

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 2, 2020**

**ST. MARY PARISH      WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tues. Aug 4 - 7:00 p.m. Theresa & Ruth Bowier Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan  
Wed. Aug 5 - 9:00 a.m. Jerome Dinneen Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone  
Thur. Aug 6 - 9:00 a.m. Tom Moore Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore  
Fri. Aug 7 - 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Elsie McAsey  
Sat. Aug 8 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Aug 9 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

**LECTORS**

Sat. Aug 8 - 4:00 p.m. Rachel McCarthy  
Sun. Aug 9 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7

**Attention!** Tuesday Mass is at 7 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS, Harriston**

Sat. Aug 8 - 5:30 p.m. Edward & Eileen Hale & daughter Elizabeth Req'd by Carolyn & Patricia & Larry Hale

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

Sun. Aug 9 - 11:00 a.m. Pat Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

*"And all ate and were filled." Are you fulfilled? If God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)*

**Prayer:** For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: **God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them. Amen.**

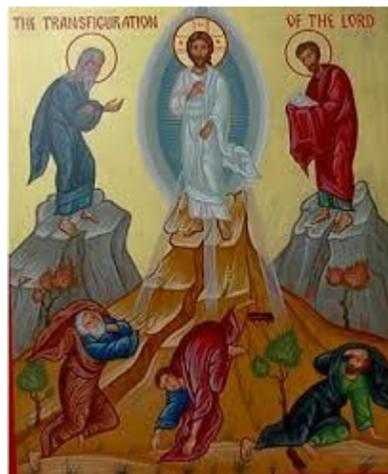
**DIOCESAN CALENDAR**

Mon.- Rev. S. Murrin      Tue.-Rev. T. Higgins  
Wed.-Society of Christ (S.Chr.)  
Thurs.- The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Fri.- Rev. B. McGrath. Sat.-Rev. R. Guillen  
Sun.- Rev. Tonnos

**Your God is ever beside you – indeed, he is even within you. —St. Alphonsus Liguori**

A tree is known by its fruit, a person by their deeds. —St. Basil  
A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. —St. Francis of Assisi

**Listen to the Lord's appeal: Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds. —St Peter Chrysologus**



**The Transfiguration of the Lord - Aug 6**

The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer.

**Saint John Mary Vianney- Aug 4**

He was born in 1786 near Lyons, France. At age 20, he enrolled in school but found studying difficult. In 1818 become John became the parish priest of the village of Ars-en-Dombes. For 30 years he served all who came to him: people were healed and converted, and many were given appropriate words of wisdom or advice even before they had explained their predicament. He died in 1859 and was canonized in 1925 and he is a **patron of parish priests.**

**Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:1-3*

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendents of David.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 145:8-9,15-18*

The Lord provides for his people.

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:35,37-39*

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

**Family Connection**

In our family life we can sometimes hear echoes of the disciples' excuses: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Sometimes this echo is heard from children squabbling about the last piece of cake. Sometimes it is heard in our concern about the limits of the family's income or possessions. Sometimes this echo is heard in our complaints about the seemingly endless demands for our time and attention. Jesus understood these feelings and taught us to see beyond

our limitations. Jesus modeled for us a compassion that reaches out to others, even when we would rather withdraw into ourselves. Jesus taught us that God blesses compassion offered to others with his grace. Today's Gospel reminds us that with God there is not only enough, there is an abundance!



You open your hand to feed us,

Lord, and satisfy our needs.

-Psalm 145

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2020  
AUGUST**

Universal prayer intention - The Maritime World  
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. —St. Ignatius of Loyola**

**My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God.**

- St. John Mary Vianney

**Be good, love The Lord.**

**Pray for those who do not know him.**

**What a great grace it is to know God!**

-St. Josephine Bakhita