

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15th, 2024

We have now entered Part 2 of St. Mark’s Gospel (8:27-16:8). After having been consistently rejected and misunderstood despite all Jesus has said and done, He starts to proclaim the necessity of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Son of Man in God’s plan. The First Reading talks about the Servant of the Lord who suffers, not in spite of his innocence, but because of it. But he is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him. The Suffering Servant represents the many suffering and persecuted Christians. The New Testament sees Jesus as the Suffering Servant per excellence. In the Gospel we have Peter’s profession of faith. In response to that confession, Jesus makes a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that His disciples must be prepared to share His suffering, and that His and their suffering will lead to ultimate glory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 15 th <i>24th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 16 th <i>St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 17 th <i>St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>	9 am	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, September 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Wayne & Marilyn Curry</i> + <i>Alvin Runstedler (Linwood)</i>	By St. Clement’s Choir By the Family
Thursday, September 19 th <i>St. Januarius</i>	9 am	+ <i>Marie Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Friday, September 20 st <i>St. Andrew Kim & Companions</i>	9 am	+ <i>Larry White</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger
Saturday, September 21 st <i>St. Matthew</i>	5 pm	+ <i>John Miller</i> + <i>Walter Runstedler</i>	By Tom Miller By the Family
Sunday, September 22 nd <i>25th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#41) – The term “bishop” was originally a secular Greek expression, episkopos, meaning supervisor or overseer. It gradually came into Church usage and was nearly synonymous at first with the word for elder, presbyter (priest). These elders or bishops governed the churches collectively as first. But gradually one man took over the power and concentrated the various ministries in his hands. He was now called “bishop” to distinguish him from the presbyters, who were his subordinates.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION – We will be offering a preparatory course for children who will be celebrating their First Communion or Confirmation this year. For those children who are enrolled in St. Clement’s school, this will be optional and supplemental to the preparation they will receive at school. There is an information session for parents & children on Saturday, September 28 at 10am in the parish hall. To register, please email both stclementsparish@sympatico.ca and Bob Myers at cuig5five@gmail.com.

CEMETERY MASS – Mark your calendars! Our Annual Cemetery Mass with Bishop Lobsinger will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29th at 3pm, weather permitting. Light refreshments will be enjoyed in the parish hall following Mass. If you are able to contribute baking, please call Sharon at 519-570-6453 by September 26th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – The 40 Days for Life vigil runs from September 25th – November 3rd outside of Freeport Hospital, 3750 King St. E, Kitchener from 7am – 7pm. For more information contact Evy at 40daysKW@gmail.com or 519-607-1550. Join us for the opening rally, beginning with Mass on Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish, followed by refreshments in the parish hall and a chance to sign up for hours. Let’s save lives together!

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word each year as they exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it and a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. There is always good participant sharing. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. 1st Workshop: Sat., September 21, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 2nd Workshop: Sat., November 9, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton, ON, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/>

SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND TRIP – May 4-17, 2025: Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of the parish community and their friends and family. \$4,695. See the St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira website (stteresaelmira.ca) Events Page for itinerary and details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Michael Kruszewski, C.R., Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C., Missionary Sisters of Christ the King (M.ChR.), Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R., Rev. Pawel Jamroz, & Rev. Stephen Gilbert.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Who do people say that I am?” Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon 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 \$4,657.00. Thank you for your generosity!