

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The First Reading states: “God ways are not our ways; God’s thoughts are not our thoughts.” Just how vast is the difference between God’s ways and our ways, between God’s thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God’s generosity utterly transcends human generosity. The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because He befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to His critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcasts. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Jean De Brébeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus H. Koziak SAC on his 55<sup>th</sup> B-Day</i>	By Anonymous
Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Vincent De Paul</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Frances Kraemer</i> + <i>Helen Caroline Benninger (Linwood)</i>	By John & Janet Pfaffinger By the Estate
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Wenceslaus</i>	8 am	<i>An End to abortion</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	8 am	+ <i>Lloyd Haffner</i>	By Mary Haffner & family
Saturday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Jerome</i>	5 pm	<i>Intentions of Donna Vollmer</i>	By the Family
Sunday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#3)** – the resurrection of Jesus was the starting point of Christian faith. Even though the idea of resurrection had already appeared in Judaism during the second century B.C., it was Christianity who gave faith in resurrection new clarity. The Acts of the Apostles pictures the Church itself as only beginning with the Pentecostal explosion of the Spirit – that is, the event that occurred on the Jewish feast of Pentecost shortly after the resurrection, when the first believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, who confirmed them in their faith and ignited in them a zeal to witness publicly and urge others to believe, repent, and be baptized. That first and small community of believers – the Church – shared an intimate fellowship of love and prayer centered on the eucharistic breaking of the bread in their homes – in obedience to the Lord’s command at the Last Supper to repeat His words and action. The Church has begun its life and mission...

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** - From September 27th to November 5th, 2023 we invite you to join together with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting-an-Hour a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing/calling Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) or 519-904-2620. It is VERY IMPORTANT, that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site. \*Sign-up sheet can be found at the back of the church\*

**WORLD YOUTH DAY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON** – Did you know that 39 delegates from the Diocese traveled to the international celebration of World Youth Day in Portugal this past summer? You can review the photo and video journals of the pilgrimage on social media: [@officeofyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/officeofyouthministry) (Instagram) or “Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry” (Facebook). Testimonies written by participants can also be found here: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com/>

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS** – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday October 7th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph), and on Saturday, November 4th at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** - The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>

**VOCATION SEEDS** – “Seek the Lord while he may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R., Rev. Francisco Cruz, Parish Staff, Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J., Rev. Brian Quigley, & Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$1,760.00. Thank you for your generosity!

