

Christ the King Sunday – Nov 22, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 24 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by CWL
Wed. Nov 25 - 9:00 a.m. Joseph Black Req'd by Steven Caughlin
Thur. Nov 26 - 9:00 a.m. Joseph Black Req'd by Lisa & Mark Cranston
Fri. Nov 27 - 9:00 a.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Carl Gorman
Sat. Nov 28 - 4:00 p.m. Jim Gorman Req'd by Myrtle Gorman & Family
Sun. Nov 29 - 9:00 a.m. The Departed Souls of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 28 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt
Sun. Nov 29 - 9:00 a.m. C. Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Nov 28 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 29 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

"Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen they are present with you.
-St. Francis de Sales

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev.R. Stainsby Tue.- Rev. M. Sullivan
Wed.- Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
Thurs.- Very Rev. W. Lobsinger
Fri.- Rev. G. Merkley Sat.- Rev. P. Golinski

"Lord, when was it that we saw you...? have you heard the Lord as well? " If God is calling you to serve as a priest, contact **Fr. Michael King**, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

We must practise modesty, not only in our looks, but also in our dress, our walk, our conversation and all similar action.

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.
-St. Paul of the Cross

O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost. to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward but the knowledge that I am doing you holy will. - St. Ignatius of Loyola

By the anxieties and worries of this life Satan tries to dull a person's heart and make a dwelling for himself there.
- St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the

coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the *Corporal Works of Mercy*. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

<https://www.loyolapress.com>

Coping with the Holidays - Have you lost a love one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Are you trying to figure out how you can cope? We can help: join us on **Monday, November 30th at 7 P.M.** for a one-hour evening session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on line at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays>

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip - Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we

pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.

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.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **Novena to Infant Jesus,**

December 16th to December 25th, 2020

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Liturgical Calendar

Nov 23- **St. Clement I & St. Columban**

St. Clement I is recognize as third succession to Peter. St. Columban was one of the greatest of the Irish monks who carried Celtic Christianity throughout Europe.

Nov 24- **St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions**- 117 Vietnamese martyrs saints of the Church.

Nov 25- **St. Catherine of Alexandria**- spoke against the persecution of the early Christian.

Prayer for Those Who Have Died

God our Father,
your power bring us to birth,
your providence guides our lives,
and by your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who died still live in your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to you alone.
In company with Christ,
who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing your praise forever and ever.
Amen.