

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The story is told about a despondent man who complained to his mother: "I've stopped going to the church for two reasons: I don't like the people and the people don't like me." The mother gazed at him and consoled him by saying: "My son, you should go back to church for two reasons: you're already fifty five years old and you are their parish priest." When the Lord started His ministry, He called a core group: Peter and Andrew, James and John and others to become henceforth, 'fishers of men' (Matt 4:12-23). These followers, who had been called as apostles, were to continue His work of salvation after he had ascended to heaven whether the people would like them or not, much like the dejected parish priest in the above story. But, why did Jesus call these fishermen? According to William Barclay, the famous Bible commentator, in his commentary about this gospel passage of St. Matthew, said that a good fisherman possesses the very qualities that Jesus wants when he calls the four fishermen in the gospel to become fishers of men. First, a fisherman has patience. He learns to wait patiently until the fish will take the bait. If he is restless and quick to move, he will never make a fisherman. The good fisher of men must have patience. It is but rarely in preaching or in teaching that will seek quick results. We must learn to wait. Second, a fisherman has perseverance. A fisherman learns not to be discouraged but always to try again. The good teacher and preacher must not be discouraged when nothing seems to happen. He must be always ready to try again. Third, a fisherman has courage. As the old Greek said when he prayed to gods for protection: "My boat is so small and the sea is so large." A fisherman is ready to risk and to face the fury of the sea and of the gale. The good preacher and teacher must understand there is always a danger in telling man the truth. The man who tells the truth often takes his reputation and his life in his hands. Fourth, a fisherman has an eye for the right moment. The wise fisherman knows well that there are times when it is hopeless to fish. He knows when to cast and when not to cast. The good teacher and preacher chooses his moment. There are times when men will welcome the truth. There are times when truth will move them and times when the truth will harden them in their opposition to the truth. The wise preacher knows that there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. Fifth, a fisherman knows how to fit the bait to the fish. One fish will rise to one bait and another to another. The wise preacher and teacher knows that the same approach will not win all men. He may even have to know and recognize his own limitations. He may have to discover that there are certain spheres in which he himself can work and others in which he cannot. Lastly, the wise fisherman must keep himself out of sight. If he projects his own presence, even his own shadow, the fish will very certainly not bite. The wise preacher and teacher will always seek to present men not with himself but with Jesus Christ. His aim is to fix man's eyes, not on himself but on the figure beyond.

Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R

**Mass  for the Intentions  Week**


<b>Monday, January 26</b>		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Polecarpio Ybioso	req Fredisminda Hannigan	
Helen Osmena	req Leilani	
Intentions of Leilani Osmena Yotingco	req Rod Yotingco	
Thanksgiving to St. Vincent Ferrer	req Helen Osmena	
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b>		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Kathleen McMahon-Yuda	req Flo Banzon	
<b>Wednesday, January 28</b>		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
All souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo	
Patricia Richardson	req Goebel and Richardson families	
<b>Thursday, January 29</b>		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Angus, Joanne and Barry MacDonald	req Karen MacDonald	
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	req Leilani	
<b>Friday, January 30</b>		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Thanksgiving for all blessings received	req Macrina Fabro	
<b>Saturday, January 31</b>		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
For the soul of Patrick Joseph Fernad	req Quincey and Melvin	
Thanksgiving and Wedding Anniversary blessings for Aniyankunju and Omana	req Antu	
Birthday blessings for Jonathan Mondero	req Banzon family	
<b>Sunday, February 1</b>		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

**For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community**

**INSTALLATION MASS**  
**for Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Hamilton Diocese**


Installation Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on February 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

*Let us continue to pray for Bishop Dabrowski as he prepares to begin his new ministry in the Diocese of Hamilton.*



**BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed." Isaiah 43:18-19a*



**PARISH SUPPORT**

January 17/18, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$ 1,482.00
Loose Offering	286.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND ADORATION**

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

**Prayer Intention: For Children with Incurable Diseases**

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

**9:30 a.m. Adoration Begins**

**4:00 p.m. Benediction**

**6:00 p.m. Confession**

**7:00 p.m. Holy Mass**

*“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!  
My soul yearns for the courts of the Lord.” (Ps. 84: 1-2)*



**HEALING MASS**

**Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**AND THE WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK**

**6:00 p.m. ADORATION**

**7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS**

**& ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL**

**Please join us in with your family and friends**

*“And the angel Gabriel came to Her and said, ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!’” (Lk 1:28).*

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAY FOR US**

**PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT**



**“THE YOUNG MESSIAH”**

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**

**Following the 5:00 Holy Mass**

**Lasagna Dinner and Movie:**

**\$15/person**

**At St. Charles Parish Hall**

**Tickets are available after every Holy Mass**

**Please invite your family and friends**

**SAINT LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION**

**FULFILLED**

Join us at **St. Charles Garnier Parish** for an 8-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. From the announcement of John, the Baptist’s birth to the Ascension of Jesus, this study explores the key events of salvation history and invites us to grow closer to Christ through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesdays | February 3 – March 24, 2026**

**Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

*(after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass)*

**Evening Session: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Weekly Dates**

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

**REGISTRATION**

- **Fee:** \$50.00
- Please register at the parish office

**INFORMATION**

☎ Parish Office: 905-528-0074

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**All are welcome.** Please invite your family and friends to join us for this enriching time of study and prayer.

**2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

**Tax receipts are now available at the back of the church.**

**Thank you for your generosity. (If there are questions, please see Flo in the office).**



**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**FOOD DRIVE IN THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP CROSBY’S MINISTRY**

The Cathedral Parish is collecting offerings of *non-perishable* food for the foodbank at the Good Shepherd Venture Centre. This collection of food is offered in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Crosby in the Diocese of Hamilton. Bags of food may be dropped off at the Cathedral Basilica at our Masses on the weekend of **January 24/25** or until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25 at the Good Shepherd truck which will be parked at the Tower entrance of the Cathedral Basilica. Please join us in honouring our retiring Bishop by offering our support for those who rely on the foodbank at the Venture Centre.