

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 12, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Sept 14 - 7:00 p.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Corrie Pronk and Family
Wed. Sept 15 - 9:00 a.m. Sokoloski family Req'd by Adell Mueller
Thur. Sept 16 - 9:00 a.m. Michael Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Fri. Sept 17 - 9:00 a.m. Madden Coulby Req'd by Evelyn Collins
Sat. Sept 18 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Sept 19 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Sept 18 - 4:00 p.m. Emily McCormick
Sun. Sept 19 - 9:00 a.m. J. vonWesterholt

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

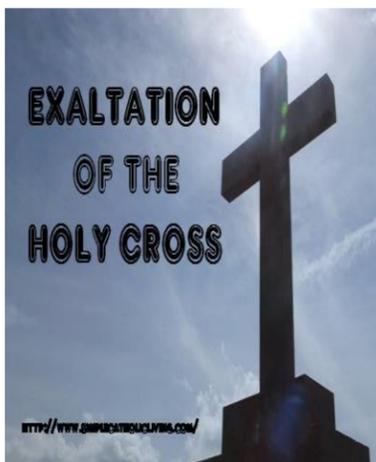
ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Sept 18 - 5:30 p.m. Dorothy Bell Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 19- 11:00 a.m. For the departed soul of Guy Lafreniere Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert

Tue Sept 14



Alleluia.
Alleluia.

We adore you,
O Christ,
and we praise you,
because by your cross
you have redeemed the
world.
Alleluia.

the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation and The

Anointing of the Sick

are available by appointment. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is best celebrated at the onset of a serious illness and with family present. Please contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office if you or a family member has need of these sacraments.



Our Lady of Sorrows- September 15

Formerly known as the "Seven Sorrows of Mary", the feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars.



THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

#2 Justice

Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion" ("or piety"). "Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships... harmony." (CCC 1807).

Justice gives to each what is due, or what is right, or just desserts. This logical and almost mathematical aspect of justice, focusing on equality and rights for individuals, is balanced and complemented by a more intuitive and holistic aspect that aims at harmony and right relationships. Typically, men are especially sensitive to the first aspect, and women to the second. Complete justice requires both.

Justice transforms power and is transformed by love. Power is meant to serve justice---might should serve right--and justice is meant to serve love.

We are born first knowing power and weakness, like the animals. As children, we learn a sense of justice, from our innate conscience and from parents and teachers. As adults, we realize that justice, though necessary, is not sufficient; that our only hope is love and mercy and forgiveness—from God and from each other.

Wars will not cease and peace will not come, to nations or to families or to individuals, without justice. But neither will be lasting peace come through justice alone. (to be continued) ~taken from: "Catholic Christianity" by Peter J. Kreeft

A faint faith is better than a strong heresy.

– St. Thomas More

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 50:5-9a*

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9*

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading: *James 2:14-18*

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:27-35*

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. R. Yaworski, S.J. **Tue.** – Rev. D. S. Musondloi, S. J.
Wed. – Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thurs. - Rev. W. Clarke, S.J.
Fri. – Rev. G. M. Kennedy, S.J. **Sat.** – Rev. P. Panaretos, S.J.

Vocation

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, wedie to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

–St. Francis dr Sales

PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all our sick parishioners.