



*Welcome to
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NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME! - Please introduce yourself to the priest.

**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.

Please note: The deadline for Bulletin submission is Wed. a.m.

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 (please 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 the 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 NOG 2L3
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PARISH REQUESTS:

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

"Prayer is the soul of hope"
Pope Francis

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

Tue. Oct 8 7:00 pm – Kay Lehman Req'd by CWL

7:00 pm – Kathryn Meyer Req'd by Bev & Sharon Meyer

Wed. Oct 9 9:00 am- Mary McIntee Req'd by Lori Speers

Thu. Oct 10 9:00 am- Courtney Seniuk Req'd by Jane & Melvin Seniuk

Fri. Oct 11 9:00 am – Peter Mogensen Req'd by Betty Mogensen & Family

Sat. Oct 12 4:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sun. Oct 13 9:00 am - People of the Parish

Lectors

Sat. Oct 12 Cesar Arruda

Sun. Oct 13 Emma Westendorp

CONFESSION: Tue. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or call Fr. Mike at 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Oct 12 5:30 p.m People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Oct 13 11:00 a.m People of the Parish

This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6

A prayer for God's blessing

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom.

Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. www.loyolapress.com

Family Connection

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the Suscipe.

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary



*"The Rosary is my favourite prayer."
Blessed John Paul II*



The Pope's Monthly Intention

October –For a Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

CWL- MARK YOUR CALENDERS

- THE NEXT CWL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1:00 PM ON TUES. OCT. 8TH , IN THE ENGLAND ROOM
- ST. MARY AUXILIARY (FORMERLY HNS) MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WED. OCT. 9 AT 7 PM. ALL GENTLEMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF BUSINESS TO COVER AS WELL AS NEW EXECUTIVES TO BE VOTED IN. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !

Diocesan Calendar-October 7-12

Mon-Rev. Jeff Bergsma	Thu-Rev. Patrick Ohl
Tue-Rev. Michael Anderson	Fri-Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wed-Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)	Sat-Chancery Staff



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Extraordinary ministers of Communion bring the Eucharist to the faithful who are ill and deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the parish community. This workshop covers the ministry of Extraordinary ministers of Communion to the sick. **Thursday, October 24, 2024, St. Raphael Parish, Burlington, ON, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/02/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-2/>

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their

vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest, brother or sister. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH Parenting Tip #162 Children are born helpless, so instinctively know how to cry to have their needs met. As they grow older, parents have to help them learn not to use crying as a way to get what they want, especially when what they want may not be essential! Gently helping them learn that “no” is an option for parents, makes the times you can say yes much more exciting. It also helps them understand that they cannot always have their way or what they want at any given moment. This makes their life, and yours, much calmer and happier. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH Marriage Tip #142 Marriage in the Catholic Church has love as its foundation, but it also comes with the responsibility of an essential vocation. Married couples are meant to be the visible sign of the invisible love of God. It is good to take time now and then to ask yourselves how your marriage is fulfilling this role. Do you spend time together connecting and continuing to learn about each other, do you show mercy to your spouse by not expecting perfection, do you work together to build your marriage up, instead of letting issues slip by and cause discontent? When we live our marriages with love and an eye to its vocation, our relationships are stronger and happier! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

ACT II (SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP) WATERLOO 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30pm at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit the website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact the Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.



Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day: October 7

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 of the Hail Mary instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks. The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace. The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.