

1st Sunday of Lent – Mar 1, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Mar 3 - 9:00 a.m. Mary, Arthur and John McDonald Req'd by The Family
 Wed. Mar 4 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Parker Reeves- Coburn Req'd by J.&F. McKenna
 Thur. Mar 5 - 9:15 a.m. Roseanne Ferrier Req'd by Gerry Ferrier
 Fri. Mar 6 - 9:00 a.m. Kay Lehman Req'd by Evelyn Collins
 Fri. Mar 6 - 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Mass
 Sat. Mar 7 - 4:00 p.m. Catherine O'Donnell Req'd by Sharon and Ron Schmidt
 Sun. Mar 8 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

MINISTERS

Sat. Mar 7- 4:00 p.m.
 Sun. Mar 8 - 9:00 a.m.

LECTORS

M. Schmidt
 M. Flanigan

COMMUNION

Evelyn Collins
 B. & P. McCormick

GIFTBEARERS

G. Ellis

MASS

Sun. Mar 8 – John

FACILITATOR

Sat. Mar 7 - 4:00 p.m. Stephen
 Sun. Mar 8 - 9:00 a.m.

B. Wilken

ST. PETER'S, Ayton – Offertory \$220.00

Sun. Mar 8- 11:00 a.m. Garvey and Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns
 Communion Minister – C. Murphy Lector- G. Lennox Usher – P. Schiestel

ST. THOMAS, Harriston – Offertory \$215.00

Fri. No Mass during winter
 Sat. Mar 7 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

EUCHRE result:
Ladies: 1- Margarete Rayea
2- Marian Flanigan
3-Doris Tone
Door Prize: Colleen Dalla Costa
Men: 1- Pat Nolan
2- Garry Tennant

Thank you to all parishioners for the prayers for my mom and I that we would finish our work and come home safely.

Fr. Joe

Overland Tours is organizing another pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec.

Monday, **August 3**, 2020 to Friday, August 7, 2020. Think about joining us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines, and much more. Please consider sharing a room with a friend. For more information, contact Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt 519-766-5262. Looking forward to seeing you in August.

COFFEE SUNDAY

To encourage fellowship among the parishioners, there will be a social with refreshments after the 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, **Mar.1st**, 2020 in the TD Smith Hall. All are welcome!

World Day of Prayer Service:

March 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. on Friday:
 - at the Anglican Church **Mount Forest**,
 - at Alsfeldt United Church **Ayton**
 - at St. Thomas Catholic Church, **Harriston**
 All parishioners are welcome to attend.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all our sick parishioners, especially Nellie Franco, Colleen McManus, Adell Mueller, Mary Carney, Dustin Purvis, Lucas Reinhart, Laura Walker, Bert Holmes, David McCarthy, Lonta Williams, Glen Wright.
 (Please notify the office when a name is to be removed from this list.)

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. Robert Dunn **Tues.** –Rev. Ron Cote
Wed. – Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thurs. – Rev. Ralph Diodati **Fri.** – Rev. Msgr. P. Boucher
Sat. – Rev. Michael McHugh

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In

each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

Family Connection

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

| St. Mary weekly donation: | # of givers |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| \$1 - \$10 | 24 |
| \$10.01 - \$20 | 25 |
| \$20.01 - \$50 | 8 |
| \$50.01 - \$100 | 3 |
| \$100.01 → | 0 |
| Total # of Givers | 60 |

Vocation

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit? If you think God is calling you contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

50/50 January's winning ticket is # 9165503 and a winner is Paul McMillan. Please contact Bill Dineen @ 519-323-3161

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join **couples** from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the back of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

LENT: Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by Holy Mass. All are encouraged to participate.

Always keep lifting your foot to climb the ladder of holiness, and do not imagine that you cannot mount even the first step. All God asks of you is good will.

-St. Therese of Lisieux