

5th Sunday of Lent

The Scripture of today's Mass speaks of how God is always compassionate to his people. In today's Gospel, when we see Jesus with the sinful woman, we are also seeing God. Jesus can be called the Sacrament of God among us. A sacrament in general is a visible manifestation of the power of God working among us. We might say there are two kinds of sinners in today's Gospel passage. First, there is the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, a very serious matter. But in this story, the Scribes and Pharisees are also sinners. Not in their own eyes, of course, but in the eyes of Jesus and his Gospel they are totally lacking in the compassion that God displays and which he expects his followers to have: "Be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful."

The woman in this story is not just an isolated sinner. She represents all of us. She represents every person who has sinned. She represents you and me. And the Scribes and Pharisees, who were sinners too, also represent you and me. We sin in both ways: when we hurt others by indulging our desires at their expense and when we hurt others by setting ourselves up as superior and better than they.

Now let us look at Jesus in this scene. First of all, Jesus does not deny the woman's sin. The woman has been dragged before Jesus as a pawn in a game. The game is one of entrapment. "Moses ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" Jesus at first ignores their question, which reveals how far they are from understanding what he has been teaching and doing. He bends down and writes with his finger on the sandy ground. There has been much speculation about what he might have been writing but it seems to be a way of refusing to walk into their all too obvious trap. When they persist, he says: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." To their credit, not one of them took up the challenge. One by one, beginning from the most senior, they slipped quietly out of his sight. This is the first teaching of today's Gospel: only one without sin can sit in judgment on another person. To put it more colloquially: people in glass houses cannot throw stones. Yet, do we not do this all the time.

St. Teresa of Avila

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself."

Vocations

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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

Mass Intentions

April 8 - 14, 2019

Tuesday, April 9: 7:00 p.m.
Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

Wednesday, April 10: 8:30
Intention of Roland Levesque – Erma Williams

Thursday, April 11: 8:30 a.m.
+Sonia Miranda - Elzbieta

Thursday, April 11: 10:45 a.m.
School Reconciliation – Grade 3-8

Friday, April 12: 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Lee Binkle – Rosemary Mussar

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13: 9:00 a.m.
+Sonia Miranda - Elzbieta

Saturday, April 13: 5:00 p.m.
+Lincoln Snyder – Ann Snyder & Family

Sunday, April 14: 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 Saturday & Sunday:

April 13th – 5 p.m. Abigail Henderson & Family

April 21st – 10 a.m. Inara Walker & Family

Preparing for 1st Holy Communion - meeting with parents of First Communion children on **Thursday, April 11th** at 7:00 pm in our parish hall. Reconciliation for the Grade 3 – 8 students will take place on **Thursday, April 11th** at 10:45 a.m.

Thank You

We'd like to share with the entire parish community that we have all new toilets in the parish centre. Thanks to anonymous donors who donated towards toilets in our washrooms in the hall (4 new toilets) and to members of maintenance committee who installed them. This generous gesture has saved us a few thousand dollars. It is a great sign of care and support towards our parish.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, April 16:

7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 17:

8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18:

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, April 19:

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotion

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Station of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20:

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21:

10:00 a.m. The Mass of Easter Day

Easter Monday, April 22:

10:00 a.m. Easter Octave

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, April 8 – Rev. Mark Sullivan

Tuesday, April 9 – Very Rev. Ian Duffy

Wednesday, April 10 – Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ

Thursday, April 11 – Rev. Joseph Akanbi

Friday, April 12 – Rev. Piotr Golinski

Saturday, April 13 – Very Rev. Lukasz Kipaniak

Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

A Cursillo Weekend is taking place in May at the St Ignatius Deemerton Retreat Centre near Mildmay. (Transportation to the Centre is provided.) We all know God but how many of us truly know God on a personal and intimate level? A 3 day Cursillo weekend is a short review of Christianity. Beginning on a Thursday evening and ending early Sunday evening, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, and take a closer look at yourself, God, and others. It is our hope and prayer that you come away with the profound knowledge that Christ loves you, and that you can't help but share that love with others. If you are over 18 years old, and open to a closer relationship with God. For more information contact Sandy Levesque at: 519-744-0841 or email at: sandravesque45@gmail.com
Women's Wknd: **May 2-5** / Men's Wknd: **Oct. 17-20/19**

Stewardship Report

March 24, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$2,023.00
Loose.....	115.45
Building and Maintenance.....	105.00
Funeral - Canhoto.....	150.00
Memorial Donations- Moser.....	260.00

CWL General Meeting on Tuesday, April 9th after 7 p.m. Mass. We will be discussing election choices for the Diocese CWL council and possible speakers for future meeting. All are welcome.

Church Cleaning for Easter

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, April 13th** when we will once gather to clean in the Church for Easter celebrations. We will start after Mass at 9:45. Men, women, and children are welcome to help. We appreciate an hour or two of your time.

Canadian Food for Children and Catholic Women's League

During Lent Dr. Simone is asking that we donate bars of soap. When we give a bar of soap to the poor, we prevent skin and lung infections, and diarrhea, we also stop flies from going into the eyes of the poor children. When the poor are clean, they have dignity and self-respect. Baskets will be made available at the church entrances until **April 14th** for donations of bars of soap for Dr. Simone's poor. We appreciate the generosity of our St. Teresa parishioners!

Heartache to Healing – St. Michael's Grief Support Group

St. Michael's 6 week grief support group sessions will be available again **starting May 1st**. The program assists those who have lost a loved one, or another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5), at St. Michael's, 80 University Ave. W. Waterloo. There is no fee, but you **must register by April 12th**. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office at 519-884-9311.

**Euchre**

High Score - Bob Schmidt

Most Lone Hands - Derek Naklusi

Low Score - Chris Hennebry

1st Draw - Hector Cusson / 2nd Draw - Helen Bryce-Hoy

Next game night will be **Friday, April 12th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 13th** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener