

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Today we begin the consecutive reading of St. Luke's Gospel, which was originally joined to St. Luke's other work, the Acts of the Apostles. The way the story is told prepares us for what happens in Acts. When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. The Persians entrusted this task to Ezra. Ezra brought back with him from Babylon the book of the law of Moses which he solemnly read to the people (First Reading). Thus he called upon them to rededicate themselves to God. The Gospel shows Jesus too proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, He makes His own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a programme for His ministry. He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see St. Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted. Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for the liberation. The Good News must not be limited just to spiritual blessings only. But the poor are also those who live on bread alone and never hear the Word of God.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Arlene Herteis</i>	By Christian Mothers of St. Clements
Wednesday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Black</i> <i>Intention of the Wall-Marquez family</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By Carole-Anne Barrett
Thursday, January 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	8 am	+ <i>Evelyn Haffner</i>	By Mary Haffner & family
Friday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	8 am	+ <i>Catherine Kurt</i>	By Susan & Roger Good
Saturday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Irene Detzler</i>	By Krista & Mike Bolender & family
Sunday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

**Our Saint of the Week: St. Angela Merici (1474-1540)** – Angela Merici has the double distinction of founding the first of what are now called “secular institutes” and the first teaching order of women in the Church. Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a “company” of women. Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela's sight was restored. At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named

for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their "mother and mistress," Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows. Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia's Church of Saint' Afra. Four years later the Company's *Rule* that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope. In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula, to teach girls. Angela's words continue to inspire the Ursuline nuns' mission of education, a mission that spread worldwide. The Company of St. Ursula also continued to exist and is federated worldwide today with members in 30 countries. St Angela Merici pray for us!

RESTART – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTER – The Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: [www.mountmary.ca](http://www.mountmary.ca)

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE LEARNING – There are spaces open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry – A Canadian Perspective or Relational Ministry with Youth - A Canadian Perspective, please email: [nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com)

VOCATION SEEDS – You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (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., Sam Restivo, C.R., Rev. Brendan McGrath, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.), Rev. Jason Kuntz, Rev. Romelito Guillen, & Rev. Grayson Hope.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$1,310.00. Thank you for your generosity!