

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2020**

**ST. MARY PARISH      WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tues. July 7 - **7:00 p.m.** Fr. Murray Farwell Req'd by Sandy & Bruce England and Family

Wed. July 8 - 9:00 a.m. Catherine O'Donnell Req'd by CWL

Thur. July 9 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Van Dongen Req'd by Evelyn Goetz and Family

Fri. July 10 - 9:00 a.m. Michael Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis

Sat. July 11 - 4:00 p.m. Braedon Parker Coburn Req'd by Jan Wyseman

Sun. July 12 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

**LECTORS**

Sat. July 11 - 4:00 p.m. Rachel McCarthy

Sun. July 12 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

**PARISH OFFICE will be open on Wednesday July 8, 2020**

**ST. THOMAS, Harriston**

Sat. July 11 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

**ST. PETER'S, Ayton**

Sun. July 12 - 11:00 a.m. Jack Hawkins family Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

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



We must be pure,  
I do not speak  
merely of the purity  
of the senses.  
We must observe  
great purity  
in our will,  
in our intentions,  
in all our actions.

- St. Peter Julian  
Eymard

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

**Family Connection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

**COVID-19 PRAYER**

*In this time of COVID-19, we pray:  
When we aren't sure, God,  
help us be calm;  
when information comes  
from all sides, correct and not,  
help us to discern;  
when fear makes it hard to breathe,  
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,  
slow us down, God;  
help us to reach out with our hearts,  
when we can't touch with our hands;  
help us to be socially connected,  
when we have to be socially distant;  
help us to love as perfectly as we can,  
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."*

*For the doctors, we pray,  
for the nurses, we pray,  
for the technicians and the janitors and the  
aides and the caregivers, we pray,  
for the researchers and theorists,  
for the epidemiologists and investigators,*

*for those who are sick,  
and those who are grieving, we pray,  
for all who are affected,  
all around the world...  
we pray  
for safety,  
for health,  
for wholeness.*

*May we feed the hungry,  
give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked and house those without homes;  
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,  
and may we do all that we can to heal  
the sick—  
in spite of the epidemic,  
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,  
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,  
in the name of the Healer,  
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,  
we pray.*

*May it be so.*

—A prayer during times of COVID-19 by the Right Rev. Richard Bott, originally posted on Facebook. Moderator Bott encourages the sharing of prayers he posts throughout his term.

**Saint Maria Goretti- July 6**

She is a patron of young women, born near Ancona, Italy, in 1890. Her parents were poor farm workers, and her father died while she was still a child. When Maria was 12 she rebuffed the advances of 18 years old neighbour, Alessandro, who threatened to kill her if she did not submit to him. Enraged by Maria's refusal, Alessandro stabbed her several times. Maria died on July 6, 1902, having forgiven him.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. After his release, he sought and received forgiveness from Maria's mother. Both he and Maria's family lived to see her canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII for her defence of Christian virtue.

*The saints have always been the source and  
origin of renewal in the most difficult moments  
in the Church's history.  
-St. John Paul II*

**We must show charity towards the sick who are in need of help. Let us take them some small gift if they are poor, or at least let us go and wait on them and comfort them.**

**-St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.**

**-St. Francis of Assisi**

**When you fell the assaults of passion and anger, then is the time to be silent as Jesus was silent in the midst of his ignominies and sufferings.**

**-St. Paul of the Cross**

**Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14*

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:9,11-13*

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 11:25-30*

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

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Wed. & Fri. 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  
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