

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from St. Luke's "Sermon on the Plain", which parallels St. Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount". The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the "little ones" who have no one to trust in but God. The Beatitudes echo the programme Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas St. Matthew has nine Beatitudes, St. Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding "woes".

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Cyril &amp; St. Methodius</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, February 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm	<i>Special Intention</i>	By Paul & Sharon
Wednesday, February 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>John Black</i> <i>In thanksgiving (Linwood)</i>	By John & Christine Dixon By Carole-Anne Barrett
Thursday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Brenner</i>	By Wayne & Donna Vollmer
Friday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Mary & family
Saturday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Joanne Moser</i> + <i>Ivan Gustin</i>	By Dolores Straus By Peter & Ornella Miller & family
Sunday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>7<sup>th</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: The Seven Founders of the Servite Orders** – can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**HAMILTON DIOCESE SPEAKER SERIES – The Witness of Faith in the Home** is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16th from 7-8:30 p.m. for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information, contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** – Join us February 24, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM for "**After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village**", part of the Reel Justice Film Festival! The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. 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!

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Happy are those who know they need God. Happy, too, those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic, Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C., Discalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D.), Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C., Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C., Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION** – St. Clements \$3,120.00. Thank you for your generosity!