## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus in today's gospel tells his disciples: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you..." But there is worse to come: "To the one who slaps you on one cheek, give the other. To the one who takes your cloak, give your tunic [the rest of your clothes]. Do not ask your property back from the robber."

#### MANY PEOPLE DESIRE TO HAVE POWER:

Power that having money gives.

Power of being influential, having prestige.

Power of the politician.

Power of having access to the inside track, "friends" in high places.

Power of the blackmailer.

Power of the teenage bully in school.

In general it is seen as the ability to force people to do what I want.

However, the Gospel today speaks of another kind of power – the power of love and justice. In this power, both the giver and receiver benefit.

#### St. Teresa of Avila

I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now, I was not always on the ground.

## **Vocations**

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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

"Welcoming of our Confirmandi" on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 a.m.: During this Mass our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 11th, will be officially welcomed by our parish community and will receive their Confirmation Certificate.

**Healing Mass** on **Friday, March 1st** at 7 pm is being celebrated by Fr. Daniel Janulewicz OMI. Please join us at this celebration and pray for the grace of your personal healing or for other people.

#### **Adoration for Life**

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – console his heart wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kitchener - Friday, March 1st. 6-7 pm, Mass at 7pm.

**Nocturnal Adoration** is held every first Saturday of the month from 9 - 10 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

## **Mass Intentions**

February 25 – March 3, 2019

Tuesday, February 26: 7:00 p.m. +Clair Deckert, Monica & Tom Buckle – Helen Deckert

Wednesday, February 27: 8:30 a.m. Health & Blessings Roman & Grace Gajkowski – Andrew & Tina Caruk

Thursday, February 28: 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Jonathan – MA & Bill Zister

Friday, March 1: 8:30 a.m. +Mikolaj & Kinga Caruk – Andrew & Tina Caruk

Saturday, March 2: 9:00 a.m. +Carolin Hicknell – Quilting Group

Saturday, March 2: 5:00 p.m. +Mary Maznyk – Jean Giles

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

#### **Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018**

Monday, February 25 – David Weise Tuesday, February 26 – Rev. Tom Moisan Wednesday, February 27 – Catholic Single Adults Thursday, February 28 – Rev. Pabilito Labado Friday, March 1 – Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger Saturday, March 2 – Rev. Tim Theriault Sunday, March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions will follow weekday Masses this week (Feb. 26-March 1).

#### **Offertory Procession**

Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays:

**February 24<sup>th</sup> -** 10 a.m. Addison Waters & Family **March 3rd -** 10 a.m. Inara Walker & Family

Preparing for 1st Holy Communion - meeting with parents of First Communion children on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 pm in our parish hall. Catechetical Session 3: "Discovering the Gift of the Eucharist".

#### Children's Liturgy

We would like to start a Children's Liturgy class for children during Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call the office.

# 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.

# Stewardship Report

February 10, 2019	
Envelopes	\$2,017.00
Loose	
Building and Maintenance	10.00
Vigil Lights	
Initial Offering	
Seminary Education	

**Income tax receipts** for 2018 were mailed out last week. We would like to thank you for your continued support of this parish. Presentation of the financial statement for the year 2018 will take place on **March 17th**.

**Building and Maintenance Fund** will have a second collection today (February 23/24th) 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. There are extra envelopes left in the pews or at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

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.

## **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.

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser: Sunday, March 31st, St. Teresa Parish and St. Teresa School Playground Committee invite you to a Pasta Dinner catered by Ennio's. More details soon! We are looking for prizes for raffles. If you would like to donate something for this evening please contact Barbara Daly at: bmdaly@me.com.

**Development and Peace:** St. Michael's Church Share Lent workshop has been rescheduled for **Tuesday**, **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. It will begin at 7:30 pm, with coffee and registration at 7:15 pm. Please join us to learn more about this year's "Share the Journey" campaign. All are welcome.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally! Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! The theme of this year's rally is "Hope In The Midst of Suffering". Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring. The adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. The youth Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is organizing transportation. Price including entry ticket and transportation to this event, total cost is \$55.00. For more information and to purchase your ticket, please contact Mel Raos at 519-504-9980.

# **Lenten Preparation - Our Life in Community - Saint John's Bible Reflection**

Join St. Michael's CWL! **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parish Centre, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo How do we understand 'community' in our modern world? How do we live as community in the Church? What can we learn from the early Christian community? Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination of the Saint John's Bible. Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God. This session will help guide us as we prepare for Easter.

We welcome everyone (men and women). Feel free to bring a friend along too.



Next game night will be Friday, February 22nd.



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