

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6th, 2022

The First Reading tells of the call of Isaiah to the ministry of prophecy. In a vision in the Temple, God reveals Himself to Isaiah as the All-Holy One. The vision evokes in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. But then, cleansed of his sins, he responds without hesitation to the Divine call. This prepares us for the Gospel, which deals with the call of the first disciples. Here again we see that it is God who takes initiative, and also the total response He requires. The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow Him. The phrase “they left everything” shows the importance for St. Luke of detachment from possessions. The Second Reading stresses the central belief of Christianity – the Resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul declares that, in spite of his unworthiness, he is a witness to the Resurrection.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, February 6 th <i>5th Sunday in OT</i> | 9 am 11 am | <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i> | |
| Monday, February 7 th <i>Ordinary Time</i> | - | - | - |
| Tuesday, February 8 th <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i> | 12 pm | + <i>Joanne Moser</i> | By St. Clements Choir |
| Wednesday, February 9 th <i>Ordinary Time</i> | 12 pm 4 pm | + <i>Hugh McMahon</i> + <i>Harold, Dorothy & Jeff Schill</i> | By Bill & Judy Meyer By Bryan & Donna Schill |
| Thursday, February 10 th <i>St. Scholastica</i> | 8 am | + <i>Leonard Hergott</i> | By Jim Hehn |
| Friday, February 11 th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> | 8 am | + <i>Gerard Stemmler</i> (4 th <i>Anniversary</i>) | By Mary Ann & family |
| Saturday, February 12 th <i>Ordinary Time</i> | 5 pm | + <i>Irene Detzler</i> + <i>Beatrice Vollmer</i> | By Kory & Lisa Lorentz & family By the Family |
| Sunday, February 13 th <i>6th 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. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1974) – for many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice’s Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian

Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine’s behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters’ school and the local citizens. She once said, “Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!” The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later. St. Josephine Bakhita pray for us!

TAX RECEIPTS – Your tax receipts are available for pickup at the back of the church.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – If you were unable to collect your box from the back of the church in January, they will be stored at the rectory. Feel free to stop by and pick it up!

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 Relational ministry with Youth - A Canadian Perspective please visit www.hamiltondioceselearns.com to register.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 137: Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith, on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if you hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world and you have the power to teach it.

VOCATION SEEDS – Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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 Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Michael Anderson, Rev. Robert Love, Missionaries, Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M., Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M., and Rev. Ilija Petkovic.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements \$2,226.00. Thank you for your generosity!