

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Feb 13, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Feb 15 - 7:00 p.m. Liberata Fabiano Req'd by The Family  
Wed. Feb 16 - 9:00 a.m. Teresa Lehman Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone  
Thur. Feb 17 - 9:00 a.m. Peter Pilkington Req'd by Lorraine Zorsit  
Fri. Feb 18 - 9:00 a.m. Muriel Roberts Req'd by Frank Roberts

Sat. Feb 19 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Feb 20 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

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

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Feb 19 - 5:30 p.m.- Dec'd members of the Andrade & Bairos families  
Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Feb 20 - 11:00 a.m. – Lorreta Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

***A Reconciliation Prayer Service*** will be held on  
***Saturday 09 April, at 1:00 PM***  
in the Church.



A Mass for ***First Holy Communion*** will be celebrated on ***Sunday 01 May, 2022 at 3:00 PM*** in our Church.



The ***Sacrament of Confirmation*** will be celebrated on ***Sunday 15 May, 2022 at 3:00 PM***, with the Most Rev. D. Crosby OMI presiding.

lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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### **Tax Receipts**

The 2021 Charitable Donation Tax Receipts are available for pickup in each of our three churches this weekend. They will also be available during Masses next weekend (19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>). Any receipts that have not been picked up by February 20<sup>th</sup> will be mailed the following week.

### **Letter from Fr. Mike:**

Dear Parents,  
I pray this finds you well.

I am writing to all parents of children that are prepared to receive the Sacrament of *First Reconciliation*, *First Holy Communion* or *Confirmation*, this year.

In order that families have the necessary information to plan I am providing the following:

- A ***Reconciliation Prayer Service*** will be held on ***Saturday 09 April, at 1:00 PM*** in the Church. If you cannot attend this Service please contact me to discuss the options.
- A Mass for ***First Holy Communion*** will be celebrated on ***Sunday 01 May, 2022 at 3:00 PM*** in our Church. If this date does not work, please contact me to arrange a different date for your child to receive the *Sacrament*. This can take place at any regularly scheduled Sunday Mass.

Space is limited because of COVID-19 restrictions. Accordingly, each family should plan to have one (1) single pew to themselves. Each pew fits six (6) adults comfortably. This number includes the child receiving *First Holy Communion*. The wearing of masks and social distancing while in the church is mandatory.

- The ***Sacrament of Confirmation*** will be celebrated on ***Sunday 15 May, 2022 at 3:00 PM***, with the Most Rev. D. Crosby OMI presiding. There will not be a Mass. If this date does not work for you,

please contact me to arrange for your child to receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil. Because of the solemnity of this celebration, please consider making an appointment for the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*.

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Children eligible to celebrate these Sacraments are those who have been baptised in a Catholic Church or who have been welcomed into the Church through the Rite of Reception into the Catholic Church.

Registration forms will soon follow, along with preparation material.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number provided or at [manderson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:manderson@hamiltondiocese.com).

Best Regards,

Rev. Michael Anderson P.P.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** - In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: "After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the "greatest form of friendship". It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life." (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** - Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith, on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world and you have the power to teach it.

**The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m.** for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information, contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him.**  
-St. Teresa of Avila

### **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 1:1-4,6*

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will