

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19th, 2025

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God’s people at one of the lowest moments in their history – Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city’s plight reflected that of the nation as whole. Israel, once God’s bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and His people will be like newlyweds again. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolised by the changing of water into wine (Gospel Reading). The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus’s Baptism – all are epiphanies of His glory. St. John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of His ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19 th <i>2nd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 20 th <i>St. Fabian; Pope & Martyr</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 21 st <i>St. Agnes; Virgin & Martyr</i>	9 am	+ <i>Joseph Cseh Sr.</i>	By the Lehmanns
Wednesday, January 22 nd <i>St. Vincent; Deacon & Martyr</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>Mark Kenny</i> (Linwood)	By John & Christine Dixon By the Barrett family
Thursday, January 23 rd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i>	By The Estate
Friday, January 24 th <i>St. Francis De Sales; Bishop & Doctor</i>	9 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By The Estate
Saturday, January 25 th <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Alf & Florence Voll</i>	By the Family
Sunday, January 26 th <i>3rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#59) – The new system was designed to meet the extreme peril now facing the Empire from the hordes of barbarians pounding at her gates. Insecurity had become a way of life; intercourse among the cities was no longer safe, taxes skyrocketed, larger armies were required, the amenities of life disappeared, and people tried to save their skins as best they might. It was very tempting to blame the Christians for all the trouble, since their very existence could be regarded as a standing insult to the gods. The fact that so many of them even held high posts in the government and the army aggravated the offense.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – Our next meeting is on Saturday, January 25 at 10am in the parish hall.

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.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE – There will be a prayer vigil on Tuesday, January 28 at 5pm for 1 hour, in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, February 1st . 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, February 1st at the St. Michael’s Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – January is a perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year in review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune-up can keep the sparks alive!
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SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE – Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. James Curtin, Rev. Edward Hampson, Youth Ministers, Rev. Scott Whitfield, Rev. Michael Bennett, & Rev. Ron Cote.

VOCATION SEEDS – Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
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LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$4,920.00. Thank you for your generosity!