

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The First Reading talks about the just One who serves the cause of righteousness and suffers for it at the hands of the wicked. The “righteous” are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey His commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hostility suffered by Jesus, the suffering just One par excellence. Our reading forms a united theme with the Gospel and with the reading from St. James. In the Gospel we have the second prediction of the Passion: once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition, they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus and by St. James (Second Reading). It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, to the most insignificant persons in the community.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Bl. Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin</i>	12 pm	<i>Intentions of Renée &amp; Joe Lehman</i>	By their friends
Wednesday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>For Fr. Irenaeus on his Birthday</i> <i>CANCELLED (Linwood)</i>	By a parishioner -
Thursday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. John De Brébeuf &amp; Companions</i>	12 pm	<i>In thanksgiving</i>	By Frances Hergott
Friday, September 27 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Vincent De Paul</i>	9 am	+ <i>John &amp; Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Saturday, September 28 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Wenceslaus</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Earl, Doug &amp; Carl Kuntz</i> <i>Intentions of Donna Vollmer</i>	By Tom Miller By the Family
Sunday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>26<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 (#42)** – This system – the monarchical episcopate – is already clearly enunciated at the end of the first century in the letters of St. Ignatius, the bishop of Antioch, who wrote while on his way to trial and eventual martyrdom in Rome. For St. Ignatius, the bishop is the focal point of the congregation; all important functions are vested in him; he alone has the right to lead public worship and administer the sacraments. His authority is without limits; but it is to be completely at the service of the community.

**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 & children 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 [cuig5five@gmail.com](mailto:cuig5five@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. Light refreshments will be enjoyed in the parish hall following Mass. If you are able to contribute baking, please call Sharon at 519-570-6453 by September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH – OCTOBER 2024** Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday we will have an intercession for vocations and before the end of Mass we will pray together a prayer for vocations. You are also encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. Moreover, if you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood or consecrated virginity lived in the world, be sure to tell that person. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us! For more information about vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH – HAMILTON** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to participate in our Diocesan Vocations Month under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary by attending an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 5th at Canadian Martyrs Church (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIocese OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Hayden Starczala, Rev. Gordian Okpuruka, Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.), Rev. Robert Héту, Very Rev. Ian Duffy, & Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such 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 \$1,982.00. Thank you for your generosity!