

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. June 30 - 9:00 a.m. Shawn RIP Req'd by Bill and Mary Hamond
Wed. July 1 - 9:00 a.m. Arthur, Mary & John McDonald Req'd by Family
Thur. July 2 - 9:00 a.m. Dalla Costa Family Req'd by C. & C. Dalla Costa
Fri. July 3 - 9:00 a.m. Bill Gammon Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Sat. July 4 - 4:00 p.m. For healing of Jerome Dinneen Req'd by Kevin & Joyce Dinneen
Sun. July 5 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. July 4 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt
Sun. July 5 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

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ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. July 4 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. July 5 - 11:00 a.m. Garvey and Burns Family members Req'd by the Estate of Bernadette Burns

Lector – B. Schmitz



*We wish a Happy Birthday
to Fr. Joe
God bless him
for many years.*

Happy Canada Day



God bless Canada

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. They underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Family Connection

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

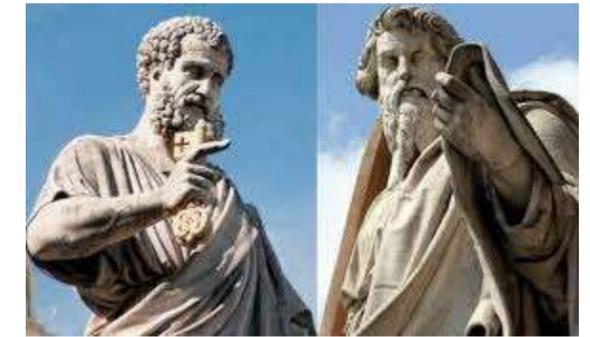
When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host.

St. Cyril of Alexandria- June 27

Cyril was a patriarch of the Eastern Church and a Greek theologian.

Cyril held that the relationship between the divine and human in Christ was so closely united that the Virgin was actually Theotokos (Mother of God) in 431. In 1882, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

St. Peter and St. Paul- June 29



These two apostles were martyred in Rome. **Peter**, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple.

Paul was born in Tarsus, a Roman Citizen raised and educated as a Pharisee. His experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of Christians to an apostle.

Paul called himself "Apostle of the Gentiles."

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church- June 30

This day is dedicated to the Christians martyred under the Emperor Nero. The historian Tacitus wrote that while no one believed this, countless Christians were seized nevertheless, mocked and put to death in unspeakable ways.

Saint Thomas- July 3

Since the early Church there has been a tradition that Thomas is the Apostle of India and Pakistan. His name means "twin", in Syriac, "Didymus" in Greek. The phrase "doubting Thomas" overlooks both loyalty in troubled times and surrender. Saint Thomas is a patron of builders.

Canada Day - July 1

July 1st is celebrated as Canada birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christians principles and attitudes.

The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history.

- St. John Paul II

We must show charity towards the sick who are in need of help. Let us take them some small gift if they are pure, or at least let us go and wait on them and comfort them.

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Prayer COVID-19 pandemic

God, who makes all things new,
may we learn new things during this
COVID-19 pandemic,
especially new lessons from those around us;
new lessons about longing and patience;
new lessons about giving and receiving;
new lessons about vulnerability and risk;
new lessons about unity and love.

Open our eyes to see,
in your world and in our lives,
where you are making all things new.

Amen.

The media only writes about the sinners and scandals, but that is normal, because a tree that falls make more noise than a forest that grows.

- Pope Francis

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

- St. Boniface

Only in eternity shall we see the beauty of the soul, and only than shall we realize what great things were accomplished by interior suffering.

- Mother Angelica