

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The First Reading tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In a vision in the Temple God reveals Himself to Isaiah as the All-Holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes the initiative, and also the total response He requires. The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow Him. The phrase “they left everything” shows the importance for St. Luke of detachment from possessions. The Second Reading stresses the central belief of Christianity – the resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul declares that, in spite of his unworthiness, he is a witness to the resurrection.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Scholastica; Virgin</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Gerard Stemmler</i> (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	By the Family
Wednesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	<b>CANCELLED</b>	-
Thursday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Daniel &amp; Lucille Kelley</i>	By the Estate
Friday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Cyril &amp; St. Methodius</i>	-	<b>CANCELLED</b>	-
Saturday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Calvi &amp; Adele Rebellato</i> + <i>Nino &amp; Rina Milan</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller By Phil Milan
Sunday, February 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#62)** – It all came to halt suddenly when Galerius by decree of 311 permitted Christians to resume their religious assemblies. But a cruel reversal occurred when Galerius died and Maximinus Daia once more called for Christian blood. But then just as suddenly he ordered the whole business to cease again. It was puzzling until observers learned that pressure to stop persecuting had been put on Maximinus by the new conqueror of Italy and Africa, Constantine, who was now sole master of the Western world. The son of the co-Emperor Constantius Chlorus, Constantine, was hailed as Emperor by his troops on the death of his father in 306 but immediately had to face a rival – Maxentius, who had managed to secure Rome as his stronghold.

**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.

**VATICAN II GROUP STUDY** – Resumes this Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE** – This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information and to register go to <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com> Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE** – During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope. Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, ON, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Saturday, April 5, 2025, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, ON, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.

**ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFE** – In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced & feeling “outcast” from their community. Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many today feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - even when it is easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ’s merciful hands reaching out to heal. Sunday March 2nd 2-3:30pm with guest Fr. Toby Collins, St. Mary’s Parish, Founder “Tiny Home Takeout”. [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org)

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman, Missionaries, Rev. William Trusz, Rev. Donald Wilhelm, & Rev. Guillermo Diaz.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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.

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**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$2,985.00. Thank you for your generosity!