

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nov 15, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 17 - 9:00 a.m. Aiden Felsbourg Req'd by Kathleen Boone
Wed. Nov 18 - 9:00 a.m. Bert O'Donnell Req'd by Pastoral Care
Thur. Nov 19 - 9:00 a.m. Agnes Byers Req'd by St. Mary School Staff
Fri. Nov 20 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore
Sat. Nov 21 - 4:00 p.m. Leo, Madeline & John Stortz Req'd by Pauline & Verne Mills

Sun. Nov 22 - 9:00 a.m. The Departed Souls of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 21 - 4:00 p.m. Rachel McCarthy
Sun. Nov 22 - 9:00 a.m. J.vonWesterholt

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Nov 21 - 5:30 p.m. Fr. Joe's dad

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 22 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

**"There is more value in a little humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world."
-St. Teresa of Avila**

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Very Rev. M. McDermontt, C.R. Tue.- Rev. S. Restivo, C.R.
Wed.- Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs.- Rev. D. Lewis
Fri.- Rev. E. Varosi, C.R. Sat.- Rev. R. Hetu

"What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you " Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood. If God calling you, **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

**How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns?
And bears it for me.
-St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**Love to be unknown.
-St. Philip Neri**

**In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God himself is hidden within.
- St. Bonaventure**

**Conversion is a continuous adventure. Where most people work for degrees after their names, we work for one before our names.
- Mother Angelica**

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

This parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

All Souls Day Prayer

Merciful Father,

On these days, we are called to remember those who have died. Particularly those who have died in the past year, And pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator. Amen.

Anniversary Mass - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to **cancel** the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

Liturgical Calendar

Nov 16- **St. Margaret of Scotland**

She was a model of motherhood, one of the few canonized saints to have reared a large family.

Nov 16- **St. Gertrude**

She was renown for the depth of her spiritual and intellectual gifts.

Nov 17- **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

She was a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Nov 18- Dedication of the **Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul**

Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affection, his desire, and his disposition live and reign there. - St. John Eudes

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SUNDAY MISSAL

The Sunday Missal for the Liturgical year 2020/2021 will be available at the Parish office to purchase your own personal copy; for each book cost is \$ 5.00.