

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27th, 2024

The First Reading carries a message of joyful hope for the exiles in Babylon. The Lord will save what's left of His people and bring them back from exile. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event. In Mark's mind Jesus is the One who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the Kingdom of God (Gospel). The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression "followed him along the way" doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what St. Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith. It seems that the story was used in the early Church as a model of encouragement to believers and would-be believers. Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Through faith they can have purpose, energy, and direction in their lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 27 th <i>30th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 28 th <i>Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 29 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By the Estate
Wednesday, October 30 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Fr. McGrath</i> + <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelly (Linwood)</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By the Estate
Thursday, October 31 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i>	By the Estate
Friday, November 1 st <i>All Saints</i>	9 am	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i>	By the Estate
Saturday, November 2 nd <i>All Souls' Day</i>	9 am 5 pm	+ <i>Pallottine Priests, Brothers, & Sisters</i> + <i>Anna-Maria Roeck</i>	- By the Lorentz family
Sunday, November 3 rd <i>31st Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#47) – The interplay of the living Church and the written Scriptures – a constant feature of Christian history – was thus in operation from the start. The living community was constantly checked and controlled by the basic testimony of the Apostles. But at the same time, the written records were checked and controlled by the living community – as one scholar has written: "... simply because by that time it contained within it, or among its leaders, a sufficiently firm and uniform tradition to constitute it corporately a preserver of tradition..." The Canon was virtually complete by the

early decades of the second century, with such exceptions as mentioned; but it was not definitely finalized in the West until A.D. 380-90, and even later in the East.

MARRIAGE AS MISSION: FFI Annual Conference on Marriage – Family Foundation Institute's marriage conference is on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 at John Paul II Catholic Secondary School in London. This year's conference, themed "Marriage as Mission," is dedicated to helping couples embrace their marriage as a purposeful journey toward holiness. Mike and Alicia Hernon, founders of the Messy Family Project, will share insights on building a family culture and keeping love alive in marriage. The day begins with Mass at 9:30AM and includes inspiring talks, refreshments, a hot lunch, and a Q&A session. Cost: \$100/Couple, Registration: www.famfi.ca/marriage

YOU ARE WELCOME - Maryhill Historical Society Annual General Meeting. Sunday November 17, 2024, Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E – Maryhill), at 2pm. Speaker: Warren Stauch of the Waterloo Historical Society will relate his tales of 'Hidden Gems of Waterloo County.' There will be a business meeting for the election of the new Board of Directors; the presentation of financials for 2024 and an explanation and vote regarding the new bylaws. Free REFRESHMENT TABLE. All members and non-members are welcome to attend. N.B. Only members will be able to vote. WE WILL HAVE SOME OF OUR PUBLISHED BOOKS FOR SALE.

WHEN LIFE CHANGES – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese is offering our six-week grief program from November 6th to December 11th, 2024. The program runs from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I., Rev. Grayson Hope, Consecrated Virgins, & Very Rev. David Reitzel.

VOCATION SEEDS – The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answer his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, 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 \$3,305.00. Thank you for your generosity!