

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25th, 2025

The territory occupied by the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali (later known as Galilee) was the most northerly part of Israel. Because it bordered on pagan territory it would have been associated with darkness. It was the first province of Israel to be conquered by Assyria in 732 BC. Isaiah predicted future liberation for the people of that region. In his Gospel, St. Matthew sees Isaiah's prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 25 th <i>3rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 26 th <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 27 th <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	9 am	+ Irene Kuntz	By the Estate
Wednesday, January 28 th <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ Bernard Miller + Bert Kolkman (Linwood)	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, January 29 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Carlee Runstedler</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Friday, January 30 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Carole-Ann Barrett</i>	By the Family
Saturday, January 31 st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	5 pm	+ Greg & Rosemary Beaupré	By Straus family
Sunday, February 1 st <i>4th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#101) – In line with these developments, there was a big shift in the very idea of the sacred. Before Constantine the whole Church was considered the realm of the sacred as opposed to the profane world outside; after Constantine and the breakdown of the separation between Church and world, the polarity between sacred and profane was transformed into one between sacred clergy and profane laity. A clear indication of this trend in the Western Church is found in the requirement of celibacy for the clergy, which was adopted mainly on the grounds that sexuality was incompatible with the sacred character of the clerical state. Legislation to this effect was first passed at the local synod of Elvira, Spain, and taken by the Popes beginning with Siricius (d. 399), who enforced clerical celibacy in their decretals.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP DABROWSKI – On Monday, February 2nd at 11am, our new Bishop, the Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, will be officially and liturgically installed into his office at the Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Each parish has only 2 tickets for seats in the Basilica. We have one ticket left! Please see Fr. Irenaeus. If you wish to attend without a ticket, you will be seated in McNally Hall beneath the cathedral.

NEW PARISHIONERS – Welcome! If you would like to register with our parish, please see our website, www.stclementsparish.com. The registration form can be found if you follow the About → Our Churches tabs. There is a spot to note if you'd like to receive donation envelopes. Once completed, the form can be dropped off at the office in the rectory, or dropped in the collection basket.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST – CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM – Sponsored by Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries. Open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers and those separated, divorced. Topics include God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ, Transformation in Christ. Join us at St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall from January 29, 2026 to March 26, 2026 inclusive. Presenter on Thursday, January 29, 2026 - Fr Paul Voison CR - God's Love Agenda: Dinner at 6 PM, Program 7pm to 9 pm. Child Care: provided for children 12 years and under. There is no fee!

WHEN LIFE CHANGES GRIEF PROGRAM PART ONE – Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. The program will be offered Feb. 18 – March 25th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. All are welcome. To register, look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

KW RIGHT-TO-LIFE – Pro-life Vigil – Thursday, February 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Timothy Higgins, Very Rev. David Wynen, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, CMI, Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk, Rev. Marko Stefanec, Rev. Edward Mahony.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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 \$3,650.00. Thank you for your generosity!