

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 26th, 2025

Today’s readings continue the theme of prayer (last Sunday). In a society where power and money are everything, the ordinary people don’t have a chance. The First Reading states that God treats all people fairly. He shows no partiality to the rich and powerful. He listens to the humble prayer of the just and the lowly. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector makes the same point even more forcefully. The proud Pharisee is relying on his good works. Because of these he thinks that God owes him salvation. The tax-collector has nothing to rely on. He knows he is a sinner. So he throws himself on the mercy of God. His words are few, but the attitude of his heart makes him pleasing to God. His humble prayer wins him forgiveness. The parable was aimed at those who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Although he was boastful, the Pharisee was not a hypocrite. His problem was that he had no concept of his need of God or grace or forgiveness.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 26 th <i>30th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 27 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 28 th <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo XIV</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, October 29 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John & Rita Black</i> + <i>Wayne Vollmer</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By the Family
Thursday, October 30 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Rina Milan</i>	By Phil Milan
Friday, October 31 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By the Family
Saturday, November 1 st <i>All Saints</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Franciso Faria</i>	By the Family
Sunday, November 2 nd <i>All Souls’ Day</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#89) – Arius, a presbyter in the church district of Baucalis in Alexandria, systematized and popularized this point of view. Through preaching and the hymns he composed, he taught that the Word was created to be the instrument of the Father’s cosmic activity. Thus, in explicating the passage from Proverbs 8:22 – “The Lord begot me, the firstborn of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago...”, Arius wrote: “Before he was begotten or created or ordained or established, he did not exist.” So, for Arius the Word had a beginning, and was even liable to change and sin. This was tantamount to denying all finality to the revelation of Christ and opening the way to a resurgence of pagan polytheism, with its myriads of intermediate gods and demons.

PALLOTTINE SEMINARY DONATION – The envelopes for the Pallottine Seminary are still available at the back of the church. If you are willing and able, please consider donating. Cheques should be made out to St. Clement’s Parish, with Pallottine Seminary in the memo line.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK – If you wish to add someone to our prayers for the sick, please call or email the office or leave a note in the sacristy.

ROSARY IN LINWOOD – Please join us every Sunday morning at St. Mary’s church in Linwood for the rosary at 10:30 am.

VATICAN II STUDY GROUP – Find out your role in this modern world! Join our study group as we go through the fourth and final constitution of the council. Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – If your child is in Gr. 2, not enrolled in St. Clement’s school, and wishes to receive their First Holy Communion in our parish this year, please reach out to the office for registration forms and information on the Diocesan correspondence course available to help prepare them for the sacrament.

YOU ARE INVITED – This is an invitation from the Maryhill Historical Society for you to attend their 48th Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 16th at 1pm at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E .) Come hear what OUR Historical Society has been doing this past year. If you attended last year’s Annual General Meeting you enjoyed our Guest Speaker Warren Stauch from the Waterloo Historical Society. You will enjoy his talk this time on “Geography of Community Entrance Signs.”

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – *Mercy: The heart of Justice* is the theme for a 1-day retreat being held on Saturday, Nov. 8th at St. Brigid’s Villa (Ignatius Spirituality Centre) in Guelph. Registration: 9am; retreat from 9:30 to 3:30 pm. Potluck lunch. Free parking, coffee/tea provided. Cost is \$30.00. To register, please contact Patti at pattitusch@gmail.com before October 31st.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL – Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 10-11am. Opposite 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: cmlamers@rogers.com

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. John Ha, Rev. John Schnurr, Pallottine Fathers, SAC, Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel, & Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC.

VOCATION SEEDS – WANTED: Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. 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/>

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$1,835.00. Thank you for your generosity!