

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 22, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Aug 24 - 7:00 p.m. Bill Gammon Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Wed. Aug 25 - 9:00 a.m. Helen Theresa Gunning Req'd by Patrick & Carl Horigan
Thur. Aug 26 - 9:00 a.m. Sage Borgo Req'd by Lisa & Mark Cranston
Fri. Aug 27 - 9:00 a.m. Maria Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda
Sat. Aug 28 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Aug 29 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 28 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Aug 29 - 9:00 a.m. Carl Dalla Costa

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 28 - 5:30 p.m. For the soul of Regelio Botis by Josephine Botis

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 29 - 11:00 a.m. Repose of the souls of Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Mary Pavkeje

Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven. –St. Pius X

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. Msgr. R. Modeski **Tue.** – Rev. F. Sprajc
Wed. – Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u) **Thurs.** – Rev. A. Scidmore
Fri. – P. Meyer **Sat.** – Rev. D. Sanvido

Vocation

*“For who has known the mind of the Lord? 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*

God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
- St. John Henry Newman

St. Monica & St. Augustin



She reaches out her hands to the needy and extends her arms to the poor. She did not eat her food in idleness. –Prov 31

The measure of love is to love without measure.
-St. Augustine

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b*
Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21*
The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-32*
Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading: *John 6:60-69*
Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the

larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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Those who instruct many in justice will shine at stars for all eternity. – St. Joseph Calasanz

Liturgical calendar

Aug 24- **St. Bartholomew**- one of the 12 apostles.
Aug 27- **St. Monica**- (c. 332 – 387) was an early African Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She is remembered and honored in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's adultery, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his *Confessions*. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.
Aug 28- **St. Augustine**- is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church, known as the Doctor of grace.

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus. – St. Rose of Lima

THE VIRTUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL LOVE

“The way to act, the virtues to practice, in working for social change.”

“I was hungry, and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” (Matt 25)

Can we change unjust systems and practices? As individuals we can't do very much. To bring about changes, to establish just systems and practices, we have to work with others and build up a force that can go against the prevailing current. We have to practice the virtues of social justice and social love.

The virtue of social justice obliges each of us to work with others to change unjust systems and practices and create structures which work for the common good, the good of each and all.

We are obliged to practice social justice all the time in all our groups: family, parish, school, workplace, labour union, business, community and government. Individuals can practice the virtue of social justice as individuals, by working for the common good, but they can be more effective by working with others, in an organizational way. (Compendium Soc. Doct. 193, 201, 325, 332, 369, 564. Cat. Cath. Ch. 1928.)

“By this Love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

The virtue of social love obliges us to work with others to make attitudes and practices express respect, mutual care and love in groups and among groups for the common good. (Compendium Soc. Doct. 207-208, 580-583)

Social love has to guide all our activities for justice to be effective in bringing people together in harmony.

Social justice and social love aim to overcome the underlying causes, the unjust structures at the root of social ills.
(Comp. Soc. Doct. 207, 208; Cat. C. Ch. 1939-41).

~~ How are you practicing the virtues of social justice and social love in your family and in all of the groups you are in? {Vatican council: }

“Let all strive according to the talent, powers, and position of each to contribute something to the Christian reconstruction of human society.” * (147) Pope Pius XI; Doct. Soc. Ord. (88)