

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 4, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Jul 6 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller
Wed. Jul 7 - 9:00 a.m. Fr. Murray Farwell Req'd by Sandy & Bruce England & Family
Thur. Jul 8 - 9:00 a.m. Teresa Roberts Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone
Fri. Jul 9 - 9:00 a.m. Frank Marray Req'd by Gladys Raftis
Sat. Jul 10 - 4:00 p.m. Rita Hawkins Req'd by Margaret Hawkins
Sun. Jul 11 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jul 10 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Jul 11 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jul 10 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jul 11 - 11:00 a.m. for the repose of the soul of Dawn Pilkington Req'd by Bonnie & Paul Schmitz

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you.
Psalm 141.2

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. R. Sims
Tue. – Rev. G. Pinto, O.C.D.
Wed. – Our Parish Community
Thurs. - Rev. E. Henhoeffer
Fri. – Rev. J. Schnurr
Sat. – Rev. J. G. Michel

Vocation

“You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.”
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

What is impossible to God? Not that which is difficult to his power, but that which is contrary to his nature.
– St. Ambrose of Milan

OUR NEW PASTOR



Rev. Fr. Michael Anderson

Dear Father,

Greetings and a very warm welcome to you to our Parish. We are looking forward to meeting you.

As you become our new Pastor of this Parish we are so delighted to have you and so excited to meet you and welcome you.

Let us continually grow in our Faith under your spiritual guidance and leadership.

May the Holy Spirit guide us all.

From:
The Catholic Parish Community of Mount Forest, Ayton and Harriston

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-2,3-4

A prayer to God for mercy

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk knows him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

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The saints were so completely dead to themselves, they cared very little whether others agreed with them or not!
– St. John Mary Vianney

Letter from our new pastor Michael Anderson

Hello and thank you all for the warm welcome to the parish.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions there are fewer opportunities to meet and get to know you folks in person, so I have been asked to give a brief introduction through the Weekly Parish Bulletin.

Throughout my life I have lived all over Ontario but it is always easiest to say I come from Hamilton as that is where most of my family is from.

Before Seminary I worked a bit in industry. First as an Electronic/Fiber Optic Technician, then being self-employed in light construction and property maintenance. I entered St. Peter's Seminary in 2001 and was ordained in 2010. I have served as an Associate Pastor at St. Michael's Church in Oakville, and as Pastor at St. Dominic Parish, Oakville and Immaculate Conception Parish, Formosa. I am looking forward to getting to know you as time goes on and as we make our return to Church.

In the meantime, be assured that you are all in my prayers.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Mike

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip
June is a good time to help your children reflect on the successes and challenges of the past school year. God provides every person with gifts to use in the world and it is good to remind your children that we are called to use our God-given gifts. Ask them to reflect on the gifts they see in themselves and share the gifts you see in them. Help them realize that they are indeed special and have good things to offer to others in their lives.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip

Marriages that have lasted over many years give gifts to future generations since it allows them to both look back and grow forward. Long-lasting marriages are a living example of what it means to have enduring love; they give hope. Marriage is at the heart of family, so celebrate your marriage milestones – tell stories of the good times, the times you persevered and the joy of older love. These are important legacies to leave your children and grandchildren!

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? **The solution is Retrouvaille** - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by zoom offering more possibilities for engagement. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Do you need support after an abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

Imagine your anger to be a kind of wild beast, because it has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things, even corrupting the soul.
- St. John Chrysostom