

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON
PRAYER CALENDAR



MONDAY – JANUARY 23RD

7:30 am – Alfonso Fajardo

**TUESDAY – JANUARY 24TH – ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES**

7:30 am – Amelia Agnes, Angie Robinson,
Natalio Sadsad

**WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 25TH – THE
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**

7:00 pm – Peter Britton, Ivor Caddel, Francesco
Cannizzaro, Salvatore Giglia, Cliff
Lilley, Graza Susinni

**THURSDAY – JANUARY 26TH – ST. TIMOTHY
& ST. TITUS**

7:30 am – Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY – JANUARY 27TH

7:30 am – Helen Barrios

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 28TH – ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS**

9:00 am – Deris Giavedoni, Liberatore & Belisa
DeLuca

MONDAY – Rev. Francisco Sordo

TUESDAY- Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.C.

WEDNESDAY – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
(C.M.I.)

THURSDAY – Rev. Paul Mathew
Vellimoozhayil

FRIDAY – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo

SATURDAY – *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest,
Doctor.*

THIS WEEK

“Walking with Christ through His Passion” Bible
Study will take place on **THURSDAY, JANUARY
26TH**, at **7:00 PM** in the Hearth Room.

Our Young Adults Group will meet on **Saturday,
January 28th at 6:15 PM** for a monthly gathering.
It begins with Eucharistic Adoration and
confessions from 6:15-7:15 PM, followed by a
pizza social and a talk on how to get more out of
the Sacraments. See our parish bulletin board.

PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta
on a Bun after all Masses on **SATURDAY/
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH/29TH**. Pre-order sign-
up sheets are in the Narthex or you can call Bob

at 905-389-4024. Cost is \$6.00 each or three for \$15.00. Final day to order is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH**.

THE SISTERS OF THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST

The Sisters will hold their **LUNCH BAG PROGRAM** on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2023**. Donations can be left in the Hearth Room and will be picked up by the Sisters on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, at 12:00 NOON**. The Donation List is on the table in the Narthex across from the Adoration Chapel. The Sisters are hoping to fill 120 lunch bags. Thank you for your donations

BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER DANCE

. . . will be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023** at Carmen's Banquet Centre (1520 Stonechurch Road East).

The Guest Speaker will be the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D. Limited tickets, \$75.00 per person, can be obtained by calling Mario Salvatore at 289-812-2548.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

We may (or may not) have made New Year's resolutions. The beginning of *Ordinary Time* is a good opportunity to consider some spiritual resolutions . . . this is not an exhaustive list!

- Attend Mass on Sundays and major feasts.

- Pray with the Gospel or other Mass readings listed in the bulletin.
- Make an effort at some household prayer – common Rosary, Angelus, grace before and after meals.
- Pray for the Pope, the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who serve the Church.
- Volunteer in some form of outreach to the poor, the sick, the homebound.
- Avoid gossip and complaining, take on gratitude and generosity with others.

Adopting one, or some of these resolutions will surely strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

What is Ordinary Time?

From The Catholic Telegraph website: "The term 'ordinary' in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A kind of 'it is what it is' mentality. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season. Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term ordinalis, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons."

From the Modern Catholic Encyclopedia on Ordinary time: “There is a gap of varying lengths from year to year between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent, and there is always a long period after Pentecost before another liturgical year begins with a new Advent. These two periods together make up what is known as Ordinary Time. There is a series of Sundays with their appropriate readings, which begins in January, is interrupted for close to fourteen weeks, and then continues to the next Advent. It is the main concern of the celebration of Ordinary Time to keep this focus on the gift and continuing task of the believing community alive in the experience of Christians in their daily lives. In fact, it is particularly in Ordinary Time that the pattern of the week emerges as continuing celebration of the mysteries of redemption, with every Sunday a resurrection feast and every Friday recalling the redemptive death of Jesus and what it means in terms of the unfinished confrontation with forces of evil.”

Formed.org Resources

Have you logged into www.formed.org lately? It is like the Catholic Netflix, but not only has great inspiring movies and documentaries, but also offers eBooks, and much more – including podcasts about history, mental health, evangelization, and so on. It also has great programs for children. In fact, there are daily reflections you can use in this New Year to grow closer to God every day. To access this all you have to do is go to www.formed.org and register using our parish’s postal code (L8T 1V9). In the past we’ve recommended you check out *The Search*, *Symbolon*, and *The Chosen*. There is sure to be something great for you there.