

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan 30, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Feb 1 - 7:00 p.m. Jim Lehman Req'd by Joy Heans
Wed. Feb 2 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller
Thur. Feb 3 - 9:00 a.m. Joseph Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis
Fri. Feb 4 - 9:00 a.m. Mary Garvey Req'd by Mary & Bob McIntee

Sat. Feb 5 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
Sun. Feb 6 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

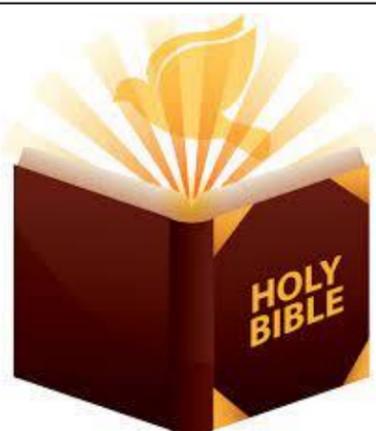
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ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Feb 5 - 5:30 p.m.- Emilia Bairos Req'd by Gabriele & Luis Pereira

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Feb 6 - 11:00 a.m. - Jim & Lorretta Murray Req'd by Mary & Dot & Family



Prayer of the Month – Jan.

God our Father,
you love each of your children
and you don't stop taking care of
them and looking out for their good.
Help me to be the image and the
example of this love of yours.
May I find in each person a brother
or sister
and truly love them, welcoming
them despite any differences we may
have,
respecting them in their dignity,
regardless of their origin or faith.
I pray that in the hearts of all your
children,
the seed of human fraternity is
cultivated,
to build your kingdom

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19*

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15,17*

A song in praise of God's salvation

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13* (shorter form, *1 Corinthians 13:4-13*)

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised.

They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospel. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or otherwise sayings that are familiar to your family (“Blood is thicker than water;” “All that glitters is not gold.”). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to

have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: ***What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted?*** (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst.

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Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten.

Wed. Feb2- Presentation of the Lord



THE BIBLE SUNDAY BOOKMARKS were sent out to Parishes in preparation for the celebration of Bible Sunday this year. Digital version in 9 different languages are available in our Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday. They are also a wide variety of resources for the Liturgical Year of Luke including an exegetical presentation by Father David Perrin for adults and a wonderful Bible Adventure Passport for children. Our thanks to Father Perrin for his contribution!

THE OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS will host listening sessions in the coming weeks with young adult ministry leaders from the Dioceses of Hamilton and London. It is an important opportunity to hear more about the experience of young adult ministry over these pandemic years and to engage this community moving forward. It is an important initiative!