

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Nov 7, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Nov 9 - 7:00 p.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Clara & Lester Conrad
Wed. Nov 10 - 9:00 a.m. Cart & Joyce Ryan Req'd by Myrtle Gorman
Thur. Nov 11 - 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass Bob & Mary McIntee
Fri. Nov 12 - 9:00 a.m. Jack Moore Req'd by Helen & Bert Moore
Sat. Nov 13 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Nov 14 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Nov 13 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
Sun. Nov 14 - 9:00 a.m. J. von Westerholt

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

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Nov 13 - 5:30 p.m. Adriana Uyttewall Req'd by Corrie Pronk

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Nov 14 - 11:00 a.m. Bill Gammon Req'd by Annamarie Raftis

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. Oehring Tue.- Rev. F. Cucchi
Wed.- **Deceased Members of our Parish Community**
Thurs.- Rev. M. Gatto Fri.- Rev. P. Patrick, O.M.I.
Sat.- Rev. S. Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R

“Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” 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

The Pope's Intentions- November

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Joseph, Patron Saint of the Dying

Faithful Joseph, with the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, you peacefully leave this world in Jesus and Mary's hands. Your faith transforms death into the sowing of life; thus, God considers you to be a just man. Your heart overflows in the presence of the Lord. With your hands outstretched to God, your night is filled with prayers. Surrounded by the living, you embark upon the great march to the promise Land. Open our eyes that we may glimpse the road to Life that lies beyond death. May nothing, not denial, anger, nor depression, separate us from the Love of God. Strengthen our faith in God who always finds ways of preserving us in his friendship. Be beside us to hold our hands when we take our first steps toward the Eternal Kingdom. Amen.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7,8-9 9-10

A prayer of praise to God who raises up the lowly

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (shorter form, Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from other.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organizations, and other charitable organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organizations <https://www.loyolapress.com>

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

Thursday Nov 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

In Flanders Fields

[John McCrae](#) - 1872-1918



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

<https://poets.org/poem/flanders-fields>

The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope. St. Leo the Great