

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. July 21 - 7:00 p.m. Marquerite Umbach Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore
Wed. July 22 - 9:00 a.m. For the healing of Garry Campbell Req'd by Smolko Family
Thur. July 23 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Burke Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone
Fri. July 24 - 9:00 a.m. Bill Gammon Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Sat. July 25 - 4:00 p.m. Katarina & Pavel Smolko- 39th Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving mass
Sun. July 26 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. July 25 - 4:00 p.m. Pauline Mills
Sun. July 26 - 9:00 a.m. Colleen Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 25 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 26 - 11:00 a.m. Walter Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins

Those whose hearts are pure are
temples of the Holy Spirit.
—St. Lucy

Think well. Speak well. Do well.
These three things, through the
mercy of God, will make a person go
to heaven. —St. Camillus de Lellis

The best perfection of a person is to
do common things in a perfect
manner. A constant fidelity in small
things is a great and heroic virtue.
—St. Bonaventure

We shall steer safely through every
storm so long as our heart is right,
our intention fervent, our courage
steadfast and our trust fixed on God.
—St. Francis de Sales

Hear mass daily; it will prosper the
whole day. All your duties will be
performed the better for it, and your
soul will be stronger to bear its daily
cross. —St. Peter Julian Eymard

Consult not your fears but your
hopes and your dreams. Think not
about your frustrations, but about
your unfulfilled potential. Concern
yourself not with what you tried and
failed in, but with what it is still
possible for you to do.
—Pope John XXIII

parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Connection

The parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world.

Prayers to Pray During This Pandemic

For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.

For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.



Revelation 3.20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Saint Mary Magdalene- July 22

She is a patron of the Order of Preachers- Dominicans.

Saint Bridget- July 23

Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. Throughout her life, she received visions and dreams and possessed gifts of prophecy and healing. She founded The Bridgettine Order in 1370. She is a patron of Sweden.

St. Sharbel Makhlef (Charbel Makhlof)- July 24

He was born in the mountains of Lebanon in 1828. He was famed for his holiness, wisdom and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He died in 1898 and was canonized in 1977.

Saint Anne And Joachim- July 26

They are Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents. The cult of St. Anne existed in the 6th century in the church.

Some simple tips on how to look after your own mental health.

- Talk about your feelings.
- Keep active.
- Eat a well balanced diet.
- Drink sensibly.
- Keep in touch with friends.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Take a break.

Do something you are good at.
(painting, gardening, baking)

- Accept who you are.
- Care for others.

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.—Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first

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only by appointment.