

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 7th, 2025

The First Reading is part of Solomon’s prayer for wisdom. God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all WHO humbly seek it. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem (Gospel Reading). He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited Him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them. Knowing that His disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the COST of discipleship. Jesus didn’t literally mean hating one’s father and mother. The word “hate” is a Semitic expression. “Loveless” would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling His disciples (us!) that they must be ready if needs be to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between Him and their own relatives. The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any others spheres of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn’t walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 7 th <i>23rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 8 th <i>Nativity of the BVM</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 9 th <i>St. Peter Claver</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Jim & Donna Harnack</i>	By the Lehmanns
Wednesday, September 10 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Suzanne Butler</i> <i>Intentions of Elvino Rocha & family</i>	By the Family By Anonymous
Thursday, September 11 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	+ <i>Robert Gravelle</i>	By The Boccanfuso family
Friday, September 12 th <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9 am	+ <i>Michael Hehn</i>	By Catherine Regier & family
Saturday, September 13 th <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Earl, Doug, & Carl Kuntz</i> + <i>Mike Hehn</i>	By Tom Miller By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Sunday, September 14 th <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#82) – Like its Worship, the Faith of the Church underwent some development, and, in fact, its chief dogma, belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, was not defined (but it was commonly held) until the Council of Nicaea in 325. This council was called to settle a controversy (heresy) over Christ’s divinity, which erupted with violent intensity during the reign of Constantine when the presbyter Arius of Alexandria (thus heresy – Arianism) challenged his bishop, Alexander, on the question of God the Son’s relation to God the Father.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY & SUNDAY SOCIAL – Our new schedules will begin at the end of September. We are always looking for new teachers, helpers, and social hosts! If you’d like to join us, please leave a message with the office.

VATICAN II STUDY GROUP – Our study group resumes on Saturday, September 20th at 10am, and from then on will be scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

MISSION CO-OP – This coming weekend, we will welcome Fr. Brian Quigley of the Comboni Missionaries to provide testimony of the mission’s work in Africa. If you wish to support them, there will be yellow donation envelopes available at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. Clement’s Parish, with “Comboni Mission Co-op” in the memo line.

ST. CLEMENT’S CEMETERY MASS – Join us on Saturday, September 28 at 3pm to celebrate our Cemetery Mass with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY – The Garden Party will be held on Friday, September 12th, 2025 at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh-made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old - penny table, silent auction, bouncies, book fair, bingo, 50/50, music, inside and outside activities. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER – On September 15th at 2pm, join us for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine in St. Agatha. Gather at the cemetery. Mass at 3pm with Fr. Mariusz Durbajlo. Bring a lawn chair as the Chapel has a limited amount of space. Call 519-744-8330 for information or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. David Perrin, Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, SOLI, Catholic Teachers, Rev. Franjo Sprajc, & Rev. Matthew Durham.

VOCATION SEEDS – Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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 \$2,525.00. Thank you for your generosity!