

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29th, 2023

In today's readings it is not starvation and misery that are being blessed – these are evil things. What is being blessed is reliance on God. Those who know their need of God, and who live life as He would have them live it, are truly blessed. They are the most fortunate people in the world. God will give them all they need. Only God can fill our emptiness, only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Those who put their trust in human things will be disappointed. Those who put their trust in God will not be disappointed. God becomes the champion of the poor, the weak, and the lowly, who practise integrity and humility.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29 th <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 30 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 31 st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Art Dietrich</i>	By Louis & Mary Bender
Wednesday, February 1 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Clarence & Dorothy Comfort</i> (Linwood) <i>Intentions of Emmeline Runstedler & John De Wildt</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, February 2 nd <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	8 am	+ <i>Susan Anzolin</i>	By Steve & Caroline Masson
Friday, February 3 rd <i>St. Blaise</i>	8 am	+ <i>Irena Waśkiewicz</i>	By Magdalena & Dominika
Saturday, February 4 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Theresa Miller</i> + <i>Anna Miller</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller By Tom Miller
Sunday, February 5 th <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Blaise – we know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats. We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them St. Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled

Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At St. Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded. Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blaise's biographer was? But biographical details are not essential. St. Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for St. Blaise's protection. St. Blaise pray for us!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – All women of the parish are invited to join as we explore the "Identity of Women," through the Abiding Together Podcast video series. Our meetings are Monday evenings; doors open at 7pm and the program begins at 7:15pm. This week's episode is titled "Daughter Part 2: Seen, Known & Loved: the Core Needs of a Daughter."

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Marriage Tip 126 - Time is often a major problem in our day, since there never seems to be enough of it! As a result, couples spend less time together, seeing it as a solution to the short on time phenomena. But love grows and there is a sense of cohesiveness when the relationship is seen as a priority. Making time together an essential part of your planning will build a closeness between the two of you, give you time to reflect on the good and challenging events in your life and help you to know each other in a deep and caring way. So find time somewhere else, instead of taking it from your couple relationship! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

THE CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT - Hosted by Kathleen and Jesse LeBlanc of Found Together - Are date nights with your spouse (or future spouse!) turning into Netflix binge nights? Do you want to grow in faith and prayer together? Do you wish you had a community of Catholic couples to truly journey with? It's time to level up your marriage vocation with The Catholic Date Night! Enjoy the LIVE monthly date nights from the comfort of your own home. Subscribe at www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights and follow them on Instagram @TheCatholicDateNight for date night inspiration and more!

KW RIGHT-TO-LIFE – Prayer Vigil on February 2, 2023 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!

VOCATION SEEDS – "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a 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 Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. William Trusz, Rev. David Reitzel, Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (O.H.), Rev. Ross Campbell, & Rev. Peter Robinson.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,760.00. Maintenance: \$235.00 Thank you for your generosity!