

Sunday All Saints- Nov 1, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Nov 2- 9:00 a.m. All the Faithful Departed- All Souls' Day
7:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed- All Souls' Day
Tues. Nov 3 - 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of the Stephan Mc Neill and Arthur Mc Donald Families Req'd by The Family
Wed. Nov 4 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon P. Reeves- Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller
Thur. Nov 5 - 9:00 a.m. Bert O'Donnell Req'd by Frank and Jo-Anne McKenna
Fri. Nov 6 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Myrtle Gorman
Sat. Nov 7 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Goetz Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone
Sun. Nov 8 - 9:00 a.m. The Departed Souls of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 7 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Nov 8 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Nov 7 - 5:30 p.m. The Departed Souls of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 8 - 11:00 a.m. The Departed Souls of the Parish

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
-Matthew 5.8- 10

God is a spring of living water that flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.
- St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

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

We cannot have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then, afterwards, we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.
- St. Thomas Aquinas

He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely. -St. Catherine of Siena

Background on the Gospel Reading

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

Family Connection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives. Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints.



We will remember all those who have gone before us. " Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen."

ALL SOULS DAY

The feast of All Souls is the day on which the Church remembers and specially prays for all the souls in purgatory, who are being purified in expiation for their sins and in expectation of their eternal reward with God and the Saints in heaven.

Christian charity demands that we love our neighbors as Christ loves us, and so we must help those who are suffering and in need. The souls in purgatory, who are unable to help themselves, depend upon the charity of others to pray for them.

We are, moreover, bound to pray for our parents, benefactors, those we may have misled on earth, etc. Therefore, it is "a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

To offer up Mass for the Holy Souls is to pour the Precious Blood of Christ upon their souls for their relief or release.

These souls will pray for us when they reach heaven, for "ingratitude is unknown in heaven."

Liturgical Callendar

Nov 1- All Saints

Nov 2- All the Faithful Departed

Nov 3- St. Martin de Porres-was a Dominican lay brother from Lima, Peru. He is a patron of barbers, inn-keepers, public education and health, racial harmony, and social justice.

Nov 4- Charles Borromeo- He is a patron of catechists and catechumens.

Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.

- St. John Paul II

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- All the Faithful Departed Tue.- Rev. D. Mowat, C.R.
Wed.- Chaplains Thurs.- Rev. J. Valk, C.R.
Fri. - Rev. R. Reitzel, C.R. Sat.- Most Rev. D. Crosby, O.M.I.

" The greatest among you will be your servant." Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest? If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The Lord delights in every little step you take.
- St. Francis de Sales

CEMETARY FLOWERS

This is a reminder that flowers/ wreathes on and around the tombstones at the cemetery need to be removed as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

The Cemetery Board.

ALL SAINTS- November 1

They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Remembering the Faithful Departed



During the entire month of November, A Book of Remembrance will be on display near the baptismal font and pascal candle area. All are invited to record the names of the deceased you wish to remember. The departed souls of our parish will be remembered on every Sunday during the month of November at 9.00 am Holy Mass.