

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16th, 2025

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from St. Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" which parallels St. Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the "little ones" who have no one to trust in but God. The Beatitudes echo the programme Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas St. Matthew has nine Beatitudes, St. Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding "woes."

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16 th <i>6th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 17 th <i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Dorothy & Clarence Comfort</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, February 19 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Druar</i> <i>Intentions of Vanessa DeBoer (Linwood)</i>	By Donna Druar & family By the Family
Thursday, February 20 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Lucy Plomin</i>	By Jim & Ken Meyer
Friday, February 21 st <i>St. Peter Damian; Bishop & Doctor</i>	9 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By the Estate
Saturday, February 22 nd <i>Chair of St. Peter</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i>	By the Estate
Sunday, February 23 rd <i>7th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#63) – When Constantine finally emerged victorious in 312, he attributed his victory to the help of the Christian God. According to the Christian writer Lactantius (d. 320), on the eve of Constantine's fateful battle with Maxentius, Constantine had a vision of Christ, who told him to ornament the shields of his soldiers with the Savior's monogram – the Greek letters chi and rho. Constantine obeyed and in the ensuing battle was victorious as promised. Writing somewhat later, Eusebius, in his Life of Constantine, gave a more sensational account: Constantine and his whole army saw a luminous cross appear in the afternoon sky with the message "in this conquer."

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – The next meeting takes place this Saturday at 10 am.

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.

MINISTERIAL FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF – The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2024. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Offers another crucial dialogue with Resilient Genius February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Paul Edmondstone, Rev. Fernand Pierre, Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D., Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek, Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan, & Very Rev. David Wynen.

VOCATION SEEDS – Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,001.00. Thank you for your generosity!