

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

During the Ordinary Sundays of this year it is Luke's story about Christ that we will be following. Today's Gospel passage is in two distinct parts. It begins with the opening paragraph of Luke's account. It is addressed to a friend, Theophilus [□□□□□□□□, 'beloved of God']. Luke implies that Theophilus has already been instructed orally in the message of Jesus but Luke will now present him with an accurate and orderly account of Jesus' life and teaching. Luke clearly acknowledges that he himself never saw Jesus. His gospel was written at least 50 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Yet he wants to assure his friend that what he writes is accurate and is based on the experiences of people who did know Jesus personally. His first purpose – as we see in the second part of today's passage – is to tell us the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection for our personal lives and why we should accept and follow Jesus as our King and Lord.

As Jesus stood up to read, a passage from the prophet Isaiah was given to him. It was a passage about the coming Messiah. What happens now, of course, is that Jesus is announcing that he himself is that Messiah. He applies the words of the prophet to himself. "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me [at his baptism], for he has anointed me." What we are seeing here is the solemn inauguration of Jesus' public life and mission.

St. Teresa of Avila:

"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world."

Vocations

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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

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.

Prayer Network:

For those not on the internet there is an envelope on the bulletin board at the main entrance marked 'PRAYER NETWORK'. Please take a copy of the prayer intentions inside this envelope and pray for fellow parishioners.

Mass Intentions

January 28 – February 3, 2019

Tuesday, January 29: 7:00 p.m.
Intentions of the Children of Terry & Inga Collins – Terry Collins

Wednesday, January 30: 8:30 a.m.
Rokicki Family

Thursday, January 31: 8:30 a.m.
+Florence Schmidt – Bob & Irene Schmidt

Friday, February 1: 8:30 a.m.
Rokicki Family

Saturday, February 2: 9:00 a.m.
Rokicki Family

Saturday, February 2: 5:00 p.m.
+Pearl Misersky – Pat & Dan Weiler
+Scott Weiler – Pat & Dan Weiler

Sunday, February 3: 10:00 a.m.
Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018

Monday, January 28 – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Tuesday, January 29 – Rev. Tim Hingston
Wednesday, January 30 – Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
Thursday, January 31 – Rev. David Avila
Friday, February 1 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Saturday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord
Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory Procession

Confirmation & Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on Sunday:
February 2nd - 10 a.m. Grace Hackbart and her family.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Daniel Miehm from Peterborough diocese will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on **Monday, February 11, 2019** at 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Meeting – In the Parish Centre at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 31st**. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in volunteering in any aspect of Parish Life. We need readers, servers, ministers of the Eucharist, money counters, luncheon helpers, ushers, people to help clean and set up for events. If you are not able to attend please call the parish office at 519-743-4525 or Mary Alice at 519- 578-2019. Helping within the parish family is always gratifying.

Building and Maintenance Collection

Starting this weekend 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 will be keeping you informed of the repairs and upgrades as they are completed. We would really appreciate your help. There will be extra envelopes left in the pews each month.

Maintenance Completed - A big thank you to the generous people who donated and installed two low flush toilets in the main hall washrooms. This will be a cost-saving measure for the parish. Funds are very limited and the maintenance committee is doing its best to get jobs done at reasonable cost. The lighting throughout the church, hall and outside is being upgraded to LED which should also be a significant saving for the parish. The job will be completed in the spring when the weather has improved. The side entrance flat roof needs to be fixed, the steps leading to the parish office need repair, and flowerbeds are in need of work, among many other things. All of this costs time and money. Thanks goes out to all who have helped financially and physically with their hard work. These are ongoing projects.

Twilight Retreat

Thank you to all who attended the parish Twilight Retreat on Tuesday, January 15th. Father Michael King led us on a journey of his path from his first calling to his role of Hamilton Diocesan Vocations Director. A special thank you to our men's catering team who provided us with a delicious, hot and plentiful supper.

Christmas Carol Concert

Paul Szczepanek from Mississauga will join us for 10:00 a.m. Mass on **February 3rd**. 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!

Stewardship Report

January 6, 2019	
Envelopes.....	\$2,270.00
Loose.....	162.50
Christmas Offering.....	60.00
Initial Offering.....	230.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	100.00
Building and Maintenance.....	15.00
Seminary.....	5.00
January 13, 2019	
Envelopes.....	\$1,867.00
Loose.....	886.45
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00
Initial Offering.....	43.00
Building and Maintenance.....	315.00

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.

Kindergarten Registration at St. Teresa School, 270 Edwin Street, Kitchener during the day for the **month of February** from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call for an appointment. If you work during the day and need an after school appointment, please call to book an appointment for **Thursday, February 21st** from 4 to 7 p.m.

 **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

Prayer Vigil on Thursday, February 7th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own!
Parking - across the road. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Lecture in Catholic Experience "Illuminating Justice"
The Ethical Imagination of the Saint John's Bible." Scripture scholar, Jonathan Homrighausen, will explore how the Saint John's Bible is a call to social ethics for the 21st-century, especially in terms of justice for women, care for creation, and dialogue between Jews and Christians. Please join us on **Friday, February 1st**, 7:30 p.m., St. Jerome's University, Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce

2019 Potato Blitz

Help feed your neighbours in need by donating cash or potatoes. Supermarket Blitz on **Saturday, February 9th** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Learn more at www.houseoffriendship.org or call 519-742-8327, ext. 119.

 **Euchre Results**

Next game night will be **Friday, February 8, 2019**.

 **Bingo**

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