

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 3, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 5 - 7:00 p.m. John, Mary & Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family
Wed. Oct 6 - 9:00 a.m. Alma & Joseph Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Thur. Oct 7 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Corrie Pronk & Family
Fri. Oct 8 - 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of Goetz & Costello families Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Family
Sat. Oct 9 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Oct 10 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 9 - 4:00 p.m. Luis Arruda
Sun. Oct 10 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 9 - 5:30 p.m. Lilian Gordon French Req'd by Douglas & Pacita French

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 10 - 11:00 a.m. Guy Lafreniere Req'd by Agnes & Ron Diemert

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2021



Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 128:1-2,3,4-5,6

A prayer for God's blessing

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's

Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray for all our sick parishioners

COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated



THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

#4- Temperance

Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures" (CCC 1809), as fortitude moderates the fear of pains. (Thus it is also called "moderation".) Without it we do not rise above the level of animals, who live by their instincts, desires, and fears, especially the instinct to seek pleasure and flee pain. Temperance "provides balance". [that is moderation: not too little and not too much] "in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts" [thus it is also called "self-control"] "and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable" (CCC 1809).

Our instinctive desire for pleasure and fear of pain is the matter, or raw material, to be formed and controlled by all four cardinal virtues. Prudence provides the map, fortitude tames the fears, temperance tames the appetites, and justice regulates the resulting activities.

All four cardinal virtues have deeper and wider meanings than their names suggest in current usage. Prudence is not "playing it safe", justice is not simply punishment, fortitude is not bull-headedness, and temperance is not simply sobriety. taken from the book "Catholic Christianity" by Peter J. Kreeft

➤ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

➤ **LIFE CHAIN...**on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 from 2:00—3:00 p.m.

➤ Meet at the YOUTH FOR CHRIST building at 280 Wallace Avenue South, Listowel at 1:45 p.m. for prayer and to form a chain to support life.

➤ This will be an outdoor social distancing event. Masks are recommended.

➤ Come out and support LIFE... Because **EVERY LIFE MATTERS**

➤ ALL ARE WELCOME!