

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27th, 2022

Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he is (First Reading). This links with what Jesus says in the Gospel: "A tree is known by its fruit... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart". In the Gospel it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one has found the way oneself. Hence, self-criticism must precede criticism of others. This applied especially to Christian teachers. But it had even more relevance for prophets. There were many prophets in the early Church. These were people who had received this gift from God and more or less guided the community. But the community had to be careful because there were also false prophets. Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a prophet by his actions. Any prophet who teaches the truth is none the less a false prophet if he does not himself practise what he teaches. The true prophet is one who behaves in the Lord's way.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 27 th <i>8th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> (Linwood)	
Monday, February 28 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, March 1 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Arlene Herteis</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger
Wednesday, March 2 nd <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12 pm 5 pm 7 pm	+ <i>Irene Detzler</i> <i>Intention of Odessa Barrett</i> (Linwood) + <i>Len Hergott</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller & family By the Family Frances Hergott
Thursday, March 3 rd <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Friday, March 4 th <i>St. Casimir</i>	8 am	+ <i>Clarence Comfort</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, March 5 th <i>Lent</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Michael Grubb</i>	By Bryan & Patty White
Sunday, March 6 th <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> (Linwood)	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Casimir (1458 – 1483) – Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, Jan Długosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy. When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were

deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home. His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter. He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania. For many years, Poland and Lithuania faded into the gray prison on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Despite repression, the Poles and Lithuanians remained firm in the faith which has become synonymous with their name. Their youthful patron reminds us: Peace is not won by war; sometimes a comfortable peace is not even won by virtue, but Christ's peace can penetrate every government repression of religion. St. Casimir pray for us!

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 2 at noon or 7pm in St. Clements, or 5pm in Linwood.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

VOCATION SEEDS – "In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D., Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P., Rev. Louis Lenssenc C.R.S.P., Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp., & Rev. Allen Varlaki.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$1,690.00. Thank you for your generosity!