

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29th, 2024

The First Reading tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to help and assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy which was given to Moses. The main point of the reading is that God’s choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve His people. This leads into the Gospel because the Apostles had to be reminded of this very truth. Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the “little ones” who have faith in Him. He talks about hell and compares it to Gehenna, a ravine near Jerusalem, which was a dump where offal and refuse was burned. Even though the practical points contained in the Gospel were originally addressed to the leaders in the community, they have relevance for all disciples of Jesus. His command to receive the little ones (the insignificant members of the community) underlines the inclusiveness of the Kingdom. The warning about danger of giving scandal would be heard by St. Marks’s readers as applying to them also. The directions for dealing with temptation are not meant to be taken literally. They forcefully make the point that sin is to be avoided at all costs.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 29 th <i>26th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 30 th <i>St. Jerome</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 1 st <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Daniel Baessler</i>	By Kristina Kasza
Wednesday, October 2 nd <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Wayne Walker</i> + <i>Mr. Vu (Linwood)</i>	By the Walker family By the Family
Thursday, October 3 rd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Len Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Friday, October 4 st <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	9 am	+ <i>Joseph & Ursula Aulich</i>	By the Sheppard family
Saturday, October 5 st <i>St. Faustyna Kowalska</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Bill Haffner</i> + <i>Richard Dietrich</i>	By the Family By Diane Dietrich
Sunday, October 6 th <i>27th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#43) – By 150/160 this system of authority was established practically everywhere. Four factors seem to account for its triumph. First, there was a need for one presbyter – the senior of the college, often – to represent Christ at the Eucharist; the same one would often be deputed to ordain as well, and he gradually claimed this power by right. Second, one person would be charged normally with carrying on correspondence with the other churches. Third, one person would often be chosen to represent a church at a general gathering. Fourth, in view of the Gnostic heresies and disturbance, congregations/communities realized the value of having a single person as a focus of unity and as an authoritative doctrinal spokesman.

CEMETERY MASS – Mark your calendars! Our Annual Cemetery Mass with Bishop Lobsinger will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29th at 3pm, weather permitting. Light refreshments will be enjoyed in the parish hall following Mass.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST – Following the struggles and limitations of the pandemic, Bishop Crosby established a committee to explore how the Diocese of Hamilton can best move forward. After years of consultation with members of the Deanery, their findings have been published. You can find the booklet, entitled “Forward Together in Christ,” at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/forward-together-in-christ/>. For those without access to the internet, we have several hardcopies available at the office.

KW LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL DAY – Join us on October 6th from 2-3 pm in front of Kitchener City Hall. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Hold a sign in silent prayer.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – As school begins anew, we set up new schedules and set boundaries and guidelines to help our children achieve the best success they can. It is a great time to incorporate prayer, perhaps before meals and bed, into the family routine. Let your children know that speaking to God at any time is an easy way to ask for support and share their joys. God is always ready to listen and provide help; this is a proven way to help your children succeed! (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Relationship experts remind us that quantity and quality time matter in relationships. Take a moment to assess your relationship: how much time are you spending together and are you considering how you connect during those times. You might share a movie, family time and chores, but be sure there are times when you talk directly to each other, share your joys and sorrows, discuss your plans as a couple. Staying connected takes effort but ensures a strong and everlasting love. (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

DID YOU KNOW – Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. William Clarke, S.J., Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J., The Holy Guardian Angels, Very Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J., Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr., & Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu.

VOCATION SEEDS – Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call 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 TBD. Thank you for your generosity!