

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

By rabbinical count, “the Law” consisted of some 613 commandments. The Scribe’s question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy (First Reading), the second in Leviticus 19:18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasising the essential relatedness of them. No rabbi had previously done this. The emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion. The Scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does a Scribe emerge in such a favourable light.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, November 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>All Saints</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i>	By Frances Hergott
Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>All Souls’ Day</i>	12 pm 7 pm	+ <i>All deceased parishioners &amp; priests</i> + <i>All deceased Pallottines</i>	
Wednesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St. Martin de Porres</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>William Haffner</i> + <i>Harold, Dorothy &amp; Jeff Schill</i>	By John & Mary Ottman By Bryan & Donna Schill
Thursday, November 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	8 am	+ <i>Joanne Borris</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Friday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	8 am	+ <i>Henryk Koziak</i>	By Fr. Irenaeus Koziak
Saturday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ordinary Time</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Rosemary Beaupré</i> + <i>William Haffner</i>	By Greg & Heidi Beaupré By Cathy Fleischhauer
Sunday, November 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>32<sup>nd</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: St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639)** – “Father unknown” is the cold legal phrase sometimes used on baptismal records. “Half-breed” or “war souvenir” is the cruel name inflicted by those of “pure” blood. Like many others, Martin might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. It was said that even as a child he gave his heart and his goods to the poor and despised. He was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish grandee of Lima, Peru. His parents never married each other. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother. That irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked into a low level of Lima’s society. When he was 12, his mother apprenticed him to a barber-surgeon. Martin learned how to cut

hair and also how to draw blood—a standard medical treatment then—care for wounds, and prepare and administer medicines. After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a “lay helper,” not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of “blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!” When his priory was in debt, he said, “I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me.” Side by side with his daily work in the kitchen, laundry, and infirmary, Martin’s life reflected God’s extraordinary gifts: ecstasies that lifted him into the air, light filling the room where he prayed, bi-location, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and a remarkable rapport with animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister’s house. Martin became a formidable fundraiser, obtaining thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent. Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a “poor slave.” He was a good friend of another Dominican saint of Peru, Rose of Lima.

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VOCATION SEEDS – “To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength” and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself” are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious, or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.  
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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton, Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas, Rev. Adam Voisin, and Rev. David Wilhelm.

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