

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 30th, 2022

The First Reading tells of the call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and was overwhelmed by the sheer burden of it. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seemed to have failed. He is the supreme example, until Jesus, of the triumph of failure. The Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. We see the reaction to the homily Jesus gives in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people cannot believe that the words of Isaiah could apply to Him, the humble son of Mary and Joseph. On hearing that the benefits they have rejected will be offered to the Gentiles, the people rise up in fury and attempt to do away with Jesus. This foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus; but His hour has not yet come. St. Paul has been speaking of the gifts and charisms. But here (Second Reading) he stresses the supreme importance of love. Without love all these gifts are useless.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 30 th <i>4th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 31 st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 1 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Gerard Stemmler</i>	By Mary Ann & family
Wednesday, February 2 nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Tadeusz Nawrot</i> (<i>Linwood</i>) + <i>Luise Venner</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By The Barrett family
Thursday, February 3 rd <i>St. Blaise</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary Haffner & family
Friday, February 4 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>Joanne Moser</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, February 5 th <i>St. Agatha</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Anna Miller</i> + <i>Arlene Herteis</i>	By Tom Miller By Dolores Straus
Sunday, January 30 th <i>5th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: *St. Agatha (230-251)* – as in the case of St. Agnes, another virgin-martyr of the early Church, almost nothing is historically certain about this saint except that she was martyred in Sicily during the persecution of Emperor Decius in 251. Legend has it that St. Agatha, like St. Agnes, was arrested as a Christian, tortured, and sent to a house of prostitution to be mistreated. She was preserved from being violated, and was later put to death. She is claimed as the patroness of both Palermo and Catania. The year after her death, the stilling of an eruption of Mt. Etna was attributed to her intercession. As a result, apparently, people continued to ask her prayers for protection against fire. The scientific modern mind winces at the thought of a volcano's might being contained by God because of the prayers of a Sicilian girl. Still less welcome, probably, is the notion of that saint being the patroness of such varied professions as those of foundry workers, nurses, miners and Alpine guides.

Yet, in our historical precision, have we lost an essential human quality of wonder and poetry, and even our belief that we come to God by helping each other, both in action and prayer? St. Agatha pray for us!

KWC PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, February 3, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Note time!). In front of 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 - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 116. Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things a spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT – Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: 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, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

WCDSB – We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: Occasional Teachers. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

VOCATION SEEDS – No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Duy Van Nguyen, Rev. John Van Hees, Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.), Rev. Hayden Starczala, Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V., Rev. Gerard Mulhall.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$1,870.00. Thank you for your generosity!