

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Feast of **the Body and Blood of Christ**. In a way we have already celebrated this feast. We did so on Holy Thursday in Holy Week. On that occasion, the emphasis was on the institution, the gift of the Eucharist to us as one of Jesus' last acts before his suffering and death. Now the emphasis is on practical implementation of this gift. In many parts of the world, there will be a solemn and joyful procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the parish grounds or even through the public streets. **"Going to communion" is not a private "receiving" but a sharing**, an eating together of the one Bread and the shared drinking of the one Cup. This one Bread and one Cup represent Jesus in his Risen Body; it includes not only Jesus but the whole community present. We recognize in the sharing not just the individual Jesus coming to me but Jesus in his Body, of which we are all part.

Some people ask why they have to come to Mass and why they cannot pray at home. Of course, they can pray at home and sometimes that is a better place to pray. But Mass is not just a time for praying; it is a time for celebrating community. That cannot be done at home; we can only do that together.

A good Eucharist is the sign of a living community. A boring Eucharist is the sign of a dead one. The more we become aware of Christ living and acting in and through us as his Body, the more meaningful will be our gathering around his table.

"When you have received Holy Communion, close your bodily eyes so that you may open the eyes of your soul. Then look upon Jesus in the centre of your heart"
St. Teresa of Avila

Vocation

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as a married, single, ordained or consecrated person. 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.

Pre-baptismal Preparation (a one-hour meeting) is required and is available to parents after they register their child for baptism (pick up envelope at back of church on rack). These meetings are friendly gatherings helping parents to learn more how to accompany their children in passing on their faith. If child care is an issue, parents may bring their children. Godparents may attend but their presence is not mandatory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist is the centre and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel) is taking place from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week to be with Jesus and nourish our spiritual life. "If you are passing before a Church, enter to greet our Lord. Could you pass the door of a friend without saying hello?" St. John Vianney.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - we have prayer shawls available. If you would like one or know someone who needs one please contact the parish office. These shawls are made with prayer and love and have been blessed by our parish priests.

Family Day Blessing at both Masses on **June 29/30th**. 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 June 24 - 30, 2019

Monday, June 24 – 6:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation Mass
Tuesday, June 25 - 7:00 p.m. +Peter Geisel – <i>Marie Seitz</i>
Wednesday, June 26 - 8:30 a.m. +Michael & Patrick Dombroski & Margaret Golka – <i>Betty & Alban Dombroski</i>
Thursday, June 27 – 8:30 a.m. +Clair Deckert & Mary Fenton – <i>Helen Deckert & Family</i>
Friday, June 28 – 8:30 a.m. +Mary Cashubec – <i>Quilting Group</i>
Friday, June 28 – 9:40 a.m. Year-end School Mass
Saturday, June 29 – 9:00 a.m. +John Novak – <i>Helene Meier</i>
Saturday, June 29 – 5:00 p.m. +Ludwig Ceh – <i>Theresa Ceh & Family</i>
Sunday, June 30 - 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

- Monday, June 24 – Rev. Don Sanvido
- Tuesday, June 25 – Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
- Wednesday, June 26 – Comboni Missionaries
- Thursday, June 27 – Rev. Terence Sehl
- Friday, June 28 – Rev. Michael Anderson
- Saturday, June 29 – Rev. Edward Mahony
- Sunday, June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Stewardship Report
June 16, 2019**

Envelopes.....	\$1,919.05
Loose.....	163.95
Building and Maintenance.....	145.00
Insurance.....	60.00
Pope's Pastoral Works.....	50.00
Votive Candles.....	32.25

Building and Maintenance Collection

We will be having our end of the month extra collection next weekend to help the parish with many repairs and upgrades needed to keep the church in good condition. We would really appreciate your help. There will be extra envelopes left in the pews.

Lectors Workshop

We have a wonderful opportunity to organize a workshop just for lectors with Monsignor Murray Kroetsch - who is in charge of liturgy in the diocese of Hamilton. This workshop will take place on **Thursday, June 27th** from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in our parish hall. It will provide practical applications on how to proclaim the Word of God, that the message is heard and understood. I would like to invite all readers to this workshop and those who might be interested in this ministry going forward.

Baby Bottle Campaign by Marillac Place

Father's Day has past. Please return your baby bottles at the back of the church. Marillac Place relies heavily on these donations from our community to keep their doors open. Please support this important cause by returning your baby bottle filled with your donation as soon as possible.

The Annual 'Corpus Christi Procession' will be held **Sunday, June 23rd** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener. The procession route will be short and follow Courtland Ave. to Cedar St. and going into the parking lot of the Maple Grove School and into the Church again. All are welcome to attend".

Canada Day Celebration and BBQ in Maryhill

Join us at the Edward Halter House, 1338 Maryhill Rd., from 11 am – 3 pm on **Monday, July 1st**. Childrens crafts and music, horse drawn wagon tours, antique display and more.

Sister Alevtina and Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

will be visiting St. Teresa Parish. The exposition will take place on **Wednesday, June 26th** after the 8:30 am Mass. We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 20 years our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering. In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. Over 180 residents live here today. To help these people, workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments). You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions (see poster on bulletin board).

Corpus Christi Procession

You are invited to St. Boniface Church in Maryhill, who are holding their traditional annual Corpus Christi procession to the two outdoor altar houses. The procession will take place immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, July 1st**. New this year is a brunch at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) following the Corpus Christi celebration. Everyone is welcome!"

Marian Pilgrimage Days in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Thomas the Apostle, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown on **Sunday, July 6th** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each day starts with Mass followed by rosary procession Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Confession and lunch. Please bring your own lunch. See posters on bulletin board for other dates.

45th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec
Monday, August 5 – Friday, August 9, 2019.
 We will visit Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St.-Anne-de-Baupre, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph Oratory, & Our Lady of Lourdes Shrines. For more information, please contact:
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 **Euchre**

Next game night will be **Friday, July the 12th** at 7:00 pm. The two June bingos have been cancelled.

 **Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, July 6th** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.