

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 18, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Jul 20- 7:00 p.m. Mary Kennette Req'd by Gerry Ferrier
Wed. Jul 21 - 9:00 a.m. Mildred Page Req'd by Dan Page
Thur. Jul 22 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Prong Req'd by Mary & Tony Andrade
Fri. Jul 23 - 9:00 a.m. Andrew Nagy Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore
Sat. Jul 24 - 4:00 p.m. Nellie Franco Req'd by Joan & John Jeffery
Sun. Jul 25 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jul 24 - 4:00 p.m. Emily McCormick
Sun. Jul 25 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jul 24 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 25 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

It is those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially. –St. Francis de Sales

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. D. Lewis **Tue.** – Rev. A. Czarny
Wed. – Pallotine Fathers (S.A.C.) **Thurs.** - Rev. G. Schlack
Fri. – Rev. E. Hinsperger **Sat.** – Rev. P.T.Nguyen

Vocation

“Do you hear God’s call for you in your life?” If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Every mornig you put on your clothes to cover your nakedness and protect your body from inclement weather. Why don't you also clothe your soul with the garment of faith? Remember each morning the truths of your creed, and look at yourself in the mirror of your faith.
- St. Augustine

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2021

Universal

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we must be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 23:1-3,3-4,5,6*

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:30-34*

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the

crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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- **Ignatius & Teilhard Weekend Retreat** - September 10-12
- **Feminine Mysticism Weekend Retreat** – Oct.1-3

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ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

How can the laity help the Church in her care of souls?

The laity can help the Church in her care of souls by leading lives that will reflect credit on the Church, and by co-operating with their bishops and priests, especially through Catholic Action.

(a) The lay people can assist in a special way by prayer.

(b) Catholic Action is the participation of the laity in the apostolate of the hierarchy of the Church. There can be no Catholic Action without an episcopal commission.

Which is the one true Church established by Christ?

The one true Church established by Christ is the Catholic Church.

(a) Many churches which claim to be Christian have broken away from the one true Church established by Jesus Christ. These churches were founded by men who had no authority from God to found a church.

(b) Christ intended that there should be only one true Christian Church, for He always spoke of His Church as one.

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