

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5th, 2023

St. Matthew has already introduced Jesus as the light of a darkened world (see Third Sunday in OT). Now the function of enlightening and guiding a morally confused humanity is shared with His disciples. In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. We should not turn salt and light into empty allegories. They are just images. Both images are making the same point: Jesus' disciples have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. When the disciples stop witnessing through their deeds, they become as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light!

MASS SCHEDULE

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>	
Monday, February 6 th <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 7 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Eileen Wensley</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, February 8 st <i>St. Jerome Emiliani</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Clara Herteis</i> <i>Intentions of Emmeline</i> <i>Runstedler & John De Wildt</i> (Linwood)	By the Estate By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, February 9 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>Chelsea Alvarez</i>	By Joe & Teresa Alvarez
Friday, February 10 th <i>St. Scholastica</i>	8 am	+ <i>Marino & Silvana Rebellato</i>	By Peter & Ornella Miller
Saturday, February 11 th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Beatrice Vollmer</i> + <i>Gerard Stemmler (5th Anniversary)</i>	By the Family By Mary Ann & family
Sunday, February 12 th <i>6th 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. Jerome Emiliani (1486-1537) – a careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood. In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital. Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children. St. Jerome Emiliani shares

the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8. Very often in our lives it seems to take some kind of “imprisonment” to free us from the shackles of our self-centeredness. When we are “caught” in some situation we don’t want to be in, we finally come to know the liberating power of Another. Only then can we become another for “the imprisoned” and “the orphaned” all around us. St. Jerome 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 3: Wounds of a Daughter.”

CAMP BREBEUF – We Are Hiring! C.Y.O Camp Brébeuf is preparing for another exciting summer of offering Catholic camping experiences to young people as well as job opportunities for high school students and young adults. Apply online at www.campbrebeuf.ca

Waterloo Catholic District School Board – We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: Lunch Hour Supervision. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Rosary for Life will be prayed the last Sunday of the month, February 26th at St. Boniface RC Church following the 10am Mass.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 147 - Manners matter because they promote respect between your child and every person with whom they engage. Doing so will promote higher self-esteem, making your child feel more confident in all areas of their lives. Manners are both taught and caught, so continually remind them about, as well expect them to use, manners. More importantly, model manners in all you do, including your own interactions with your children. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

VOCATION SEEDS – “You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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. Matthew Durham, Rev. Kevin Upendran, Missionaries, Rev. Leszek Szczygiel, Rev. Tom Moisan, & Rev. David Weise.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,460.00. Thank you for your generosity!