail.com).

**CEMETERY MASS** – Mark your calendars! Our Annual Cemetery Mass with Bishop Lobsinger will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, weather permitting.

**FALL MUMS FUNDRAISER** – The Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club are selling fall mums as a fundraiser. Funds raised go back into the community and towards Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Available to order: 13" yellow, Red, and Orange - \$20 each; 14" mums with grass in the middle - \$25 each.

**MASS & RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST. AGATHA** – The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St. Kitchener) on Monday October 28, 2024 at 5pm, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or ‘Donate Now’ at [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca). RSVP required by Oct 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C., Very Rev. Tim Uniak, C.R., Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.), Rev. Robert Love, & Rev. Rafal Tomon.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$2,550.00. Thank you for your generosity!