

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 10, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 12- 7:00 p.m. Rev.Fr. Vincent Heffernan Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Wed. Oct 13- 9:00 a.m. Beatrice O'Donnell Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone
Thur. Oct 14- 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan
Fri. Oct 15- 9:00 a.m. John, Mary & Arthur McDonald Req'd by The Family
Sat. Oct 16- 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Oct 17 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 16 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Oct 17 - 9:00 a.m. J. vonWesterholt

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 16- 5:30 p.m. John Canning Req'd by Corrie Pronk

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 17- 11:00 a.m. Jack Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

October is the month of the Rosary devotion



**“Give me an army
saying the Rosary and I
will conquer the world.”
-Blessed Pope Pius IX**

*O sing to the Lord giving
thanks; sing psalms to our
God with the harp.(Ps149)*



First Holy Communion Notice for 2020 - 2021 **Participants**

If your child was prepared to make their First Holy Communion in the school year 2020 - 2021 there will be an opportunity to make this sacrament on **Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** If your child was prepared but cannot make this date please contact Father Mike, Pastor, of St. Mary of the Purification Parish.

Food Bank – Harriston

The food bank in Harriston is looking for donations of food, in particular, canned foods and toiletries. If you are able to contribute it would be appreciated.

CEMETARY FLOWERS

Reminder that is that time of year again, Flowers at the cemetery need to be removed by December 1. Thank you for your understanding Cemetery Board.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Wisdom 7:7-11*
Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17*
The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-13*
The Word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-30*
A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus

replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has

observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: “follow *me*.” Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Oct 15- **St. Teresa of Jesus** was a great mystic, and a strong and active leader in the Church. She became the first woman to be declared a Doctor of the Church.

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

MONDAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY IN CANADA. It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Month of October- Month of Rosary

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the five Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the five Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday). As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries may be said on Sundays during Advent and Christmas, while the Sorrowful Mysteries may be said on the Sundays of Lent. The question is sometimes asked, why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers these particular twenty. The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honoring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary in one day reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. That is why some of the Popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel. One cannot change the mysteries of the Rosary without losing the indulgences that the Church grants for the recitation of the Rosary.