

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14th, 2023

Even though this is the year of St. Mark, we begin with a reading from St. John. The 2nd Sunday in OT respects an old liturgical theme of celebrating different epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. St. John shows us a gradual recognition of who Jesus is – through the testimony of John the Baptist and the confession of the first disciples. Here John the Baptist calls Jesus “the Lamb of God,” and Andrew calls Him the “Messiah.” The main theme of the readings, however, is that of call and response. In the First Reading we have the call of Samuel, who played a big part in the building up of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. It was through him that Israel got its first kings. This paves the way for the Gospel story of the call of the first disciples – Andrew, John, and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in the first community. In the two readings we are dealing with a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a vocation.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 14 th <i>2nd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 15 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 16 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Joseph Strauss</i>	By Dianne Strauss
Wednesday, January 17 th <i>St. Anthony Abbot</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Thursday, January 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus</i> <i>Koziak SAC</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, January 19 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	C A N C E L E D	-
Saturday, January 20 th <i>St. Sebastian</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Theresa Miller</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller + family
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>	-

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

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – kicks off the 2024 season on January 25, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, with the film *Gather*, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University’s Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening. Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the Our Sustenance program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, February 3rd at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ EVENT – “**Difficult People, Dysfunctional Families & Broken Relationships: Loving & Forgiving Our Way to Healing**”. Sometimes we are faced with difficult relationships, whether in our families, workplaces or beyond, continually challenging us to love & forgive. When hurtful behaviour persists & attempts to mend are continually met with hard hearts, how do we love & forgive despite it all... just as we are called to do? **January 28th 2:00pm, St. Agnes Parish**, with speaker Fr. Michael King.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Phillip Cook, Rev. Luc Payette, Youth Ministers, Rev. David Weise, Rev. Tom Moisan, & Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

VOCATION SEEDS – A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today’s first Scripture reading: “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening”. Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, 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: Dec. 31 \$3,200.00; Jan. 1 \$1,865.00; Jan. 7 \$2,285.00. Thank you for your generosity!