

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8th, 2023

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God’s dealings with us, His people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more specifically the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus Himself whom they killed. Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God’s people. All this would have been clear to St. Matthew’s readers.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8 th <i>27th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 9 th <i>St. Denis</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 10 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Dan Dietrich</i>	By the Dietrich family
Wednesday, October 11 th <i>St. John XXIII</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>(Linwood) Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Estate
Thursday, October 12 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Sean Rea</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, October 13 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>Tony & Margit Weiss</i>	By the Lehmanns
Saturday, October 14 th <i>St. Callistus</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Robert Gravelle</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Sunday, October 15 th <i>28th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#5) – We must keep in mind that the first Apostles were all Jews, and so were their first converts. For a time the Church remained completely Jewish, a group/sect within Israel of those who truly believed in the resurrection of Jesus and regarded Him as the promised Messiah who was about to come again to definitively establish the reign of God. Their new faith did not require them to break with the Temple or the Law. In fact, the Acts of the Apostles emphasizes how faithful they were to daily prayer in the Temple. Some Jewish leaders, notably the Sadducees, regarded the Christians as an alien group of nonconformists and wanted to suppress them. But the Jewish leaders were unable to because public opinion favored the Christians and admired their fervent piety and fidelity to Jewish custom.

MASS & RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST. AGATHA – The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatia RC Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 5pm, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) and can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, RR1 St. Agatha, ON N0B2L0 or ‘Donate Now’ at www.thecarmel.ca. RSVP required by Oct. 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

CEMETERY MASS OCT. 15th – Please join us for our annual cemetery Mass with Bishop Lobsinger on Sunday, Oct. 15th at 3pm. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be moved to the church.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – For nine months, October – June, we will have confession and adoration at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm on the first Friday of the month. We strongly encourage you to join us! *Only on the First Friday of the month, the 8am Mass will be moved to 7pm.*

NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROSARY – The month of October is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us this Saturday, October 14th, at 12pm at the Grotto, as we join the nation in praying a public rosary. We encourage everyone to come out! There will be fellowship following in the church hall.

GIFT & GRIT: ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE – Discover the keys to a thriving marriage and family life at Family Foundation Institute’s Annual Conference on Marriage. This year’s conference, Gift and Grit, takes place Saturday November 4th at Saint André Bessette Secondary School in London. Guest speakers Andrew and Sarah Swafford (Ascension Press) will offer inspiring talks to help couples unearth their gifts and cultivate the resilience needed to overcome obstacles. The conference runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Early bird registration is \$100/couple and includes lunch, refreshments, and a resource package. Visit famfi.ca/gift to learn more and register.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – St. Joseph’s Listowel CWL is hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 18, 2023 from 11 – 2 pm at the Parish Centre. Free Admission. Bake Sale, Lunch, Evergreen Arrangements, & Grocery Hamper Draw. Everyone Welcome.

VOCATION SEEDS – Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, religious, or 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 Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Timothy Higgins, Rev. Christopher Tracey, Chaplains, Rev. Brendan McGrath, Rev. Jason Kuntz, & Rev. Grayson Hope.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$3,500.00. Thank you for your generosity!

