

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Oct 24, 2021

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Oct 26 - 7:00 p.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Family  
Wed. Oct 27 - 9:00 a.m. Sean MacMillan Req'd by Dan & Doris Tone  
Thur. Oct 28 - 9:00 a.m. Seifried Family Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Fri. Oct 29- 9:00 a.m. Maria Arruda Req'd by Luis Arruda  
Fri. Oct 29- 12:00 p.m for healing Rita Caughlin  
Sat. Oct 30 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Oct 31 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Oct 30- 4:00 p.m. Susan Thurston  
Sun. Oct 31 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

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

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 30- 5:30 p.m. Helen VanLeempot Req'd by Angela & Dan Seifried

### ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 31 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

**THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** writes that 327 million brothers and sisters worldwide are touched by persecution to various degrees. They are organizing RED WEDNESDAY on November 18, 2021, and invite Parishes to participate according to their ability – a Mass, a Vigil, a Rosary – to pray for persecuted Christians. Please visit their [website](#) for more information. Our prayer is their strength!

### DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. J. A. Akanbi Tue.- Rev. C. Jordan  
Wed.- Consecrated Men and Women  
Thurs.- Rev. L. Dorismond, O.M.I.  
Fri. - Rev. A. Kebe Sat.- Rev. J. Pachocki, O.M.I.

**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind."** Consider service as a priest. If God calling you *contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)*



### **Hail, holy Queen,**

Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To Thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, Thine Eyes of Mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the Blessed Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

### **Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6*

A song of praise to God who does great things

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Christ was made high priest by God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 10:46-52*

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

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

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We

notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

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**May faith be the torch that illuminates, animates and sustains you. –St. Margaret Mary Alacogue**

### **First Holy Communion Notice for 2020 - 2021**

#### **Participants**

If your child was prepared to make their First Holy Communion in the school year 2020 - 2021 there will be an opportunity to make this sacrament on **Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** If your child was prepared but cannot make this date please contact Father Mike, Pastor, of St. Mary of the Purification Parish.

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

We pray for all our sick parishioners

### **Food Bank – Harriston**

The food bank in Harriston is looking for donations of food, in particular, canned foods and toiletries. If you are able to contribute it would be appreciated.

### **CWL Membership Dues**

CWL dues for 2022 are \$25.00 and must be paid before the end of the year 2021. Please use the blue envelopes in your boxes or any envelopes and address to Colleen Dalla Costa 519- 323-9112



### **Act of Consecration to St. Joseph**

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

**THE OPENING OF THE SYNODAL PATH** in preparation for the 2023 Synod took place last Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The homily of Pope Francis set out his hopes and expectations for the Synod: *"Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern. I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod."* The Diocesan celebration for the beginning of the Synodal Path will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. In the coming weeks the Diocesan Synod Committee will send to our Parishes, Catholic organizations, and other groups and institutions an outline of the process the Diocese will follow to encourage the broadest possible participation in the consultation leading up to the Synod. We pray for God's blessing on this important initiative of Pope Francis, and our Diocesan response.