

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruits, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he/she is (First Reading). This links with what Jesus says in the Gospel: "A tree is known by its fruits... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart." In the Gospel it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one has found the way oneself. Hence, self-criticism must precede criticism of others. This applied especially to Christian teachers. But it had even more relevance for prophets. There were many prophets in the early Church. These were people who had received this gift from God and more or less guided the community. But the community had to be careful because there were also many false prophets. Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a prophet by his actions. Any prophet who teaches the truth is none the less a false prophet if he does not himself practise what he teaches. The true prophet is one who behaves in the Lord.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Casimir</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Tommy Sullivan</i>	By Sarah & Todd Holyoak & family
Wednesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12 pm 4 pm 7 pm	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus Koziak SAC</i> + (Linwood) <i>Mark Kenny</i> + <i>Len Meyer</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By the Barrett family By Jim & Ken Meyer
Thursday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent</i>	9 am	+ <i>Bill Strauss</i>	By Frances Hergott
Friday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>	9 am 7 pm	+ <i>Diane Brenner</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Jim & Pat Brenner
Saturday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. John of God</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Larry &amp; Louise Meyer and deceased family members</i>	By the Meyer family
Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#64)** – At first Constantine observed an attitude of formal correctness toward paganism. He remained its Supreme Pontiff, paid homage to the sun god on the official coinage, and in general was careful not to alienate the pagan masses and aristocracy of Rome. But he gradually revealed his true feelings. He imposed restrictions on pagan practice and publicly displayed the Christian symbols. He attached the standards of the army to a cross emblazoned with the monogram of Christ and issued coins picturing himself wearing a helmet stamped with the same monogram. Moreover, he increasingly identified the interests of the state with those of Christianity. Anxious to secure unity in the Church as well as the state, he did not hesitate to intervene in Church affairs and tried to use the power of the state to end the Donatist schism in Africa.

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

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Please join us after 9am Mass on Tuesday for a special pancake breakfast! Please call or text Sharon at 519-570-6453 if you intend to come, to ensure we have plenty of food.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Walk with Christ! Please join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm for Stations of the Cross.

**RESTART: MOVING FORWARD** – Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will be offered from March 24 - June 9 (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom if you are from outside the Hamilton area. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**ST. ANTHONY DANIEL CARD PARTY** – Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 30th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by our CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL** – Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking opposite hospital in Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com).

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Joseph Akanbi, Rev. Charles Jordan, Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I., & Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$3,165.00. Thank you for your generosity!