

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people. The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading. The parable also echoes a favourite theme of St. Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for "religious" people in every age.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Justen</i>	By the Volls
Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Druar</i> + <i>Isabella Clara Herteis (Linwood)</i>	By Donna Druar By the Estate
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Sr. Faustyna Kowalska</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Pat Partington</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Bruno</i>	6 pm 7 pm	<i>First Friday Adoration &amp; Confession</i> + <i>Marianne Dunn &amp; Paul Moser</i>	By Charles & Rose Moser
Saturday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Richard Dietrich</i> + <i>William Haffner</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)	By Diane Dietrich & family By Mary & family
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**History of the Catholic Church (#4)** – this, at first, small community of believers at Jerusalem was led by twelve men who were chosen by Jesus Himself during His lifetime and were later named Apostles. Their leader and spokesman, according to the Acts of the Apostles, was Peter (or, in Greek, Cephas). According to St. Paul, Peter was the first to see the risen Jesus, while Acts pictures him as the apostle who preaches the first sermon and works the first miracle. Two others who stand out at this period were John, who is closely associated with Peter in Acts, and James, who apparently succeeded Peter as leader of the Jerusalem community after Peter departed to do missionary work. The story of how this tiny community of believers spread to many cities of the Roman Empire within less than a century is indeed a remarkable chapter in the history of humanity. In attempting to trace it here we must realize that our sources are limited and that we must tolerate many gaps in our information. Still it is possible to put together the basic story.

**MASS & RECEPTION FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST. AGATHA** – The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns invite you to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatia RC Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 5pm, followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Meal for 2 is a minimum donation of \$250 (eligible for a full tax receipt) and can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, RR1 St. Agatha, ON N0B2L0 or 'Donate Now' at [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca). RSVP required by Oct. 10. Please contact Liz Motz 519-590-4808 with questions.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION** – Beginning this Friday, Oct. 6, and lasting for nine months, we will have confession and adoration at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm on the first Friday of the month. We strongly encourage you to join us! \*Only on the First Friday of the month, the 8am Mass will be moved to 7pm.\*

**SMART STEPS – SUPPORTING STEP-FAMILIES** – This is a one-day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. Time: 9:15a.m. - 3:30p.m., Price: \$50 per person, Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register on line: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under Upcoming Events. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**COSMIC CHASTITY - OCTOBER 28TH – HAMILTON** – A Study Day co-sponsored by the Communio Circle and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Saturday, October 28th, 2023 - 10:00am to 2:00pm at Newman Hall, Canadian Martyrs Church, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. In his book Cosmic Chastity in an Age of Technocratic Lust: A Song of Three Popes (The Legacy of John Paul II and Benedict XVI in the Francis Papacy: The Theological, Ethical, and Spiritual Heart of Their Social Message)", Jeremiah Barker makes the case that the underlying principles of Pope Francis are identical to those of the two previous popes and highlights a connection between vocational commitment and care for creation. Come and join the conversation. No need to read the book. Summaries of each chapter will be provided by our presenters and the author will be joining us for the conclusion. Refreshments and lunch provided. For more information visit <http://communiohamiltondiocese.org> or contact Father Mark Morley [mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com) or Deacon Charles Fernandes 519-923-0454.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, religious or consecrated virgin. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Toby Collins, C.R., Rev. Joseph de Vivieros, C.R., Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.), Rev. Robert Love, Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I., & Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$1,603.00. Thank you for your generosity!



