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New Parishioners - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES:

SATURDAY:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm Mass

St. Thomas: 5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY:

St. Mary: 9:00 am Mass

St. Peter: 11:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Please refer to schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Please notify the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

*Deadline for all announcement for the bulletin is on Wednesday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

Please contact the Parish Office - for a priest to administer the Sacrament of the sick (best to call at the onset of illness)

- Holy Communion to the sick.
- Home, hospital and nursing home visits.

FUNERAL: When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office.

PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS

LIFE: For information or assistance, see

www.HamiltonVocations.com

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER:

For information about home activities & events of interest in Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online diocesan newsletter at:

www.hamiltondiocese.com

SCHOOL:

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 390 Parkside Drive, Mount Forest ON N0G 2L3
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PARISH BEQUESTS:

Keep your love for parish alive in your will & expression of sympathy.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 14, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 16 - 7:00 p.m. Martin Sokol Req'd by Jolanta Sokol

Wed. Aug 17 - 9:00 a.m. Martin Pronk Req'd by Family

Thur. Aug 18 - 9:00 a.m. Peter Pilkington Req'd by Paul & Bonnie Schmitz

Fri. Aug 19 - 9:00 a.m. Fred O'Donnell Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Sat. Aug 20 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

Sun. Aug 21 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 20 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins

Sun. Aug 21 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

CONFESSION: by appointment.

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 20 - 5:30 p.m. – Dec'd Members of the family Tony & Mary Andrade Families Req'd by Tony & Mary Andrade

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 21 - 11:00 a.m. Kathleen, Harold & Kenneth Lehman Req'd Estate of Kay Lehman

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 40:2-4,18

A prayer for God's help

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

Family Connection:

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- Rev. W. Berdowicz, S.Chr. Tue.- Rev. A. Ferriera
Wed.- Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.) Thurs.- Rev. L. Amaszka
Fri.- Very Rev. J. Bergsma Sat.- Very Rev. M. Downey

HNS meeting Aug. 18, Thursday at 7pm in the England room.

CWL

Election forms for the CWL will be in the foyer.

The positions that are needed to be filled are
1 – TREASURER. 2 - SECRETARY.

Please nominate someone you know that may be interested or apply yourself.

The CWL is a vibrant and fulfilling organization to belong to and we would like more ladies from the parish to come out and participate.

Please leave the forms in the collection basket addressed to the CWL.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exults
in God my Savior,...

First Reading: *Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab*

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 45:10-12,16*

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-27*

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:39-56*

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States and Canada. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through

her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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The Magnificat

The Prayer Of Mary:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit exults in God my Savior,
For he has looked upon his handmaid in her
lowliness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
For the Almighty has done great things for
me.

And holy is his name.

His loving mercy is from age to age
for those who fear him.

He has made known the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud of heart.

He has put down the mighty from their
thrones

and has exalted those who are lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.

He has always helped Israel his servant,
mindful of his loving mercy.

Even as he promised our fathers, to
Abraham and his descendants forever.

Liturgical calendar

Aug 16- **St. Stephen of Hungary** and his father, the third duke of govern the Magyars were baptized when Stephen was 10.

Aug 20- **St. Bernard**- in his Apologia, he wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians.

Aug 21- **St. Pius X**- advocated frequent communion for adults, sacramental preparation for children and instruction in catechism.