

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6th, 2022

The First Reading is taken from 2 Maccabees. A feature of this book is its confident teaching on the afterlife. Our reading tells (in part) the story of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. This is an example of the resistance of the Jews against their conquerors. The woman and her sons drew their strength from faith in the resurrection of the just. And it is this latter idea which connects the reading with today's Gospel. Jesus is drawn into the argument which went on between the Sadducees and the Pharisees regarding the resurrection. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection; the Pharisees did. The Sadducees used the tactic of reduction ad absurdum. Jesus used the insincere inquiry as an opportunity to deliver a genuine teaching. The first thing He did was to challenge the assumption that the afterlife is just a continuation of this life, with some extras thrown in. He made it clear that there is no comparison between this life and that of the resurrection. Then Jesus went on to use another argument to support belief in the resurrection of the dead. God is known as a God of the living. But He is also known as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This means that the patriarchs must be still living. As Christians our hope of resurrection is founded on the love God has shown us in Jesus (Second Reading). Nevertheless, the above readings will help to strengthen our faith as believers.

MASS SCHEDULE

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>	
Monday, November 7 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 8 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Luella O'Grady</i>	By Bill & Judy Meyer
Wednesday, November 9 th <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Elaine Crowe (90th B-Day)</i> + <i>Family members of Thank Nguyen</i>	By the Lehmann's By Nguyen family
Thursday, November 10 th <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Friday, November 11 th <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	8 am	+ <i>Lucy Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, November 12 th <i>St. Josaphat</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Beatrice Vollmer</i> + <i>Norbert & Mary Hergott</i>	By the Family By Paul & Sharon
Sunday, November 13 th <i>33rd 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. Josaphat (1580 – 1623) – in 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich—who took the name Josaphat in religious life—was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. Born in what is now Ukraine, he went to work in Wilno and was influenced by clergy adhering to the 1596 Union of Brest. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic. At a relatively young age, upon becoming both bishop of Vitebsk and archbishop of Polotsk, Josaphat faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy,

and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in winning the greater part of the Orthodox in that area to the union. But the next year a dissident hierarchy was set up, and his opposite number spread the accusation that Josaphat had “gone Latin” and that all his people would have to do the same. He was not enthusiastically supported by the Latin bishops of Poland. Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the diocese: A priest was sent to shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and shut up in his house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop's home. Josaphat was struck with a halberd, then shot, and his body thrown into the river. It was later recovered and is now buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome. Josaphat's death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. After the partition of Poland, the Russians forced most Ruthenians to join the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1964, newspaper photos of Pope Paul VI embracing Athenagoras I, the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople, marked a significant step toward the healing of a division in Christendom that has spanned more than nine centuries. St. Josaphat pray for us!

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.

CONCERT AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA – The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting **John B. Miller & Friends Advent/Christmas Music** on November 25th at 7:00 p.m. Join us at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. A perfect way to kick off the Advent/Christmas Season. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, free will offering.

WYD 2023 - There are limited spots available to any young people aged 18-35 who wish to participate in the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day is a life-changing opportunity that gathers young Catholics from all around the world together with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for days of prayer and celebration. More information about this pilgrimage opportunity and registration can be found at <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

VOCATION SEEDS – Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. 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. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D., Rev. Vivek Trindade, Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton, Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R., Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R., & Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,925.00. Maintenance \$640.00 Thank you for your generosity!