

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel comes from John and the theme of this gospel is that Jesus is the source of life. In chapter 10 Jesus says: "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness." If, then, you are one of those people who feel that to be a Christian is a burden, then it seems that you have not yet grasped the meaning of Christ's message. To be a Christian is to experience a real sense of liberation – to experience a new life, a new sense of happiness, a new peace, a new relationship with people.

In today's Gospel we read a story about Jesus and his mother and his disciples taking part in a friend's wedding party. Do we feel that Jesus should have just attended the wedding ceremony (the 'religious part') and kept away from the festivities? When the wine runs out, Jesus is the one who sees that there is a plentiful supply. Through the intervention of Jesus, the water in these jars is transformed into wine and a first-class wine at that ("You have kept the best wine until now."). This wine represents the Christian Testament, the new life, the new Way of Jesus. One clear message of today's readings is that our Christian religion is a religion of joy. The genuine Christian really knows how to enjoy life.

**St. Teresa of Avila:**

"May God protect me from gloomy saints."

**Vocations**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious consecrated life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988  
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**Altar Servers Needed**

We are in great need of altar servers at our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please call our office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel) is taking place from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week or a month to be with Jesus and nourish your spiritual life.

**Offertory Procession**

Confirmation & Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on Sunday:

**January 20th** - 10 a.m. Samuel Heimpel & his family.

**Preparing for Confirmation**

**Friday, January 25th** at 7:00 p.m. - Meeting with parents of Confirmation candidates. Catechetical Session IV: "Confirmed in the Spirit".

**Mass Intentions**

January 21 - 27, 2019

**Tuesday, January 22: 8:00 p.m.**

+**Jerome Bastian & Alfonse and Elizabeth Bast** –  
*Helen Bastian and Family*

**Wednesday, January 23: 8:30 a.m.**

**Rokicki Family**

**Thursday, January 24: 8:30 a.m.**

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**Friday, January 25: 8:30 a.m.**

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**Saturday, January 26: 9:00 a.m.**

+**John Novak** – *Helene Meier*

**Saturday, January 26: 5:00 p.m.**

+**Don Williams** – *Williams Family*

**Sunday, January 27: 10:00 a.m.**

**Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018**

Monday, January 21 – Rev. Felix Nwatu

Tuesday, January 22 – Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa

Wednesday, January 23 – Discalced Carmelite Fathers

Thursday, January 24 – Rev. Ranjan D'Sa

Friday, January 25 – Rev. Louis Lenssen

Saturday, January 26 – Rev. Alessandro Tirelli

Sunday, January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Christmas Carol Concert**

Paul Szczepanek from Mississauga will join us for 10:00 a.m. Mass on **February 3, 2019**. Following the Eucharist he will perform a few Christmas carols from his newest CD which was released just recently. Please invite others to join us for this joyful celebration!

**Thank you** to all of our parish volunteers who helped organize, setup and serve at our special celebration (maintain the spirit of Christmas) last Sunday. Without your dedication and involvement this event would not be the same. You made the Quo Vadis Choir, Camerata Ensemble and Special Guest Karolina Podolak feel very welcome. Thank you!!!

**Stewardship Report****January 1, 2018**

New Year's Day.....	1,372.00
Envelopes (Regular).....	95.00
Loose.....	152.50
Christmas Offering.....	50.00
Initial Offering.....	265.00
Grapevine Group – hall rental Jan.-June.....	455.00
Missals.....	41.00

**All Parishioners** – Please make sure that the parish office has your updated address information for the mailing of your 2018 tax receipt. If not, call Ann in the office at 519-743-4525.

We would like to thank all those who use envelopes and support our parish. This way you can take advantage of filing your contributions along with your personal income tax return.

**Building and Maintenance Collection**

Starting at the end of January we will be having an extra 'Building and Maintenance' collection at the end of each month in 2019 to help the parish with many repairs and upgrades needed to keep the church in good condition. We would really appreciate your help. There will be extra envelopes left in the pews each month.

**St. Teresa School – The Umbrella Project**

Parent Night with Dr. Jen Forristal on **Wednesday, January 30th** at St. Teresa School beginning at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Umbrella Parenting: Empower your child to take on life and develop the positive skills they will need for health, happiness and future success. "Success is an open Umbrella" Light refreshments will be provided! Please RSVP by calling the school at 519-743-2131 indicating number of adults that will be attending

**Prayer Meeting**

**BLD - GVO St. Teresa Prayer Community** invites you to join their Prayer Meetings **every Friday** [Healing Masses every First Friday of the month]. Prayer meetings begin with a Rosary at 7:15 pm followed by a charismatic form of prayer at 7:30 pm. This is a great time for us to quiet our minds and hearts, from the busyness of the week, and listen to the Lord, loving you, and talking to you. We pray for one another and for our personal intentions, we sing and we reflect on the readings for Sunday. Regular participation in prayer meetings can strengthen our faith, and help us to find serenity and joy even though facing challenges of daily life. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Mt 18:20

**Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Planning Meeting**

Please join the St. Teresa School Playground Committee for a planning meeting on **Tuesday, January 22nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This fundraiser will be a joint parish/school event, with proceeds being shared. The Pasta Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, March 31st.

**Candle-light Prayer Vigil on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

at 6:00 p.m. for 1 hour in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) followed by refreshments at Our Lady of Sorrows RC Church with speaker Stephen Woodworth at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call 519-746-5433 for more information.

**World Religion Day 2019**

A Prelude to the United Nation's World Inter Faith Harmony Week in February. Discussion about the Role of Religion in Humanity's Future on **Sunday, January 20th** from 2 – 5 p.m., Silence Music Hall, 46 Essex St., Guelph. Free Admission and Refreshments. To ensure seating or for information, e-mail: WRDGuelph@gmail.com

**WCDSB - Hiring**

We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: **Occasional Teachers**

Please visit our website for job details and application criteria:

[www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

**Ecumenical Prayer Service**

at St. Francis of Assisi Church (49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener) on **Sunday, January 20th** at 2 p.m. and the Ecumenical Service with Taize Songs at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Road East, Kitchener) on **Sunday, January 27th** at 7:30 p.m. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being celebrated in KW from January 20th – 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Ecumenical Service**

with Taize Songs at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Road East, Kitchener) on Sunday, January 27th at 7:30 p.m. We invite you to join us in prayer as we close this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity using meditative singing.

**Euchre Results**

High Score - Lucy Baker

Most Lone Hands - Bernard Brohman

Low Score - Sandra Nakluski

1st Draw - Neil Hart / 2nd Draw - Lucy Hart

Next game night will be **Friday, January 25, 2019**.

**Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 16, 2019** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.