

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19th, 2021

The First Reading talks about the just One who serves the cause of righteousness, and suffers for it at the hands of the wicked. The “righteous” are those who hold on to their faith in God and obey His commandments. This passage has been seen in Christian tradition as anticipating the hostility suffered by Jesus. Our reading forms a united theme with the Gospel and with the reading from James. In the Gospel we have the second prediction of the Passion: once again the disciples do not understand. Instead, motivated by selfish ambition, they get involved in an argument as to which of them is the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus and by James (Second Reading). It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to rule others. It creates conflict and division, and is very damaging to the unity of the community. True ambition, on the other hand, is the desire to serve others. The best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the little ones, that is, to the most insignificant persons in the community.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 19 th <i>25th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	
Monday, September 20 th <i>St. Andrew Kim & companions</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, September 21 st <i>St. Matthew</i>	12 pm	+ <i>John Black</i>	By John & Christine Dixon
Wednesday, September 22 nd <i>Ordinary Time</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Fred Moss</i> + <i>John Sherrer (Linwood)</i>	By the Family By Jerome Sherrer
Thursday, September 23 rd <i>St. Padre Pio</i>	8 am	+ <i>John Gray</i>	By the Estate
Friday, September 24 th <i>Bl. Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin</i>	8 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By the Estate
Saturday, September 25 th <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Carl, Doug & Earl Kuntz</i> + <i>Helen Dietrich</i>	By Tom Miller By Marian Kasza
Sunday, September 26 th <i>26th Sunday in OT</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Macton)</i>	

Our Saint of the Week: St. Andrew Kim Taegon & his companions – the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital. Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45. Among the other martyrs in

1839 was Columba Kim, an unmarried woman of 26. She was put in prison, pierced with hot tools and seared with burning coals. She and her sister Agnes were disrobed and kept for two days in a cell with condemned criminals, but were not molested. After Columba complained about the indignity, no more women were subjected to it. The two were beheaded. Peter Ryou, a boy of 13, had his flesh so badly torn that he could pull off pieces and throw them at the judges. He was killed by strangulation. Protase Chong, a 41-year-old nobleman, apostatized under torture and was freed. Later he came back, confessed his faith and was tortured to death. Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883. Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

LIFE CHAIN: OCTOBER 3, 2021 – The first Sunday in October is Life Chain Sunday. Come stand in peaceful, prayerful public witness alongside other local believers. 2 Benton St. (Speakers Corner), Kitchener, 2-3pm. For more information please see www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain

VOCATION SEEDS – “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you feel God calling you to one such vocation, 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: Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J., Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J., Chancery Staff, Rev. Rafal Dygula, S.Chr., Rev. Stan Kuczaik, S.Chr., and Rev. Laszlo Amaszka.

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