

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 6th, 2026

The question in today’s Gospel is not forgiveness, but the sin of one member of the community. Every effort is to be made to bring the erring person to repentance: first in private, then before a few, finally before the whole community. If he is still unrepentant, he must be excommunicated. The decision of the Church will be honoured by God, since God inspired them in making that decision. The harsh phrase “treat him as a pagan or a tax collector” reflects the strict Jewish Christianity of St. Matthew’s Church. The First Reading talks about the grave responsibility leaders of the community have to try to correct the erring.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 6 th <i>23rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 7 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 8 th <i>Nativity of the BV Mary</i>	9 am	+ <i>Wayne Vollmer</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, September 9 th <i>St. Peter Claver</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>CANCELED / Clergy Seminar</i> <i>Mass in Linwood returns Sep. 16</i>	-
Thursday, September 10 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>CANCELED / Clergy Seminar</i>	-
Friday, September 11 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>CANCELED / Clergy Seminar</i>	-
Saturday, September 12 th <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Sharon Roulston</i> <i>Intentions of Bernice Hollohand</i>	By Anonymous By Tom Miller
Sunday, September 13 th <i>24th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#124) – St. Jerome studied grammar at Rome under the celebrated Aelius Donatus, whose writings were used as textbooks throughout the Middle Ages. Under the great scholar’s tutelage for some four or five years, Jerome made an intensive study of the Roman classics – Virgil, Cicero, Terence, Sallust, Horace, and others – nurturing in this way the literary talent that was to make him the greatest stylist, translator, and interpreter of Christian antiquity. Further studies in rhetoric prolonged his stay in Rome for possibly another four or five years, a period during which he also began accumulating the books that were to make his library the most important private collection of the day.

CEMETERY MASS – Mark your calendars! This year, our Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday, September 27th at 3pm, with Bishop Lobsinger as our celebrant.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2026: The Young Adults are organizing the annual Conference on Saturday, September 19th at St. Raphael Parish from 9:30am to 7:00pm. During the conference we will have spiritual talks, praise and worship band, Art Booths, Adoration, confession and Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The theme for the conference will be “I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12) All young adults (single and married) ages 19 to 40 years are encouraged to join. Price is \$25.00. For more information, please visit: <https://cyaconference.ca/>.

YOUTH MINISTER’S RETREAT – We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Registration deadline is September 11. For all information and to register, please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/2026-youth-ministers-retreat/>.

FALL RETREAT AT THE CARMEL – The Carmel of St Joseph is hosting their Fall Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The theme of our Retreat, given by Fr Peter Turrone, is The Little Way of St. Therese. The Retreat welcomes women and men. Registration opens Monday, September 07,2026 and closes Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - spaces are limited. Please visit The Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view our Retreat Poster, Retreat Schedule, and a Registration form. Enjoy a day of quiet reflection, Mass, Adoration.

HOLY HOUR AND MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. THERESE – You are invited to a special Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, Thursday, October 01, 2026. Holy Hour 6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – “When we look at the research in child development and psychology, the message is actually much simpler. Young children do not need perfect parents. They do not need constant stimulation, expensive toys, or carefully curated routines. What matters most is the relationship they have with the adults who care for them.” (Psychology Canada) (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Andrew Czarny, Felician Franciscan Sisters, CSSF, Catholic Teachers, Rev. Jerzy Tomon, & Rev. Livinus Okamgba.

VOCATION SEEDS – “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
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