

Divine Mercy Sunday

ON THIS, THE FIRST SUNDAY after the celebration of Easter, the emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the living Jesus in our midst. This Risen Jesus now lives on in the community which believes in him. It is endowed with the same powers that Jesus had during his life here on earth. "So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past."

The Gospel, brings us back to an earlier stage when the disciples have not yet come to the full realization that Jesus, whom they saw crucified, dead and buried, is now alive, that he is risen. He breathed on them, saying: "Receive the Holy Spirit." The very empowering authority of Jesus is transferred to them: "Whose sins you shall forgive... whose sins you shall retain..." When they act together in the name of Jesus, they have his authority. And, above all, their task is to "forgive sin", that is, to bring about a deep reconciliation between people and God and among people themselves, to make all one in Him.

But the story is not yet finished. Thomas, "one of the Twelve," was not there on that Easter Sunday. He stands for the sceptic in all of us. "Unless I see with my own eyes ... I will not believe." The following Sunday – the Sunday we are celebrating today, Thomas is directly addressed. "Put your finger here; look at my hands. Put your hand in my side. Don't doubt any longer but believe." There follows the greatest confession of faith in all of the gospels: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas had been invited to touch the wounds but he does not seem to have done so. And his cry of recognition is not based only on the evidence of his senses. He does not say, "Jesus, it's you!" but "My Lord and my God!"

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."

Vocation

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? 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



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.

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 – On Mother's Day, **May 12th** and Father's Day, **June 16th**, we will accept multiple mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525.

Mass Intentions

<p>April 29 – May 5, 2019</p> <p>Tuesday, April 30 - 7:00 p.m. Intention of Helen Bastian – MA & Bill Zister</p> <p>Wednesday, May 1 - 8:30 a.m. +Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer</p> <p>Thursday, May 2 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. +Rose Lehmann – MA & Bill Zister</p> <p>Friday, May 3 – 8:30 a.m. +May Nowak – MA & Bill Zister</p> <p>Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 a.m. +Bob Bezruki – MA & Bill Zister</p> <p>Saturday, May 4 - 5:00 p.m. +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family</p> <p>Sunday, May 5 - 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish</p>

Stewardship Report

April 14, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$2,179.00
Loose.....	271.00
Bldg. and Maintenance.....	375.00
Share Lent.....	80.00
Needs of the Church.....	10.00
Easter.....	25.00
Initial Offering.....	20.00
Hall Rental.....	150.00

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

- Monday, April 29 – Rev. Janusz Roginski
- Tuesday, April 30 – Rev. Jacek Kryn
- Wednesday, May 1 – Ursuline Sisters
- Thursday, May 2 – Rev. Robert Sims
- Friday, May 3 – Rev. Godwin Pinto
- Saturday, May 4 – Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski
- Sunday, May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

Thank you from CWL to all who donated soap bars (449) to Canadian Food for Children. Congratulations to all.

CWL General Meeting –Tuesday, May 14th following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. More details next week re. speaker.

Catechesis Connections: Catechist Formation

The next session for Catechesis Connections will take place in Guelph at St. Joseph's Parish. The schedule will be five Thursday evening sessions 7 – 8:30 pm beginning **May 2nd**. With the help of a new book by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, "Evangelization & Catechesis: Echoing the Good News through the Documents of the Church", we consider the connection between catechesis and evangelization. Short chapters, great stories and helpful reflection, for anyone who is engaged in sharing their faith at home or in the parish. The cost for this program is \$35 and includes the book. Online registration is available, <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/catechesis-connections> or contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or by email at: mverin@hamiltondiocese.com to register by April 22nd.

The Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) is coming to St. Teresa Parish. Fr. Marian Gil has been involved in LSS retreats and has seen the heart-warming transformation it can work in people's lives -- bringing peace to individuals, and reconciliation do families. YOU can experience the joy of having a personal relationship with the Lord. All it takes is your openness to the Holy Spirit.

The LSS will run over 7 weeks, every Friday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 pm beginning **May 17, 2019**. This event is open to all, including non parishioners, 19 years and older -- and it's free! In the next few weeks we will be hearing more about LSS. Please keep an open heart and an open mind. Got questions? Contact Mila Navaleza at 519-579-8276 or email Mila at mlnavaleza@gmail.com. You can also email Fr. Marian Gil: mariangil@icloud.com.

Adoration for Life - Thursday, May 2nd, 6 pm followed by 7 pm Mass at St. Agnes RC Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo.

The Gosnell Movie will be shown on Thursday May 2nd at St Teresa Church Hall 44 Leonard St Kit. at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm (the trial of Americas biggest serial baby killer, Kermit Gosnell) starring Dean Cain and Sarah Jane Morris. Free will offering.

March for Life in Toronto this year at Queen's Park. On **Thursday, May 9th**, we will call for justice for the preborn. KW Right to Life is taking a bus from Kitchener, leaving at 7:15 am – 6 pm. The March for Life begins at 10 am for one hour followed by speakers in the afternoon at St. Michael's University College. Bus seat \$25. Conference: \$20. Students ride free. For details, call KW Right to Life 519-746-5433 or kwrtl@golden.net

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? On **Sunday, June 9, 2019**, at 1:30 pm, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Please register by May 20th to be sure your name is included in the program. Details are available on the poster in the church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Palliative Care

Are you caring for a loved one? Are they in need of palliative care? Do you have questions? A committee of experts, in various related fields, came together to answer possible questions that are often raised at this difficult time in a person's life. Find the answers to important questions at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care>, or for further assistance call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Knights of Columbus - The Big Spring Cleanup For 2019

The snow is gone, and the robins are back! The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up is set to go on **Saturday, May 4th** from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Spring cleaning? Bring your discarded to the parking lot at St. Anthony Daniel parking lot at Ottawa and Franklin. We'll take your unwanted electronic waste and scrap metal of any kind. For a food bank donation, the K of C Shred-All truck will securely destroy your important papers. Girl Guides will be there offering their popular cookies for sale. Help the Kitchener Knights of Columbus raise the necessary funds for their local charities.

St Francis CWL Card Party on Wednesday, May 15th at

St. Francis Church Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Doors open at 12:30 pm and lunch will be served at 1 pm. Tickets are \$15/person and are available from the parish office at 519-745-7301 or Karin Manley at 519-576-6587. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will be donated to Hospice of Waterloo Region.

THE GIFT: Following their joyful reunion with Jesus after his Resurrection, the disciples were instructed to "Wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father." (Acts 1:8)

Celebrate Pentecost this year by taking part in "THE GIFT," a 6 week DVD series focusing on the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Join us as, like the disciples, we prayerfully wait, ponder and rediscover this great gift of the Father.

The Gift begins on **Thursday, May 6th** at 7 pm, St Anne's Church hall, 268 East Ave, Kitchener. For Information, please call Patrick or Rita: 519 748 5548.