

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21st, 2024

The first half of St. Mark's Gospel describes Jesus' ministry of healing and preaching in Galilee. Jesus begins His preaching by calling on people to repent and embrace the Good News. For St. Mark "believe in the Gospel" meant "believe in the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ." Repentance is one of the main themes of the readings. The First Reading relates how the preaching of Jonah met with an immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh. The story shows the possibility of a heathen city repenting and turning to God. It also shows the mercy and forgiveness of God. If the Ninevites responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much more fully should we respond to the preaching of Jesus – the Son of God! The Gospel shows the prompt response of the first disciples to His call to follow Him. Even though we cannot share St. Paul's belief that the Second Coming of Christ is imminent, he still has an important message for us, namely, that this world is not the be-all and the end-all. We are destined for the next world. This should profoundly affect the way we live in this world. Being destined does not mean...guaranteed.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 21 st <i>3rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 22 nd <i>St. Vincent Deacon</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 23 rd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Roseanne Sheridan</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Wednesday, January 24 th <i>St. Francis De Sales</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Thursday, January 25 th <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	12 pm	<i>Intentions of Fr. Anthony Van Hee, SJ</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, January 26 th <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Saturday, January 27 th <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Lawrence Glofcheskie</i>	By Ron & Marilyn Merkle
Sunday, January 28 th <i>4th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

[History of the Catholic Church \(#18\)](#) – temporarily on hold...

PRAYER VIGIL – KW Right to Life will be holding a Prayer Vigil in front of Kitchener City Hall on Sunday January 28th, 2024 from 6-7pm.

CONRAD GREBEL INFO NIGHT – Students in Grade 10 and their families are invited to Conrad Grebel University College and the University of Waterloo on Thursday, February 22 at 5PM to share a meal and tour the residence at Grebel before attending Waterloo's Grade 10 Info Night. Learn about the supportive environment that this small and vibrant faith-based community can provide for students studying in any faculty or program at UWaterloo. Email grebelstudentservices@uwaterloo.ca by Wednesday, February 7 to register for dinner.

CONRAD GREBEL CONCERTS – Noon Hour Concerts take place in Conrad Grebel University College's chapel most Wednesdays from January to March. From 12:30PM to 1:30PM, these free concerts feature accomplished musicians in an intimate concert setting. Full schedule: uwaterloo.ca/music/events

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES LEARNING SERIES – St. Mary's Parish Truth and Reconciliation Circle invites you to listen to Indigenous voices and to dialogue and support social transformation with our Indigenous neighbours. See the poster at the back of the church for topics and QR code.

When: Saturdays, February 24, March 23, April 20 & June 1

Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Where: WCDSB Catholic Education Centre - 35 Weber St. W. Kitchener

Cost: \$40 includes course materials (financial assistance available)

To REGISTER, contact the parish office at 519-576-3860 / stmarys@rogers.com by February 10th.

THE PASTORAL PARISH IN THE MODERN WORLD – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series entitled, The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now OPEN. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/pastoralparish>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, S.S.Sp., Rev. Malcom Katzenberger, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.), Rev. Edward Hampson, Rev. Robert Dunn, & Rev. George Stortz.

VOCATION SEEDS – The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call 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: TBD. Thank you for your generosity!