

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Today’s readings continue the theme of prayer. In a society where money and power are everything, the “little people” don’t have a chance. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. So he throws himself on the mercy of God. And his humble prayer wins him forgiveness. The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Dorothy Comfort</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Members of St. Clement's School</i> <i>CANCELED (Linwood)</i>	By families & friends
Thursday, October 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>John Gray</i>	By the Estate
Friday, October 28 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude</i>	8 am	+ <i>Rita Black</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, October 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Tadeusz Szczepanek</i>	By the Family
Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>31<sup>st</sup> 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. Simon & St. Jude (first century)** – **St. Jude** is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to “Jude” in English. **St. Simon** is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called “the Zealot.” The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and “collaborating” Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John,

we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder,” and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us. Sts. Simon & Jude pray for us!

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR BISHOP CROSBY** - Bishop Crosby’s Anniversary of Ordination as a Bishop is on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** - St. Joseph’s Listowel C.W.L. is hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the St. Joseph’s Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel. Free Admission. Bake Sale, Lunch, Evergreen Arrangements, & Grocery Hamper Draw. Everyone Welcome.

**DID YOU KNOW...?** – Children in our Parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

**THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES** - is excited to announce that in-person programming with The Saint John’s Bible is back! If you are interested in having The Saint John’s Bible visit your parish or school, visit our website for programming information and booking details. Virtual and hybrid programming available, too! <https://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>.

**NOTIFICATION** – With a mandate from the DDF (Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith) in Rome, Bishop Crosby imposed on Mervin Perera the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. He is prohibited from functioning as a priest ever again, anywhere. He is also prohibited from residing (or staying) in any parish rectory of the Diocese of Hamilton.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – WANTED: Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, brothers, or sisters. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P., Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I., Consecrated Men and Women, Rev. Lawrence Parent, Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz, & Rev. Ronald Voisin.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$1,940.00. Maintenance \$500.00. Thank you for your generosity!