

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 8, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. Aug 10 - 7:00 p.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Evelyn Collins
Wed. Aug 11 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan
Thur. Aug 12 - 9:00 a.m. Mary, Arthur & John McDonald Req'd by The Family
Fri. Aug 13 - 9:00 a.m. Rita Tangney Req'd by Julie & Mike Goetz
Sat. Aug 14 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Aug 15 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 14 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Aug 15 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 14 - 5:30 p.m. For the souls of Timoteo & Rufino Agtarap Req'd by Luzviminda Domion

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 15- 11:00 a.m. Garvey & Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns

*August
is the Month of the
Immaculate Heart of
Mary*



O Mary Immaculate,
in flame our hearts with
one ray of the burning
love of thy pure heart.

They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us his Body and Blood as bread so that we may have eternal life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, our lives begin to reflect the reality that our communion with Jesus prepares in us. Our Eucharist leads us to live as people of the promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

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Catholic Prayer: Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary- St. Louis-De Montfort's

I, N., a faithless sinner-- renew and ratify today in thy hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate

to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.

PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Number 3: **SUBSIDIARITY**

The principle of subsidiarity means that every group or body in society must have the freedom and the means to do what it can best do for itself without its activity being taken over by a higher body or level of government. In other words: "Don't take over what others can do for themselves." To the principle of subsidiarity corresponds the principle of participation in society and government whereby the citizen, either as an individual or in association with others (for example - a labor union), takes part in the cultural, economic, political and social life of the civil community. It is absolutely necessary to encourage participation of the most disadvantaged. Participation in community life is one of the major guarantees of the proper functioning of the democratic system.

Subsidiarity promotes the establishment and flourishing of intermediate groups and organizations between government and the individual, so necessary to a vital society. Society should be based on the interrelationship of subordinate and coordinate groups all working for the common good.

Just as the parts of the human body each fulfill their proper function while being united with the rest of the body and contributing to the common good of the whole body, so also there is needed intermediate bodies and organizations in society which function in the same manner within the whole of society as subsidiary organs.

Questions:

Do you see what individuals and groups can do for themselves, being taken over by other individuals or groups? What are the benefits to a group in resolving disagreements themselves without turning to a higher authority?

{Vatican council: "Joy and Hope" 30}

Liturgical calendar

Aug 10- **St. Lawrence** was one of the most venerated Roman martyrs of the early Church.

Aug 11- **St. Clare** authored the first rule for religious life for women written by a woman.

Aug 14- **St. Maximilian Kolbe** offered his life for another prisoner in Auschwitz.

**God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.
-St. Augustine**

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The Lord feeds Elijah, strengthening him for his journey to Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

The Ephesians are encouraged to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon. – Rev. F. Voorwerk Tue. – Rev. S. Whitfield
Wed. – Legionaries of Christ (L.C.) Thurs. - Rev. R. Cote
Fri. – M. Bennett Sat. – Rev. R. Diodati

Vocation

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name 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

**True happiness does not consist in the pleasures of this world, or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we only have if we are pure of heart and mind.
-Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati**