

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept 19, 2021

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Sept 21 - 7:00 p.m. Rev. Fr. Vincent Heffernan Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis  
Wed. Sept 22 - 9:00 a.m. Seifried Family Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Thur. Sept 23 - 9:00 a.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Family  
Fri. Sept 24 - 9:00 a.m. Maria Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda  
Sat. Sept 25 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Sept 26 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Sept 25 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins  
Sun. Sept 26 - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

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

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Sept 25- 5:30 p.m. Adriana Uyttewall Req'd by Corrie Pronk

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Sept 26 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

### September is month of Our Lady of Sorrows



#### The seven sorrows are:

- Simeon's prophesy at the presentation of Jesus in the temple
- the flight into Egypt
- the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem
- the road to Calvary
- the crucifixion
- the removal from the cross
- the entombment.

**As the sun surpasses all the stars in lustre, so the sorrows of Mary surpass all the tortures of the martyrs.**  
**-St. Basil**

through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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### Joseph, Protector of the Church

Brave Joseph, collaborator in God's project for humanity, your tenderness enfolds the newborn Church.

Just as Mary and Jesus recognize in you the protection of the Father, so too does the community of faith place itself under your protection.

Strengthen us with the Spirit that filled the Nazarene home and guide our footsteps on the road to the Kingdom.

Accompany us in carrying out our mission. Help us to be lights in the world so that the family of God may spring forth from humanity transfigured in Christ.

Grant us the strength to imitate God's preference for the poor and weak. Guide us in our pastoral activities that our actions may be modeled on the Good News. Amen.



### THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

#### #3 - FORTITUDE

"Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice in life in defense of a just cause" (CCC 1808)

Of all the virtues this is perhaps the one most conspicuously lacking in the lives of most people today in technologically developed and relatively pain-free modern societies. Alexander Solzhenitsyn gave a very challenging Harvard Commencement Address in 1978 on this subject. Fortitude is a necessary ingredient in all virtues, for no virtue "happens", but must be fought for.

(~taken from: "Catholic Christianity" by Peter J. Kreeft)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all our sick parishioners

### 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.

**Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. St. Francis de Sales**

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. B. Carroll, S.J. Tue.- Rev. E. Jensen, S.J.  
Wed.- Chancery Staff Thurs.- Rev. R. Dygula, S.Chr.  
Fri.- Rev. S. Kuczaik, S.Chr. Sat.- Rev. L. Amaszka

**Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key to God's heart. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

"Seek the Lord..." Consider service 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus.**  
**- St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**

### Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8*

A prayer for God's protection.

**Second Reading:** *James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

**Reading:** *Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey