

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Oct 25, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 27 - 9:00 a.m. Dec'd members of The Pronk Family Req'd by Corrie & Martin Pronk

Wed. Oct 28 - 9:00 a.m. Manuel Da Silva Req'd by Stella & family

Thur. Oct 29 - 9:00 a.m. Bert O'Donnell Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Fri. Oct 30 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Brian & Julie Gorman

Sat. Oct 31 - 4:00 p.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Stella McCabe

Sun. Nov 1 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Oct 31 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt

Sun. Nov 1 - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 31 - 5:30 p.m The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 1 - 11:00 a.m. Loraine Goetz Req'd by Mary Seifried

I plead with you- never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.
- St. John Paul II

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. F. Freitas Tue.- Rev. S. MacDonald, C.R.

Wed.- Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)

Thurs.- Rev. Ch. Chmurzynski, C.R.

Fri. - Rev. P. Aiello, C.R. Sat.- Rev. P. McKelvie, C.R.

" You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood. Contact **Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

All SOUL'S DAY – Monday Nov 2

Mass time: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please, attend if you can one of these Masses and pray for the deceased members of your families.

St. Simon and Jude- October 28

They are two apostles: Simon the Zealot and Judas Thaddeus the son of James.

Both of these apostles suffered martyrdom. These are holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory.

St. Jude is a patron of
hopeless causes.

St. Marguerite Bourgeois-October 31

We celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Saint Marguerite Bourgeois, founders of the Congregation of Notre-Dame. She came to the New World to educate, from Christian families and be present with the people.

She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 31, 1982

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4,47,51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Family Connection

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Month of October- Month of Rosary

Since the Holy Rosary is composed, principally and in substance, of the Prayer of Christ and the Angelic Salutation, that is, the Our Father and the Hail Mary, it was without doubt the first prayer and the first devotion of the faithful and has been in use all through the centuries from the time of the Apostles and disciples down to the present.

But it was only in the year 1214, however, that Holy Mother Church received the Rosary in its present form and according to the method we use today. It was given to the Church by Saint Dominic who had received it from the Blessed Virgin as a powerful means of converting the Albigensians and other sinners. The story of how he received it, which is found in the very well-known book "De Dignitate Psalterii" by Blessed Alan de la Roche. Saint Dominic, seeing that the gravity of people's sins was hindering the conversion of the Albigensians, withdrew into a forest near Toulouse where he prayed unceasingly for three days and three nights. During this time he did nothing but weep and did harsh penances in order to appease the anger of Almighty God. He used his discipline so much that his body was lacerated, and finally he fell into a coma. At this point Our Lady appeared to him, accompanied by three angels, and she said: "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" "Oh, my Lady," answered Saint Dominic, "you know far better than I do because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation." Then Our Lady replied: "I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare,

the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter." So he arose, comforted, and burning with zeal, for the conversion of the people in that district he made straight for the Cathedral. At once unseen angels rang the bells to gather the people together and Saint Dominic began to preach. At the very beginning of his sermon an appalling storm broke, out, the earth shook, the sun was darkened, and there was so much thunder and lightning that all were very much afraid. Even greater was their fear when looking at a picture of Our Lady exposed in a prominent place they saw her raise her arms to heaven three times to call down God's vengeance upon them if they failed to be converted, to amend their lives, and seek the protection of the Holy Mother of God. God wished, by means of these supernatural phenomena, to spread the new devotion of the Holy Rosary and to make it more widely known. At last, at the prayer of Saint Dominic, the storm came to an end, and he went on preaching. So fervently and compellingly did he explain the importance and value of the Holy Rosary that almost all the people of Toulouse embraced it and renounced their false beliefs. In a very short time a great improvement was seen in the town; people began leading Christian lives and gave up their former bad habits. The importance and Beauty of the Holy Rosary, by Blessed Alan de la Roche, O.P., French Dominican Father and Apostle of the Holy Rosary.

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.

All Saints Day was formally established in 609 AD by Pope Boniface IV. The pontiff also created All Souls Day which is now held one day after the feast of all saints on November 2. The date November 1 was eventually chosen in 835 AD by Pope Gregory III.

Prayer to the Saints and Angels Before Mass

*Angels, Archangels,
Thrones, Dominions,
Principalities, Powers,
heavenly Virtues,
Cherubim and Seraphim;
all Saints of God,
holy men and women,
and especially my patrons:
intercede for me
that I may be worthy
to offer this Sacrifice to almighty God,
to the praise and glory of His name,
for my own welfare
and also that of all His holy Church. Amen.*