

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4th, 2024

Leprosy is the clear theme of the First Reading and the Gospel. In biblical times lepers were treated as pariahs. Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. It made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere. Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. In this way we see how a Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects. Besides, a Christian is one who has been “cleansed” by Christ in baptism, and who ought to spread the Good News! In the Gospel we have an early instance of what scholars call St. Mark’s “Messianic Secret,” whereby Jesus seems to hide His identity as the Messiah and Son of God until it is made apparent after His death and resurrection.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 11 th <i>6th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 12 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 13 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Lukas Stock</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, February 14 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	12 pm 4 pm 7 pm	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i> + <i>Jacob Runstedler (Linwood)</i> + <i>Lucy Plomin</i>	By the Estate By Chris & Barb Runstedler & family By Jim & Ken Meyer
Thursday, February 15 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucile Kelley</i>	By the Estate
Friday, February 16 th <i>Lent</i>	8 am 7 pm	<i>In thanksgiving</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	By Frances Hergott
Saturday, February 17 th <i>7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Pauline Dietrich</i>	By St. Clement’s Senior’s Club
Sunday, February 18 th <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#20) – Third, it was spiritually a time of extraordinary unrest. In spite of increasing prosperity and the possibilities of enhanced enjoyment in the cities where theaters, stadia, amphitheatres, and baths provided a constant source of amusement for the inhabitants, there was a growing spiritual hunger. The rapid social change accompanying progress unsettled many minds, while the political climate was most depressing. The loss of political freedom was bad enough, but the successors of Augustus were themselves a strange lot. Tiberius, Gaius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero were Emperors whose personal lives were darkened by bizarre, macabre incidents and crimes. The atmosphere of their courts was heavy with intrigue and foul suspicion (more about their personal lives next week).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Accompany our Lord and join your fellow parishioners for the Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7pm during Lent.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT (Saturday, March 2 – Hamilton) Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food, vocations testimony, music, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Ann Roman Catholic Parish (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ReSTART: MOVING FORWARD – Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run on Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com or register on line at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events.

THE FINE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Michael McHugh, Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman, Rev. William Trusz, Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan, & Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan.

VOCATION SEEDS – Today’s Gospel says that “Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper”. Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today’s society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. 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.

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