

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 16th, 2024

In St. Mark 4:1-34 we have a collection of parables, most of which deal with the growth of seed. They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take a twig from the top of the cedar and plant it in Zion (First Reading). Under God’s protective power that twig would grow into a great cedar. Thus Ezekiel dreamed that God would transplant the exiled people of Israel back to the land their fathers. He glimpsed a future son of David whose Kingdom would be universal – catholic. The promise is fulfilled in Jesus who ushers in the Kingdom of God. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church which was worried about the slow growth of the Kingdom. They were telling the disciples to be patient, to trust, and not to expect instant results. Through the power of God, from small and insignificant beginnings the Kingdom will grow into something great and everlasting.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 16 th <i>11th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, June 17 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, June 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Shirley Hehn</i>	By St. Clement’s Choir
Wednesday, June 19 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Thursday, June 20 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	<i>In thanksgiving</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, June 21 st <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Saturday, June 22 nd <i>St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rosemary Beaupré</i> + <i>Walter Runstedler</i>	By Greg & Heidi Beaupré By the Family
Sunday, June 23 rd <i>12th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#37) – St. Paul’s system of charismatic leadership worked all right as long as the Church lived in expectation of the immediate end of the world and the second coming of Jesus, and as long as the original Apostles were still alive who were able to guarantee the veracity of the oral tradition about Christ. But two things happened that necessitated a change: first, the expectation of the End faded as awareness grew that the Church was destined to continue in history, perhaps for a long, long time; second, death began to carry off the Apostles.

MARILLAC PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – The campaign has drawn to a close. Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – A new group of children will begin training to become altar servers over the summer. If you have a child (entering Gr. 4 or older) who wishes to serve, please contact the office at stclementsparish@sympatico.ca.

CHALICE – Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Koziak and St. Clement parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on the Feast of Corpus Christi. As a result, 6 children were sponsored, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future! Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit www.chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission and to sponsor a child today.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – As summer approaches and we plan for holidays, camps and childcare, remember to ensure that family time makes a strong appearance in your calendar. These years with our children are about forming a foundation both for their futures and for our adult relationship with them. Don’t let too many scheduled activities remove the most important one, time spent together as a family. In addition, remember that praying and attending Mass together are great bonding moments as well. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Our Catholic faith tells us that the vocation of marriage has a twofold purpose: the good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life. It can seem challenging for each spouse to help their husband/wife to be the best person they can be, but when we love, we want the best for the other. It isn’t about criticizing and demanding change, but about helping our spouse to grow in faith and maturity and to become the best person they can be. It is not an easy task, but one that brings great reward to each spouse, children and all those connected to us in any way. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Tony O’Dell, O.M.I., Rev. Deaha (John) Kim, Discalced Carmelite Fathers (O.C.D.), Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I., Rev. Lajos Angyal, & Married Couples.

VOCATION SEEDS – Today’s readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel God is calling you 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 \$3,100.00. Thank you for your generosity!