

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24th, 2022

Prayer forms the subject of the First Reading and the Gospel. Prayer is a favourite theme of St. Luke. In the First Reading we see Abraham interceding with God on behalf of Sodom, a city of evil. Troubled by the idea of the innocent being punished along with the guilty, he begins to bargain with God. The story highlights the importance of intercessory prayer, and reveals a lot about the mercy of God. And this prepares us for the Gospel which shows Jesus at prayer and contains the Lord's Prayer. St. Luke's version is shorter than St. Matthew's, which is believed to be closer to the original version. Jesus urges us to go on asking for what we truly need with persistence and confidence.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 24 th <i>17th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, July 25 th <i>St. James</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, July 26 th <i>St. Anne & St. Joachim</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Arthur Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, July 27 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	<i>Intentions of Dorothy Comfort</i> + <i>Margaret Karley (Linwood)</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers By the Estate
Thursday, July 28 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>Janet Ernewein</i>	By Steven & Caroline Masson
Friday, July 29 th <i>Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	8 am	+ <i>Anthony & Ruth Hayek</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, July 30 th <i>St. Peter Chrysologus</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Deceased members of St. Clement's School</i>	By Families & Friends
Sunday, July 31 st <i>18th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Anne & St. Joachim – in the Scriptures, St. Matthew and St. Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people. The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. Joachim and Anne – whether these are their real names or not – represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure. This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer

them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

PRAYER VIGIL - Thursday, August 4th, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in front of 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! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino, Rev. Paul Edmondstone, Insitute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus, Rev. Edward J. Mahoney, Very Rev. David Walter, & Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$1,735.00. Thank you for your generosity!

