

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30th, 2022

The world and all it contains is like a grain of sand compared with the greatness of God. Yet God loves all that He has created, and overlooks people's sins so that they can repent (First Reading). The Gospel gives us an example of this in the way Jesus seeks out the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, and calls him to repentance. At that time tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves, murderers and prostitutes. Furthermore, because they worked for the Romans, they were regarded as traitors, treated as outcasts. We can understand, then, how the good people of Jericho were offended when Jesus went to the house of Zacchaeus. But Jesus justified His action by saying that Zacchaeus too was a son of Abraham, and therefore entitled to the mercy of God as any other Israelite. And Jesus declared that it was to seek out and save people like Zacchaeus that He had come. Touched by the kindness of Jesus, Zacchaeus saw the error of his ways and resolved to change. In this episode we again see St. Luke's concern for the proper use of wealth – it should be distributed to the poor.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 30 th <i>31st Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 31 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 1 st <i>All Saints</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Wednesday, November 2 nd <i>All Souls' Day</i>	4 pm 7 pm	+ <i>Pallottine priests, brothers & sisters</i> + <i>Parishioners & priests of St. Clements</i>	By our community By our community
Thursday, November 3 rd <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>	8 am	+ <i>Arthur Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, November 4 th <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	8 am	+ <i>Anton Woeschka</i>	By the Lehmanns
Saturday, November 5 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rosemary Beaupré</i>	By Greg & Heidi Beaupré
Sunday, November 6 th <i>32nd 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. Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584) – the name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent. Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici, was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican, and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite his relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25,

Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan. Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Because of his work at the Council, Borromeo was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded. Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit. Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46. St. Charles Borromeo pray for us!

ALL SOULS DAY – Please join us for Mass in St. Clements at 7pm or in Linwood at 4pm on Wed. Nov. 2nd.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BISHOP CROSBY - Bishop Crosby's Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop is on January 2nd, 2023. We invite you to participate in a "spiritual bouquet" of prayers, which will be shared with him on his anniversary. There will be a sign-up sheet to commit to prayers at the back of the church.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS DINNER – The St. Clements Christian Mothers' Annual Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday, November 29th at 6pm at Schmidsville Restaurant. Please RSVP by email to christianmothers.stc@gmail.com or by leaving a message for Fran at 519-699-5243.

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT – The Feast of St. Clement is Wednesday, November 23rd, and we are having a party for our patron Saint! We will begin with the celebration of Mass at 6pm, followed by a potluck in the church hall. Food can be left in the church hall prior to Mass if you wish. There are fridges and ovens to keep your dishes warm or cool as needed.

VOCATION SEEDS – Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M., Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R., Rev. George Nowak, C.R., & Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,432.50. Thank you for your generosity!