

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“HOW HAPPY ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR... Alas for you who are rich...” Maybe in church this is very nice to hear but is it a practical teaching in the real world? The Gospel says that many people from many places came to hear Jesus preach. But these words, we are told, though clearly relevant to all were meant especially for Jesus’ disciples. Who are his disciples? They are those who have identified themselves fully with Jesus’ mission, with his vision of life. They are those who believe in him, who listen to him, and follow him.

What Jesus says in Luke’s gospel today is similar to Matthew’s eight beatitudes. When we first hear them they seem like a contradiction: the poor are happy; the rich are to be condemned. Does not the Church always condemn the world’s poverty? And our societies always say that to make a lot of money is the sure sign of a successful life. If we want to understand Jesus’ words we need to know he is speaking of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is the society that Jesus wants to establish and not just in some future life. The bottom line is not poverty or wealth but where we put our security. Do I put my security in what I have or in an interdependent community where each supports the other and thus all are taken care of? This is the ideal, the vision of the Kingdom, it is the mission of the Church. It is the responsibility of every disciple of Jesus.

St. Teresa of Avila

Our body has this defect that, the more it is provided care and comforts, the more needs and desires it finds.

Vocations

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy to those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious consecrated, or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

Family Day Blessing at both Masses on **February 16th/17th**. Each family will receive a special blessing. Continuing through the rest of the year, there will be a family blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

Mass Intentions

February 18 - 24, 2019

Tuesday, February 19: 7:00 p.m.
+Anne Rektor – *The Moser Family*

Wednesday, February 20: 8:30 a.m.
+Florence Schmidt – *Bob & Irene Schmidt*

Thursday, February 21: 8:30 a.m.
+Hans Forthuber – *Helene Meier*

Friday, February 22: 8:30 a.m.
Health & Blessings Tina Caruk – Andrew Caruk

Saturday, February 23: 9:00 a.m.
+John Runstedler – *Jane Richard*

Saturday, February 23: 5:00 p.m.
+Mary Collins – *Jean Giles*

Sunday, February 24: 10:00 a.m.
Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish

Offertory Procession

Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays:
February 24th - 10 a.m. Addison Waters & Family
March 3rd - 10 a.m. Inara Walker & Family

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018

Monday, February 18 – Rev. Scott Whitfield
Tuesday, February 19 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Wednesday, February 20 – Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood
Thursday, February 21 – Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Friday, February 22 – Rev. David Reilander
Saturday, February 23 – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Sunday, February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report

February 3, 2019	
Envelopes.....	\$2,174.00
Loose.....	635.50
Building and Maintenance.....	330.00
Candles.....	21.00
Hall Rental - Sue’s Calorie Club.....	80.00
Hall Rental – baby shower.....	150.00

Correction to Stewardship Report-January 27th
Building and Maintenance (not \$80) **\$585.75**

CWL Family Day Soup and Sandwiches

Join us on Family Day, **Monday, February 18th** at noon for a soup and sandwich lunch. Come and enjoy homemade soup and great company. Free will donations gratefully accepted.

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 1st at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the corner of Lancaster and Bridgeport Road at 2:00 pm. We encourage all members of St. Teresa Parish to attend. Imagine Christians from over 170 countries coming together in spirit, uniting to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This is a reality: the movement has been active for nearly 100 years. Each year, a different participating country writes the service. This year the women of Slovenia have prepared the service for the World Day of Prayer.

Thank you so much to the many people that helped make Confirmation day so special for the students, from decorating, cleaning, setup, sing, celebrating the Mass, cooking etc. Would like to congratulate the Confirmation candidates and pray that their journey with Jesus will be a special one.

Save-the-Date - Lenten Parish Retreat will take place from Sunday, March 31st – Wednesday, April 3rd Mass during the week day will be celebrated at 7 p.m. and our retreat master is Father David Perrin from St. Jerome’s University.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 9th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Euchre Results

High Score - Bernard Brohman
Most Lone Hands - Chris Hennebry + John Lawler
Low Score - Lucy Baker
1st Draw - Lucy Hart / 2nd Draw - Charlotte Wilson

Next game night will be **Friday, February 22nd**.

Bingo

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



What are the potential benefits of the campaign’s focus on campus ministry?

We know that many Catholic young people who go away to college and university are going to Mass less when they graduate. We want to help college and university students form networks and communities that help them to be comfortable living out their faith. In short, the Diocese wants to support Catholic students during an important time in their lives. Campaign funds will be allocated toward staff and program costs for chaplaincy programs associated with post-secondary institutions within the Diocese.

How would the hospital ministry goal be beneficial?

Hospital ministry is a way for the Church to be Jesus for us during a difficult time, providing comfort, peace and healing as we tackle big questions. The campaign goal will serve to improve what we already do to make the Church present to a population that might not be present in our parishes. Funds will provide for:

- Pastoral formation and training for those who minister to the sick, whether it be priests, deacons, seminarians or lay hospital ministers.
 - Resources for and promotion of palliative care, which aims to relieve the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness.
- Why the focus on prison ministry and help for migrant workers?**

These goals aim to help raise the consciousness of the Diocese at large to these populations and their needs. The Church is theirs, too, and the Church needs to be there for them for the same reason it ministers to all of us. Funds from the campaign will enhance the mission and vision of prison ministry, in particular by formalizing the structure of the ministry in the Diocese. That will include the training of deacons and lay volunteers to help them share the healing and compassion of Jesus with those confined in correctional institutions. For migrant workers, the Diocese is committed to ensuring their spiritual and pastoral care for the period they spend in the area providing labour in the industries in which they work.

Items to Collect to Support Charities



Support local charities and organizations by collecting pop tabs, eye glasses, yarn, glass bottles (200 ml or smaller) canning jars, Campbell soup labels, milk bags, candles, religious items (rosaries, books, etc.), books (children and young adults), new and used religious cards, sheets and towels. NO egg cartons or bread tabs please. The drop-off bin is at the back of the Church, outside the Adoration Chapel. For more information call Chris at: 519-745-2819.