

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. July 14 - **7:00 p.m.** Mary Van Dongen Req'd by Pastoral Care Team
 Wed. July 15 - 9:00 a.m. Josephine Vanderpas Req'd by Evelyn Goetz and Family
 Thur. July 16 - 9:00 a.m. Ray Collins Req'd by Evelyn Collins
 Fri. July 17 - 9:00 a.m. Rosemary Thoms Req'd by Cathy & John Stephen
 Sat. July 18 - 4:00 p.m. Braedon Parker Coburn Req'd by Jan Wyseman
 Sun. July 19 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. July 18 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
 Sun. July 19 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 18 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 19 - 11:00 a.m. Garvey & Burns families Req'd by Bernadette Burns

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

ENTRUSTED TO HIS WORLD WIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2020

Universal prayer intention

July
Our Families
 We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children.

The Church needs to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties.

Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the World.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

This Living Verb, Jesus Christ, Word-made-flesh speaks to hearts, minds, imaginations, hopes and desires. The message? Life – a hundredfold. Not a new communication technology, but a new relationship. Learn to listen; dare to respond – it's worth your life.

- Bernadette Gasslein

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St. Camillus de Lellis- July 14

Born in central Italy (1550-1614). The conditions in hospitals in the 16th century were horrific and Camillus resolved to establish an order to care for the sick and dying. Ordained, he founded the nursing congregation of the Ministers of the Sick, the Camillians. He was canonized in 1746, **he is a patron of nurses and of the sick.**



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel- July 16

According to tradition, St. Simon Stock was given the brown scapular by the Blessed Virgin on this day in 1251. The Order of Carmel was formed, retaining the twin devotion of the early hermits: to Elijah and

his solitary prayer, and To Our Lady under the title " of Mount Carmel"

St. Bonaventure- July 15

In 1257, Bonaventure was chosen minister general of the Franciscan Order. He was canonized in 1482. In 1588, he was declared a Doctor of the church. He has reputation for holiness, humility and virtue, and the dedication of his intellectual gifts to service of the Church.

ONGOING PRAYER INTENTIONS DURING COVID-19.
 If you are sick or not feeling well please pray from your home. We are praying with you!
 Stay safe and healthy.

COVID-19 PRAYER

For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.



THANK YOU to all, especially: *doctors, nurses, caregivers, janitors, front line workers, technicians, researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators...*

PRAYER

*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,
 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.*

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

To love God is something greater than to know him.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

—St. Clement of Alexandria

Love God, serve God; everything is in that.

—St. Clare of Assisi

Whenever you begin any good work, you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection.

—St. Benedict

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

only by appointment.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 65:10-14

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.