

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 23, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 25 - 7:00 p.m. Bill Gammon Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Wed. Aug 26 - 9:00 a.m. Aiden Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone
Thur. Aug 27 - 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Elsie McAsey
Fri. Aug 28 - 9:00 a.m. Mark Douglas Smith Req'd by The Smith Family
Sat. Aug 29 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Aug 30 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 29 - 4:00 p.m. Rachel McCarthy
Sun. Aug 30 - 9:00 a.m. Colleen Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 29 - 5:30 p.m. Dec'd members of Mary & Tony Andrade families;
Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 30 - 11:00 a.m. Keith W. Heep Req'd by Mary Seifried

Prayer is being on terms
of friendship with God,
frequently conversing
in secret with him who,
we know, loves us.
—St. Teresa of Avila

God speaks in the silence
of the heart.
Listening is the beginning of
prayer.
—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Our wish, our object, our chief
preoccupation must be
to form Jesus in ourselves,
to make his spirit,
his devotion,
his affections,
his desire and
his disposition live
and reign there.
—St. John Eudes

Grace is nothing else
but a certain beginning
of glory within us.
—St. Thomas Aquinas

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian

Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Pray the Rosary with Cardinal Collins

The last Saturday of every month, Serra International hosts a virtual global Rosary for vocations. In this way, Serrans from all over the world come together to prayerfully support our mission. You can join too.

This month's rosary will be led by Serra International Episcopal Adviser Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on August 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. To join our rosary from your computer, tablet or smart phone, go to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981> or call 1 (647) 497-9380 Access Code: 314-315-981. Don't miss this opportunity to pray with Serra International's wonderful and dedicated Episcopal Adviser, Cardinal Collins.

We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the
healing of evils that afflict our times.
—Saint Pius X

The rosary is spiritual medicine. —Pope Francis

Give me an army saying the Rosary
and I will conquer the world.
-Blessed Pius IX

MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
For He has looked with favour on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,
The promise He made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Saint Monica- Aug 27

She devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine. After 17 years of Monica's persistent prayers, Augustine was converted.

Saint Augustine- Aug 28

He successfully defended the Christian faith against several heresies. He is one of the greatest Fathers of the church, known as the Doctor of Grace.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. M. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J. Tue.-Rev. J. Tomon
Wed.- Catholic Teachers
Thurs.- Rev. I. Tharayil, C.M.I.
Fri.- Rev. N. Varghese, C.M.I. Sat.- I. Petkovic

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Loving God,

I **pray** that you will comfort me in my suffering, lend skill to the hands of my healers, and bless the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord? Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve as a priest, **contact Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.