

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*(Word of God Sunday)*

There are three distinct parts in today's Gospel reading:

- Jesus, the light of the nations and the fulfillment of Hebrew Testament prophecies.
- A call to total conversion, to live in that light.
- Early responses to the call.

After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus moves up north to Galilee. It is His home province. It is where He will begin His public life. But it is precisely in this Galilean town of Capernaum that Jesus, the Messiah, begins His mission. His preaching is summed up in one deceptively simple sentence: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Today's call is asking us not just to fit Jesus into our chosen way of living but to fit ourselves into His vision of life. In doing so, we are not making a sacrifice; we are on to a sure winner where we can only gain.

**BIBLE SUNDAY 2023**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith.

The Offices for Evangelization and Catechesis and Youth Ministry have prepared a variety of digital resources for adults and children with specific focus on the Gospel of Matthew to mark our journey through Year A. Please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> to discover a wealth of resources.

**We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us.**

St. Teresa of Ávila

**Stewardship Report – January 15, 2023**

Envelopes .....	\$ 1597.00
Loose .....	\$ 163.10
Votive Candles .....	\$ 35.50
Building Fund .....	\$ 205.00
Building Fund – In Memory of Laverne O'Donnell .....	\$ 20.00
Building Fund – In Memory of Max Sleiman .....	\$ 25.00
Christmas .....	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering 2023 .....	\$ 40.00
Mary, Mother of God .....	\$ 125.00
Seminary Education .....	\$ 5.00
Share Lent .....	\$ 5.00

**Thank you for your support of our parish.**

**Mass Intentions**  
**January 23, 2023 – January 29, 2023**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**  
*Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Living and deceased members of the CWL - CWL**

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**  
*Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*  
**+Soledad Navaleza – Magie**

Thursday, January 26, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**  
*Memorial of Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops*

Friday, January 27, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, January 28, 2023 –  
*Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

**9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Erica Pfeifer – Catherine Mackid**

**5:00 p.m. – + Laverne O'Donnell – CWL**

Sunday, January 29, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**– Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Following the Diocesan Initiative to "Come Home for Christmas" we have suspended live-streaming from our church at this time.

**Daily Readings:**

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**

January 23 – Rev. Francisco Sordo  
January 24 – Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.  
January 25 – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)  
January 26 – Rev. Paul Mathew Vellimoozhayil  
January 27 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo  
January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor  
January 29 – **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Vocations**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact:

**Fr. Mark Morley**, Director of Vocations  
(905-528-7988); [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

or

**Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Vocation Office**  
71 Indian Trail, Toronto, ON M6R 2A1  
[vocations@omiap.org](mailto:vocations@omiap.org)

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation**

**First Reconciliation and First Communion – February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 3: "Discovering the gift of the Eucharist" – Part II (parents & candidates)

**Confirmation – February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** – Catechetical Session 3: "Eucharist – the gift of God's Love" (parents & candidates)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel). We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week to be with Jesus and nourish your spiritual life. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth at 519-590-5348.

**"If you are passing before a Church, enter to greet our Lord. Could you pass the door of a friend without saying hello?"** St. Jean-Marie Vianney



**Euchre** – The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. For information, call Chris - 519-575-1692.

**Mental Wellness Support Group** - Mental wellness is a challenge for many people. If you are having difficulty assisting a loved one with mental health issues please know you are not alone. A support collective for those supporting loved ones afflicted with mental health issues meets every first Wednesday of each month, in St. Teresa Parish Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a peer directed group and that support comes from peers sharing lived experience, information and resources with each other; and discussion is not guided by a professional.



**Catholic Women's League Meeting and Elections**

A reminder of our Catholic Women's League general meeting on Tuesday January 24th at 7:30 p.m. (following the 7 p.m. Mass). This is an important meeting to elect our new executive and to continue planning for upcoming events.

**Building Fund Collection** – The second collection for the Building Fund, will take place next weekend, **January 28<sup>th</sup>/January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Empowered to Stand Saturday, March 4, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building)**

Come experience compelling speakers and powerful praise and worship. There will be testimonials, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and more. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins. For tickets and information visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca) or call **647-243-9441**.

**BEYOND THE PEW** Speaker Series,  
St Clements Parish, 745 Duke Street, Cambridge  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity, to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion.

Not to be missed.

January 24, 2023 Joe Mancini, Co-founder,  
The Working Centre

February 21, 2023 Wayne Paddick,  
Executive Director, Bridges  
Bryan May, MP Cambridge

March 21, 2023 Lisa Legault,  
Society Saint Vincent De Paul  
Eva Vlasov,  
Executive Director, Argus Residence  
Region of Waterloo Police Officer

Free will offering

Register at the parish office [stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com) or 519-653-6123

**33 Days to Morning Glory** - Marian Consecration - Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? On January 24th begins a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. In our weekly meetings, (Tuesday mornings after the 9 a.m. Mass - from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East, Waterloo) we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a short video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The proposed date for the Marian Consecration will be March 25th - Feast of the Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary, this might be a great refresher retreat for you. For more info. and to order your copy of the book (\$25) contact St. Louis parish office at [stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com) or 519-743-4101.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration!**

The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches welcomes back our in person Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration! This event will include participation from Calvin Presbyterian Church, Forest Hill United Church, Highland Baptist Church, St. George's Anglican Church, and St. Steven's Lutheran Church as well as our hosts St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. The theme of the program is based on Isaiah 1:17 "Do Good, Seek Justice". All are invited to join us **today**, Sunday, January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener). Contact 519-745-7301 if you have questions. A small reception concludes the service.