

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 25, 2021

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Jul 27- 7:00 p.m. Margaret & Leo Coulson Req'd by Wilf Coulson  
Wed. Jul 28 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Joan Jeffery  
Thur. Jul 29 - 9:00 a.m. Teresa Roberts Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore  
Fri. Jul 30 - 9:00 a.m. Maria Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda  
Sat. Jul 31 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Aug 1 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Jul 31 - 4:00 p.m. Maxine Schmidt  
Sun. Aug 1 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

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

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jul 31 - 5:30 p.m. Kay Lehman Req'd by Angela & Dan Seifried

### ST. PETER'S, Aytton

Sun. Aug 1 - 11:00 a.m. Ian Lennox Req'd by Lennox Family

**Success in life consists of standing without shame before God. – St. Sharbel (Charbel) Makhlouf**

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

**Mon.** – Rev. M. Katzenberger    **Tue.** – Rev. R. Love  
**Wed.** – Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus  
**Thurs.** - Rev. R. Campbell  
**Fri.** – Rev. L. Payette            **Sat.** – Rev. G. Okpuruka

### Vocation

*“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...” 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)*

**Christ does not force our will, he only takes what we give him. But he does not give himself entirely until he sees that we yield ourselves to him. –St. Teresa of Avila**

In order to avoid discord, never contradict anyone except in case of sin or some danger to a neighbour; and when necessary to contradict others, do it with tact and not with temper.  
– St. Louis



It is a great advantage for us to be able to consult someone who knows us, so that we may learn to know ourselves.  
– St. Teresa of Avila

### **First Reading**

*2 Kings 4:42-44*

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 145:10-11,15-16,17-18*

The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 6:1-15*

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and

divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the “Bread of Life Discourse.”

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist; we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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### Liturgical Calendar

**Mon. July 26- St. Anne and St. Joachim-** Mary's parents  
**Thurs. July 29- St. Martha-** the sister of Mary and Lazarus, and all three were friends of Jesus.  
**Sat. July 31- St. Ignatius of Loyola-** he formed the Society of Jesus- Jesuits. He is a patron of retreats and soldiers.



**Mon. July 26- St. Anne and St. Joachim**

### PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Number 1: **HUMAN DIGNITY**

To a person's rights there correspond duties: the duty in oneself to become what God calls us to be, and the duty in others to acknowledge and respect these rights and of helping persons achieve the free and full exercise of their rights if they are deprived of them.

The Vatican Council stated: “Whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons: all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed.”

~ How do you resist the influence of stereotypes to look down on certain people, e.g. poor people, people of other race or colour, native people, immigrants? ~  
{Vatican Council: Gaudium et Spes #27}

### Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Anointing

Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Anointing of the Sick are available by appointment. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is best celebrated at the onset of a serious illness and with family present. Please contact Fr. Mike at the Parish Office if you or a family member has need of these sacraments.