

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fulness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in His parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and burning of the city refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus. But the new wedding guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they/we don't listen to Jesus and produce the fruits of good works.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, October 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Marguerite D'Youville</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10:30 am	<i>Intentions of Frances Hergott</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Luke</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Frances Kraemer</i> + <i>Daniel &amp; Lucille Kelley</i> (Linwood)	By Bryan & Patty White By the Estate
Thursday, October 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Paul of the Cross</i>	8 am	+ <i>Harold &amp; Elis Schipper</i>	By the Lehmanns
Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	8 am	+ <i>Clarence &amp; Dorothy Comfort</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, October 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rita Miller</i> + <i>Frances Kraemer</i>	By Tom Miller By Ann Bender & family
Sunday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

**History of the Catholic Church (#6)** – the spread of the Church beyond Jerusalem occurred very gradually as the first disciples carried their message to the numerous Jewish communities scattered along the Mediterranean coast. At first they confined their evangelizing efforts to their fellow Jews, no doubt in conformity with the practice of Jesus Himself, who said He had come to preach to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” The first group to break with this custom were probably some Jewish dissidents with strong Hellenistic ties and unorthodox views on the Jewish Temple worship. Their leader Stephen, the deacon, was arrested and denounced to the Sanhedrin for speaking against the Temple. When questioned by the high priest, he launched into a polemic against his fellow Jews whom he blasted as “stubborn people, with... pagan hearts and pagan ears” (Acts 7:51). Stephen was stoned to death, and his martyrdom triggered a general persecution; his followers sought refuge elsewhere and began to preach the Gospel wherever they traveled. It was at Antioch, it seems, that they took the revolutionary step that would have momentous consequences for the spread of the Church and the history of the world. Here they made this city the center of missionary work among the Gentiles. And here the followers of Christ were named Christians.

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF** – The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. The Diocese of Hamilton is also pleased to offer a special certification program in Youth Ministry and Catechesis. Three and five-week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).

**DID YOU KNOW...** Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com) for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>



**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: [gk8192@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk8192@ontariokofc.ca) and help put faith in action.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**DIocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar** – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Hayden Starczala, Rev. John Van Hees, Congregation of the Holy Cross (C.S.C.), Rev. Patrick Ohl, Very Rev. Lawrence Parent, & Rev. Gerald Mulhall.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements: Operating \$1,700.00. Thank you for your generosity!

