

**5th Sunday of Lent - Mar 21, 2021**

**ST. MARY PARISH MASSES**

Tues. Mar 23 - 9:00 a.m. Leo Cox by Corrie Pronk

Wed. Mar 24 - 9:00 a.m. Nick Schouten Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Thur. Mar 25 - 9:00 a.m. Ted Lucas Req'd by Jo-Anne & Frank Mc Kenna

Fri. Mar 26 - 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Mass Bert O'Donnell Req'd by Mary Seifried

Sat. Mar 27- 4:00 p.m. Eileen Murray Req'd by Evelyn Collins

Sun. Mar 28 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

**LECTORS**

Sat. Mar 27- 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt  
Sun. Mar 28 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

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

**ST. THOMAS, Harriston**

Sat. Mar 27- 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

**ST. PETER'S, Avton**

Sun. Mar 28 - 11:00 a.m. Garvey & Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns

**Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,14-15*

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 12:20-33*

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask "Why me?" How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment.

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**LENT**

Every Friday in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

'Forgiving Jesus, we feel great comfort as we come closer to Easter. We are comforted in knowing that you have come to forgive us our sins, that you suffered and died for us, and that you offer us resurrection and eternal life. We are honored to be called your disciples. We have great courage in knowing that we are Christians and can live our lives according to the path you set for us. We walk with you as you walk with us. Amen.

**Mary's Meals - Fullness is...**

**A reflection for the 5th Sunday in Lent**

I have come that they might have life and have it to the full. John 10:10

This week we consider the abundance that comes when we are full, not just with food, but with love, with knowledge, and with hope.

During this season of Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. He came to earth to give us all the opportunity to life to the full.

We can follow him more intentionally when we try to act the way that he would, by helping to provide fullness of life to others through the means available to us.

The children we serve experience fullness through the love of the volunteers who prepared their meals; the food that enables them to stay focused on their education; and the knowledge which gives them hope for the future – a future "full" of possibilities.

While we celebrate that we are feeding these children, one of the reasons that we are drawn together through Mary's Meals is that we can never feel truly satisfied

while there are still children out there waiting for a meal in their place of education.

A deep inner calling propels us to action. This is one of the beautiful things about our grassroots movement. <https://www.marysmeals.ca>



**ANNUNCIATION of the LORD- March 25**

**O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**St. Mary – Mount Forest**

**Holy Thursday 7:30 pm -- Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday 9:00 am -- Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday 3:00 pm -- The Passion of the Lord**

**..... 6:00 pm -- The Passion of the Lord**

**Holy Saturday 7:30 pm -- Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday 9:00 am -- Resurrection of the Lord**