

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 6, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 8 - 7:00 p.m. Mary, Arthur & John McDonald Req'd by The Family
 Wed. Sept 9 - 9:00 a.m. Mary O'Donnell Req'd by Jerome & Donna Dinneen
 Thur. Sept 10 - 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Elsie McAsey
 Fri. Sept 11 - 9:00 a.m. Marylou Burke Req'd by The Family
 Sat. Sept 12 - 4:00 p.m. Terry McCabe Req'd by Stella McCabe
 Sun. Sept 13 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Sept 12 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
 Sun. Sept 13 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Sept 12- 5:30 p.m The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 13 - 11:00 a.m. Joseph Van Osch Req'd by Kathy & Percy Moyer



Listen and attend
with the ear of your heart.
-St. Benedict

We make idols of our concepts,
but wisdom is born of wonder.
-St. Gregory the Great

Yes, I will become a saint.
I will become holy
in the degree God
has marked out for me.
-Bl. Dina Belanger

Christ does not force our will.
He takes only what we give him.
-St. Teresa of Avila

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Family Connection

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the [Peace Prayer of Saint Francis](#).

Lord make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.
O divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive-
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. M. Alphonse, C.R.S.P. Tue.- Rev. L. Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
 Wed.- Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)
 Thurs.- Rev. R.. D'Sa, O.C.D.
 Fri.- Rev. J.Akanbi Sat.- Rev. A. Varlaki

September 2020 Prayer Intention
Respect for the Planet's Resources

In the beginning, God created the earth and everything within it and upon it, bearing us in mind all the while: this world was made for us. When He created Adam and Eve in His image and likeness He said to them "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over...all the living creatures...". This word "subdue" is a strong one; our instinct is to see it in terms of crushing some manner of resistance. Some see this as God telling Adam to conquer the wilderness outside of Eden, that mankind has a blank check to use the Earth as it sees fit. But this is not so: notice what God does in the beginning.

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

"The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed,". Later Scripture tells us that God placed Adam in the garden to "...cultivate and care for it,". In other words, the manner in which we are commanded to "subdue" and have "dominion" over the Earth is to imitate the example God showed Adam when He fashioned, from the wilderness, a patch of paradise: Adam was meant to make the whole Earth an Eden. We haven't license to do whatever we want; rather we have the responsibility to receive what God has entrusted to our care and use it for the fulfilment of our needs, and tend it well, not only for the sake of future generations but in honor of the God who fashioned all things. Let us use the Earth and everything in it, yes! But let us recall what the poet Emerson once wrote "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

-Jacob Boddicker, SJ
 Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (USA & Canada)



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.*

Some simple tips on how to look after your own mental health.

- Talk about your feelings.
- Keep active.
- Eat a well balanced diet.
- Drink sensibly.
- Keep in touch with friends.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Take a break.
- Do something you are good at.
 (painting, gardening, baking)
- Accept who you are.
- Care for others.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood.
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Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Ezekiel 33:7-9
 The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 95:1-2,6-9
 Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading
Romans 13:8-10
 The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:15-20
 Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Background on the Gospel Reading
 Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order.