

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

The territory occupied by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali (later known as Galilee) was the most northerly part of Israel. Because it bordered on pagan territory it would have been associated with darkness. It was the first province of Israel to be conquered by Assyria in 732 BC. Isaiah predicted future liberation for the people of that region. In his Gospel, St. Matthew sees Isaiah's prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francis De Sales</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Tadeusz Szczepanek</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John &amp; Rita Black</i> <i>Intentions of Emmeline</i> <i>Runstedler &amp; John De Wildt</i> (Linwood)	By John & Christina Dixon By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	8 am	+ <i>Lucy &amp; Arthur Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	8 am	<i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>	By Anonymous
Saturday, January 28 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Joan Smith</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

**Our Saint of the Week: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)** – by universal consent, St. Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating

Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274. We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time, we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas pray for us!

**KoC MEETING IN ST. CLEMENTS!** – Knights of Columbus Council 8192 will be holding its February General Meeting on February 16th at St. Clements Parish basement. Dinner (Pizza & Beverages) @ 6:30 pm, Meeting @ 7:00 pm. Fr. Koziak will be our speaker. This meeting is open to all, come and meet the Knights! If you would like to come for dinner, please contact the Grand Knight - [GK8192@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK8192@ontariokofc.ca) or 519 496-9648.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER IN ELMIRA!** - Spaghetti Supper at St. Teresa Church, Elmira. Friday, February 10th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Cost: Adult - \$15 / Children 6-12 - \$8. / Family of Four \$30. / 5 & Under – FREE. Takeout is also available.

**KW RIGHT-TO-LIFE** – On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a Candlelight Prayer Vigil 6-7pm in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). 200 King St. W, Kitchener.

**THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**HEALING STRESS/TRAUMA**- We all experience stress from world, regional and possibly family or personal issues. This is normal. The body tells the truth about hidden stress. The body keeps the score as we discover, sometimes painfully, the impact of intergenerational and collective trauma within us. We invite you to join Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on Saturdays, February 4th and 11th, 9:30 – 11:30 am to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress and to help others. We will not ask your personal stories. Come, ready to participate without judging. Sister Barbara will explain why this method of popular education is essential, at least to accompany talk therapy. To register, email St. Mary's Parish office at [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com). This event will be held at the Waterloo Catholic District School Board offices, 35 Weber Street, West, Kitchener.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Francisco Sordo, Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D., Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.), Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil, & Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$2,005.00. Thank you for your generosity!