

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The First Reading contains a message of hope for God’s people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city’s plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God’s bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, her husband, God, has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and His people will be like newlyweds again. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolised by the changing of water into wine. The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus’ Baptism – all are epiphanies of His glory! St. John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the Cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of His ministry. But her role must always be seen in relation to that of her Son.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Anthony</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Wednesday, January 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Daniel &amp; Lucille Kelley</i> <i>In thanksgiving (Linwood)</i>	By the Estate By Carole-Ann Barrett
Thursday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Sebastian</i>	8 am	+ <i>Arlene Herteis</i>	By Louis & Mary Bender
Friday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>St. Agnes</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Saturday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>St. Vincent Pallotti</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Claude Ertel</i>	By Paul & Sharon
Sunday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

**Our Saint of the Week:** St. Sebastian (256-287) – Almost nothing is historically certain about St. Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350. The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has St. Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally, he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee. One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name. The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous

impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ. St. Sebastian pray for us!

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** – We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. **Join us January 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for “There’s Something in the Water”**. The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

**BIBLE SUNDAY** - The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates **Bible Sunday** on **January 23, 2022**. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God’s living Word: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 136.** Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren’t watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetime. Equally important is what we don’t say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent. Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards, however, of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults, is worth the effort.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (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. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R., Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak, Youth Ministers, Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I., Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski, & Rev. Timothy Higgins.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$1,495.00. Thank you for your generosity!