

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12th, 2023

Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions which may lead up to murder. And He reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires which may lead to sexual sin and infidelity. As for oaths – Jesus encourages people to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 12 th <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 13 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 14 th <i>St. Cyril & St. Methodius</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Judy Koebel</i>	By John & Mary Ottman
Wednesday, February 15 st <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Gray</i> + <i>Jacob Runstedler (Linwood)</i>	By the Estate By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Thursday, February 16 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Friday, February 17 th <i>7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	8 am	<i>Intentions of Fr. Irenaeus H. Koziak SAC</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, February 18 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	<i>30th Wedding Anniversary of Arthur & Christina Ochinsky</i>	By the Family
Sunday, February 19 th <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

The Story of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order – can you imagine seven prominent men of Hamilton or Toronto banding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless. In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers. Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario. In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders. Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in

Wisconsin. Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work, and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities. The time in which the seven Servite founders lived is very easily comparable to the situation in which we find ourselves today. It is “the best of times and the worst of times,” as Dickens once wrote. Some, perhaps many, feel called to a countercultural life, even in religion. All of us are faced in a new and urgent way with the challenge to make our lives decisively centered in Christ.

DONATION RECEIPTS – The 2022 donation receipts are available for pick-up at the back of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 (Elmira) will be holding an informational session this Thursday, February 16th at 6:30pm in the St. Clement’s parish hall, open to everyone. All men, women, & children are invited!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY – All women of the parish are invited to join as we explore the “Identity of Women,” through the Abiding Together Podcast video series. Our meetings are Monday evenings; doors open at 7pm and the program begins at 7:15pm. This week’s episode is titled “Daughter Part 4: The Redemption of Daughterhood.”

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann’s YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith; all are welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – March 4th – Waterloo - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 4th at St. Michael’s Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C., Rev. Rafal Tomon, Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.), Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R., Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R., & Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements: Operating \$2,420.00. Maintenance \$1,040.00. Thank you for your generosity!