

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel repeats some of last Sunday’s. Jesus, at the beginning of his public life, has delivered what today we would call his ‘mission statement’, using words of the prophet Isaiah. Today, as he speaks, Jesus says that these words are being fulfilled – in him. The Messiah they have been waiting for is now here in the person of Jesus. His Kingdom has begun to be realised in his works of healing, of reconciliation and liberation from evil powers. At first, the crowd was amazed that one of their fellow villagers could speak with such grace and eloquence and with such authority. But it was something altogether different to put themselves in his hands. Who did he really think he was? After hearing Jesus’ words about the poor reception of prophets by their own people, they were worked up into a blind rage and hatred. They wanted to push Jesus off the cliff on which their town was built. But, says Mark, Jesus passed through their midst and left them. These are terrible words and let us pray that such a thing may never happen to us:

- that Jesus should walk right through us
- that we should fail to recognise his presence among us (usually in the people around us)
- that we even reject him,

so that he goes off without us, leaving us behind. It will not be he who has abandoned us; we will have rejected him. And he will never force himself on us.

St. Teresa of Avila:

Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed.

Vocations

No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious consecrated life or priesthood. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Preparing for 1st Holy Communion

**Wednesday, February 6th** - Meeting with parents of First Communion children. Catechetical Session 3: “Discovering the Gift of the Eucharist”.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Daniel Miehm from Peterborough diocese will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on **Monday, February 11th** at 7:00 p.m. We would like to invite all the parish community to this solemn celebration

Mass Intentions

February 4 – 10, 2019

**Tuesday, February 5: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Rokicki Family**

**Wednesday, February 6: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Terry Gaffney – *Sylvia Ingoldsbys***

**Thursday, February 7: 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Florence Schmidt – *Bob & Irene Schmidt***

**Friday, February 8: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Intention of Lee Binkle – *Joan Airdrie***

**Saturday, February 9: 9:00 a.m.**  
**+Rose Lehmann – *Quilting Group***

**Saturday, February 9: 5:00 p.m.**  
**+Ludwig Ceh – *Theresa Ceh & Family***

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

Mass Intentions

There are weekday Mass intentions available for deceased, sick or any special intention for family and friends. Please call or visit office if you would like to request a Mass.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018

Monday, February 4 – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma  
Tuesday, February 5 – Rev. James McSharry  
Wednesday, February 6 – Chaplains  
Thursday, February 7 – Rev. Toby Collins  
Friday, February 8 – Rev. Joseph Okoko  
Saturday, February 9 – Rev. Franjo Sprajc  
Sunday, February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report

<b>January 20, 2019</b>	
Envelopes.....	\$2,663.00
Loose.....	205.25
Building and Maintenance.....	80.00
Lehmann Funeral.....	150.00
Donations re. Rose Lehmann.....	435.00

**Seminary Education Collection** – please note that there will be a special collection for Seminary Education coming up on **February 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup>** which will take place after communion. These envelopes are in your contribution envelope box or use envelope in pew marked ‘Seminary Education’. Thank you.

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.

**Bible Sunday** is being celebrated by the Diocese of Hamilton on the weekend of **February 2nd & 3rd**. In a world that is increasingly loud and hectic, we must slow ourselves down, to listen to God’s message with eagerness and openness and then He will send us out as His messengers. We will display historical bibles in front of the church to inspire us to read scripture on a daily basis.

Purchasing Defibrillator

Due to a number of emergency situations in the past year during or after Mass, we believe it would be a good idea to purchase a Defibrillator for the church to be available for Masses and hall events. We received a quote from St. John’s Ambulance for \$1,700. We’d like your feedback.

**CWL General Meeting –Tuesday, February 12th** following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Join us to discuss who you are interested in as a guest speaker. All are welcome, we need your ideas.

**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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)

Share Lent Workshop

This Lenten season Development and Peace and Pope Francis invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees, to make a commitment to really go toward others, to stop, listen and really see them. To learn how to foster a culture of encounter in your parish or school join us for this workshop on **Tuesday, February 12th**, St Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Valentine Rolled Rib & Ham Dinner – Saturday, February 9th**, sittings at 5 & 7 p.m. Adults (over 12) \$20 per person, kids under 5 free, 5 to 11 \$12. It is a two meat dinner (not one or the other but both if desired). Mashed potatoes, creamy coleslaw, mixed vegetables, buns, pickles, relish tray, dessert, coffee and tea. When ordering tickets please let people know what sitting you would like. Call Mike Runstedler at 519-580-5005, Tim Vegh at 519-648-3952 or Jackie Peacock at 519-823-5194 for tickets. Sponsored by Maryhill K of C and St. Boniface CWL.

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.

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](http://www.houseoffriendship.org) or call 519-742-8327, ext. 119.

**The Alpha Course** is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low-key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session, which gives you the opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. The Alpha Course will begin **February 28th** and run until May 2nd at St. Mark’s Parish (55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener). You are invited to a "Come and See" on **Thursday, February 14th** at 7:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at: 226-808-4733 or [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

**Bach Vespers In Epiphany:** Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantata 48, “Ich elender Mensch,” and Brahms’s Geistliche Lied, Op. 30 as part of a service of Vespers at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener on **Sunday, February 10th** at 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Enns Modolo and Steve Surian, soloists. Admission free; donation requested.

**Camp Shalom Summer Camp:** If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then apply to be on staff at Camp Shalom this summer. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31, 2019 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start February 16th.

 **Euchre Results**

High Score - Sandra Nakluski  
Most Lone Hands - Bill Zister Low Score - Charlotte Wilson  
1st Draw - Derek Nakluski / 2nd Draw - Mary Alice Zister  
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.