

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5th, 2023

Malachi attacks the laxity and carelessness that have set in regarding morality and worship. He takes the priests to task, berating them for not living up to their calling, and thus being responsible for the erosion of faith among the people. In the Gospel we see how strong Jesus was in His criticism of those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith. St. Matthew applies it to Christians leaders, who are in danger of repeating the mistakes of the Pharisees. The message is as relevant now as it was back then.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 5 th <i>31st Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, November 6 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 7 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>John Deamer</i>	By the Dietrich family
Wednesday, November 8 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Dolly Bugera</i> + <i>Alfred & Joseph Sherrer & all veterans of the parish (Linwood)</i>	By Millie Eckert By Jerry Sherrer
Thursday, November 9 th <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	8 am	+ <i>Arthur & Lucy Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, November 10 th <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	8 am	+ <i>Francis Hehn</i>	By Michael & Bertha Hehn
Saturday, November 11 th <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rosemary Beaupré</i> + <i>Anna Strauss</i>	By Greg & Heidi Beaupré By Ann Bender & family
Sunday, November 12 th <i>32nd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#9) – Saul (soon to be St. Paul) had an immediate experience of the risen Christ... on his road to Damascus. His spiritual universe turned upside down; he realized that with the coming of Jesus the era of the Law had passed. “I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.” This central intuition into the meaning of the coming of Christ was henceforth to govern all of his preaching and writing. So when Paul heard the traditionalists saying the Gentiles must be circumcised, he insisted: “what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ... if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ... When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.” There is no doubt that the conflict became shrill and bitter and that the unity of the Church was severely strained, particularly at Antioch, where the Christian community was already in large part Gentile.

FISH FRY - The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a FISH FRY on Friday, November 17, 2023 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until November 15th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – If anyone is interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Teresa's in Elmira, please contact Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS: FACTS & MYTHS – Presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Diocese of Hamilton on Thursday November 23 at 7pm at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo - Parish Centre (basement). Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. To reserve your spot, please register by emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca, or phone 519-884-9311.

RESPECT LIFE FUNDRAISER DINNER – You are invited to attend Hamilton Right to Life's Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 - Doors Open at 5:30 / 6:30 p.m. Dinner. We're delighted to have as our Guest Speaker Kevin Dunn, of DunnMedia, filmmaker, international speaker, and Director of such films as “Fatal Flaws” and “ROE Canada”. Kevin will share insights of how we as Canadians are challenged to re-think the issue of abortion. To purchase tickets online, please visit our website: HamiltonRightToLife.org/events. For additional info, please call: 905 528-3065, OR email: HRLTdonations@outlook.com. Join us for music, an informative talk, and raffle at Michelangelo Banquet Centre. 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then why not join our Knights of Columbus council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man God has called us to be. Please email us at: kg8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C., Consecrated Virgin Candidates, Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton, & Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.

VOCATION SEEDS – "The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or a consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,995.00. Thank you for your generosity!

