

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 11, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 13 - 9:00 a.m. Evelyn Goetz Req'd by St. Mary School Staff
 Wed. Oct 14 - 9:00 a.m. Margaret Andrews Req'd by Ed & Helen Seifried
 Thur. Oct 15 - 9:00 a.m. John, Mary, Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family
 Fri. Oct 16 - 9:00 a.m. Patrick & Stella Mulhall & Dec'd members of their family Req'd by Estate
 Sat. Oct 17 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Goetz Req'd by Evelyn Collins
 Sun. Oct 18 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 17 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
 Sun. Oct 18 - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

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



**Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.
 Thanking God
 for blessing us.**

Liturgical Calendar

Oct. 12- Thanksgiving
 Oct. 14- St. Callistus I- pope
 Oct. 15- St. Teresa Of Jesus- a great mystic, A Doctor of the Church. She is a patron of Spain.
 Oct. 16- St. Marguerite d'Youville- was born in Quebec, canonized in 1990.
 Oct. 17- St. Ignatius of Antioch - a convert to Christianity and a disciple of John the Evangelist.
 Oct. 18- St. Luke- the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles, he was a physician.

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 17 - 5:30 p.m The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 18- 11:00 a.m. Garvey & Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns

Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with confidence.

- St. John Paul II

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. L. Szczygiel Tue.- Rev. D. Weise
 Wed. Chancery Staff Thurs.- Rev. T. Hingston
 Fri.- Rev. P. Labado Sat.- Rev. P. Reilly,C.R.

"How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest? If God calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

October 2020 Prayer Intention of Pope Francis – The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SPECIAL MASS- OCT.10 & 11 FOR THOSE DIED DURING THE PANDEMIC

A special Mass will be offered for the people who had died during this time of Pandemic in the Diocese of Hamilton- on this Saturday Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas in Harriston and on this Sunday Oct 11 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church Mount Forest. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet.

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are happy to inform you that the children will be given the First holy communion on October 17 & 18 this month in Mount Forest in Special different Masses:

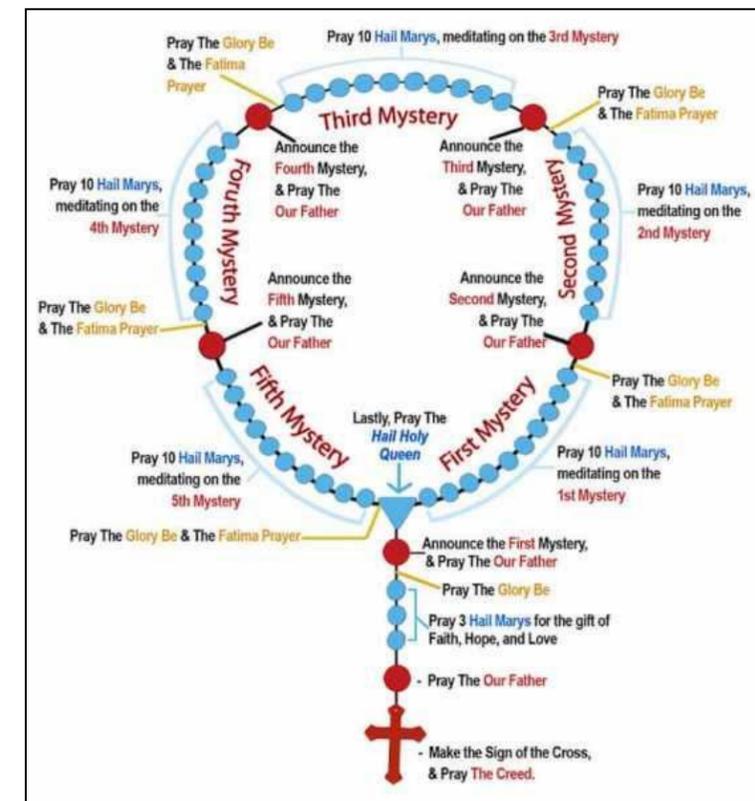
Sat. Oct. 17 @ 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 18 @ 11:00 a.m.
 Sun. Oct. 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

CWL Membership Dues

The 2021 CWL membership dues must be paid before the end of the year 2020. Please address any envelopes to Colleen Dalla Costa or use the Blue envelope.

Month of October- Month of Rosary

How to Pray the Rosary



SUNDAY MISSAL

The Sunday Missal for the Liturgical year 2020/2021 will be available at the Parish office to purchase your own personal copy; for each book cost is \$ 5.00.

Living with Christ Monthly Missal

It is inform you that the monthly Missal "Living with Christ" can be subscribed by those who wish to have their own copy for their own spiritual development. The cost per year for 12 copies is \$ 36.00. Please contact the Parish office at 519 323 1054.