

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19th, 2023

St. Paul believed that the Second Coming of Christ was imminent. Hence, he urges the Thessalonians to be watchful. However, St. Matthew has accepted that the parousia would be delayed. Even so, he too spoke about the necessity of being watchful. In the parable of the talents, he spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God-given ability. And the First Reading sets before us the example of a woman who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 19 th <i>33rd Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, November 20 th <i>Ordinary Time</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, November 21 st <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	10:30 am	+ <i>Ron Dietrich</i>	By the Family
Wednesday, November 22 nd <i>St. Cecilia</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Lawrence Glofcheskie</i> + <i>Steve Kenny (Linwood)</i>	By John & Mary Ottman By the Barrett family
Thursday, November 23 rd <i>St. Clement I</i>	6 pm	+ <i>Lucy & Arthur Myers</i>	By Bob & Linda Myers
Friday, November 24 th <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	8 am	+ <i>Rita Runstedler</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler
Saturday, November 25 th <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	5 pm	+ <i>David Jewell</i>	By Cathy Fleischhauer
Sunday, November 26 th <i>Jesus Christ – King of the Universe</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#11) – This did not clear up all disagreement; some refused to go along and were later to trouble St. Paul by visiting his churches in order to lead them back to strict Jewish observance. But these traditionalists were fighting a losing battle; the pillars of the Church had decided against them in an open debate of full assembly. And so, St. Paul's understanding of the Gospel was accepted by the Church as her own assembly (Mt 16:19 – “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven”) The Church officially shed her exclusively Jewish character and became potentially the Church of all humanity. It was a great turning point in the history of the Church and of the world. It was with the Gentiles that the future of the Church lay and now that the door was wide open, Paul lost no time in going out to gather them in. His ambition was to take the Gospel to the whole world. His missionary journeys took him across Asia Minor and into Greece, where he left behind congregations (communities) in Iconium, Colosse, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and many other places.

FEAST OF ST. CLEMENT – Mark your calendars! Our parish is celebrating its 165th birthday this Thursday. Please join us for Mass at 6pm, followed by a potluck in the parish hall. The basement doors will be open before Mass for food to be dropped off. Please note, the school is also having an event the same night, and parking will be limited. Please do not park on the school's blacktop (where the basketball nets are).

2023-24 MISSALS – The new missals are available to purchase for \$5.00. Please see Fr. Irenaeus after Mass or at the rectory.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER & DANCE - On Saturday, December 2nd at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar will be available at 6:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are: Adults \$30.00; Children 5-10 years \$10.00 and Children 4 & under are free. Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29th. A disc jockey will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2!

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - FREE...bring your families and come celebrate with us! Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3K4. Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa. Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact: mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905.528.7988 ext. 2251.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE - Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Catholic Youth, Deceased consecrated brothers & sisters, Rev. Felix Nwatu, Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan, & Rev. Robert Bulbrook.

VOCATION SEEDS – What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, 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: Operating \$2,030.00. Thank you for your generosity!