

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27th, 2026

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom of God, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people. The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom of God. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading. The parable also echoes a favourite theme of St. Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for "religious" people in every age.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 27 th <i>26th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 28 th <i>St. Wenceslaus</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 29 th <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Tanya Terpstra</i>	By Chris & Barb Runstedler
Wednesday, September 30 th <i>St. Jerome</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Roseanne Sheridan</i> <i>Intentions of Donna Vollmer</i>	By Murray & Sharon Runstedler By the Family
Thursday, October 1 st <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9 am	+ <i>Manuel DeVargas</i>	By the Family
Friday, October 2 nd <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9 am	<i>Intentions of Klara & Maya Milijasevic</i>	By Anna
Saturday, October 3 rd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>David Litt</i>	By Tom Miller
Sunday, October 4 th <i>27th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

History of the Catholic Church (#127) – Jerome found this environment most congenial and was soon bubbling over with enthusiasm for the kind of ascetic life practiced by his friends. It was a happy period for Jerome but it was not to last. He was a man of explosive temperament with an uncontrollable, nasty tongue. A quarrel broke out and Jerome packed up his books and took off for the East, intending to visit Jerusalem. His long overland journey through Greece and Asia Minor was, however, arduous in the extreme and when he arrived at his friend Evagrius' house in Antioch, he was broken in health and unable to continue on to Jerusalem.

CEMETERY MASS – Join us this weekend, Sunday, September 27th at 3pm, for our Cemetery Mass with Bishop Lobsinger in the St. Clements Cemetery. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be in the church.

ALTAR SERVERS – We are always looking for new altar servers! As another school year begins, we would like to encourage anyone in Gr. 4 or above who might be interested in serving to speak with Fr. Irenaeus.

SOCIAL SUNDAY – Social Sundays resume on Oct 4th! Please join us downstairs in the parish hall for delicious treats and wonderful company. If you wish to join a team responsible for providing refreshments (~ once per month), please reach out to the office!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS - The Christian Mothers are sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive in support of Food4Kids Waterloo Region. Food4Kids is a charitable organization that supports children facing food insecurity on weekends and holidays when they don't have access to school nutrition programs. We are asking for donations of shelf stable food items that are nutritious, easy to open and that children can easily prepare. Examples include: instant oatmeal packets, individual cereal boxes, mac and cheese cups, granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce, crackers and canned meat and fish. Donation bins will be placed at the entrance to the church until Thanksgiving weekend. We appreciate and thank you for your donation. Matthew 25:35 "*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*"

HEARTS RENEWED – A Franciscan Retreat Day As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi during this Jubilee Year dedicated to his witness, you are invited to step away from the demands of ministry and spend a weekend renewing your heart in God's presence. Inspired by the life of St. Francis—whose joyful simplicity, deep love for Christ, and compassionate service transformed the Church—this retreat offers time for prayer, silence, reflection, community, and rest. Together we will rediscover the joy of our baptismal call and be renewed for the work of evangelization and service entrusted to us. Whether you serve in parish ministry, Catholic education, chaplaincy, or diocesan leadership, this retreat is an opportunity to be refreshed spiritually and return to your ministry with renewed hope, peace, and joy. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (715 Centre Rd, Waterdown) Saturday, October 3, 2026, 9:00am – 3:00pm Register here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/07/hearts-renewed-a-st-francis-retreat-for-those-in-ministry/>

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Anton Sebamalai, Rev. Leszek Szczygiel, Consecrated Virgins, Rev. Mark Sullivan, Rev. David Wilhelm, & Rev. Paul Patrick.

VOCATION SEEDS – The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? 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 \$2,100.00 Thank you for your generosity!