

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 28th, 2026

The Gospel contains the conclusion of St. Matthew’s missionary discourse. Jesus instructs His Apostles on the sacrifices involved, the priorities they must embrace, in being His envoys to the world. He tells them that they must be ready, if need be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between Him and their own relatives. The Gospel also stresses the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to Christ’s envoys. To receive a person’s envoy is to receive the person himself. The First Reading echoes what the Gospel says about the importance of showing hospitality towards the envoy of God.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 28 th <i>13th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, June 29 th <i>St. Peter & Paul</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, June 30 th <i>First Martyrs of the Church</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Juan Pablo Baldizon</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, July 1 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 4 pm	+ <i>Margaret Gruber</i> <i>CANCELED – July & August</i>	By Ken & Jim Meyer -
Thursday, June July 2 nd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of John & Dorothy Dario (60th Wedding Anniversary)</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Friday, July 3 rd <i>St. Thomas</i>	9 am	+ <i>Bill Dixon</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Saturday, July 4 th <i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Len Wagner</i> + <i>Karen Dietrich</i>	By Tom Miller By Tom Dietrich
Sunday, July 5 th <i>14th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#122) – Gratian ordered the removal of the statue and altar of Victory from the Senate house in Rome in 382; his successor, Valentinian II, influenced by St. Ambrose and Pope Damasus, turned a deaf ear to the embassy of pagan senators who demanded its restoration. The co-Emperor of the East, Theodosius, gave memorable witness to his personal respect for the authority of the Church when after ordering a horrible massacre of the citizens of Thessalonica (390) he accepted the rebuke of Bishop Ambrose and did public penance at the door of the cathedral in Milan. (This one act did more than tons of theology to illustrate the authority of the Church over the state and lay the foundations of the papal monarchy over medieval Christendom). What explains the triumph of the Church? Besides the factors already alluded to, we would point out, first, the simple force of the Church’s incomparable organization with all its ramifications, from the wall of Hadrian to the Euphrates River. It had no rival in this regard. Then we must remember that in a time of extreme social decay, it provided a refuge for the oppressed and acted as an agent of social justice. And finally,

in the words of one of the great historians of this period: “In its high ethical appeal, its banishment of the blood and sacrifice from worship, and adherence to a god at once transcendent and active in the universe Christianity presented in a coherent form ideas to which the pagan world was groping.”

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART: A WAY OF LIFE – As we come to the close of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited not simply to conclude a devotion, but to deepen a way of life rooted in the love of Christ. In the Heart of Jesus—pierced on the Cross and open to the world—we encounter the source of Divine Mercy, poured out for our healing and salvation. From this heart flows forgiveness, compassion, and new life. Let us continue to turn to the Sacred Heart with trust, asking that His love may transform our hearts, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and shape our daily lives according to His Heart.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father, Amen.

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart

SUMMER VACATION! – As we enter our summer break, we wish to thank everyone involved in organizing, supporting, and participating in the Social Sunday and Children’s Liturgy programs. Your efforts and enjoyment of the programs continue to build our community and are immensely appreciated. Both will resume in September. Anyone interested in joining either program, please reach out to the office!

SCHEDULE CHANGE – Please note that our summer schedule changes have begun. Weekday Masses are at 9am and the afternoon Mass in Linwood on Wednesdays is canceled. There will be no printed bulletin, but the Mass schedule will be posted at the back of the church and on the website.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA - Please join us for a **COME AND GO PARTY** to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Emmeline Runstedler on Sunday, June 28, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. Best wishes only!

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. William Foote, Rev. Murray McDermott, CR, Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus, Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, Rev. James Curtin, & Rev. Fernand Pierre.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel you are being called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact 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 \$3,500.00 Thank you for your generosity!