

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 9, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 11 - 7:00 p.m. Joseph Van Osch Req'd by Kathy & Percy Moyer
Wed. Aug 12 - 9:00 a.m. Mary O'Donnell Req'd by Lorraine Moloney and Family
Thur. Aug 13 - 9:00 a.m. Thomas Douglas Smith Req'd by The Smith Family
Fri. Aug 14 - 9:00 a.m. Jim Gordon Req'd by Mary & Bob McIntee
Sat. Aug 15 - 9:00 a.m. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. Aug 15 - 4:00 p.m. For our Youth
Sun. Aug 16 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 15 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Aug 16 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 15 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 16 - 11:00 a.m. Margaret Beitz Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert

**Take care of your health,
that it may serve you
to serve God.
—St. Francis de Sales**

**Love is never defeated.
—St. John Paul II**

**Be good,
love the Lord,
pray for those
who do not know him.
What a great grace
it is to know God!
—St. Josephine Bakhita**

**Lord God
In faith, I place my trust in
you.
In hope, I turn to you in
my time of need.
In love, I give glory to your
name.
In gratitude, I will praise
you with my life.
In your Son's name I pray.
Amen.**

Special Mass Aug 15 at 9:00 a.m.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Aug 15
We celebrate her being assumed- taken up her body and soul- into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel the disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. This time, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Family Connection

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice.

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)*

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross- Aug 9

Edith Stein was born in Breslau, Poland in 1891.

She was the youngest child in Jewish family. Edith was baptized in 1922. On August 2, she and her sister were arrested by the Gestapo. On August 9, Edith and her sister died in the gas chamber. She was canonized on October 11, 1998, she is a co-patron of Europe.

St. Clare- Aug 11

She was born in Assisi in 1193. At the age of 18 she heard a sermon by Francis of Assisi and committed herself to a life of poverty. She received the habit from Francis and went to live in a nearby Benedictine convent. In 1215, Clare was made abbess of the Poor Clares. The women were without shoes, slept on the ground and never ate meat. She was credited with many miracles and canonized just two years after her death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe- Aug 14

He was born in Poland in 1894. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the Gospel in his native Poland as well in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned at Auschwitz where Maximilian offered to take a young father place to died in 1941. He was canonized in October 1982.

The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

" Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid." We can sometimes be afraid of God's call to priesthood. Get hold of yourselves! God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

We must sow the seeds, not hoard it. -St. Dominic

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. R. Voisin Tue.-Rev. D. Van Nguyen
Wed.-Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thurs.- Rev. V. Trindade
Fri.- Very Rev. J. Van Hees Sat.-Rev. J. Petrie

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

Lord God,
I pray for all who have become sick or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the world.
In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,
In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,
In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have fallen sick,
Welcome into your arms the ones that died,
Comfort the ones they left behind.
Amen.

Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.

-St. John Chrysostom