

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we have one of the most famous Gospel stories, the “Good Samaritan”. There are four people in the story: 1) A Jewish priest, a man of deep religious convictions, serving in the Temple at Jerusalem. 2) A Levite, also a religious person with Temple connections. 3) A Samaritan, a traveller apparently on business. Samaritans were regarded by devout Jews as outsiders, heretics, people not to be seen in company with. 4) An unknown man, beaten up by robbers on the roadside. Presumably a Jew to give the story its full impact but not necessarily so. In a sense it is totally irrelevant what labels are attached to the man. Maybe he was stupid to be travelling alone with money on a notoriously dangerous road. In the story, the injured man – a complete stranger – has a higher priority than the needs of any of the other three. The first two are rushing to the Temple to worship God. What they fail to realise is that a child of God and their own brother is right there lying on the road. God can be worshipped right here! A real neighbour in the Gospel is one who can show real compassion to a total stranger in need, unconditionally and without moral judgement.

**Truth suffers, but never dies.**  
**St. Teresa of Avila**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel speaks of hospitality but from a very different perspective. This time the visitor is Jesus himself and apparently no stranger to the house. Jesus, we know, had no home of his own. “Foxes have their lairs, the birds of the air have their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” It is part of Jesus’ message of total freedom and detachment. Jesus was totally at the service of others by being continually on the move, going from place to place. In return, people saw to his personal needs. The house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus seems to have been a place where Jesus could go to when things got too difficult for him in nearby Jerusalem. Hospitality is a very important element of life in the Middle East. This is not surprising, given the hostile terrain of large stretches of waterless desert and hot sun. Such hospitality for us has become a victim of modern urban living. We only open our doors to our own family or people we know well. Our houses are constantly locked, even when we are at home. There are peepholes, cameras, and alarms. Strangers can no longer be trusted. One wonders if this is a step forward in our so-called civilized, cultured, developed and sophisticated society? In our very action-oriented society we may tend to sympathize with Martha slaving away in the kitchen while Mary seems to just sit looking dreamily into Jesus’ eyes. The situation may look less than ideal but we must remember that the purpose of the story is to help us get our priorities right.

**Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed.**  
**St. Teresa of Avila**

**Vocation – July 14, 2019**

It is a simple concept: love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called ‘priesthood’ or ‘religious 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

**Building and Maintenance Collection**

We will be having our end of the month extra collection **July 27/28** 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.

**Big Thank you**

I would like to thank the members of the maintenance committee who are continually looking after our property. In the recent weeks they completed several projects including renovation of church doors, cleaning the grounds around our Grotto (Jesus & Mary in Cana) and overseeing the removal of the chimney’s and resealing the roofs. If anyone would like to dedicate a bit of time helping us to maintain our grounds in good condition, especially flower beds, please contact our office.

**Mass Intentions July 15 - 21, 2019**

**Tuesday, July 16 - 7:00 p.m.**  
+Casimier & Mae Nowak – Helen Deckert

**Wednesday, July 17 - 8:30 a.m.**  
**Intention of Jayne Schiestel – Roland & Sandra Levesque**

**Thursday, July 18 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+Betty Millen – MA & Bill Zister

**Friday, July 19 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+Yvonne Bastian – Sandra Naklowski

**Friday, July 19 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**LSS Group Mass**

**Saturday, July 20 – 9:00 a.m.**  
+Yvonne Bastian – Quilting Group

**Saturday, July 21 – 5:00 p.m.**  
+Brenden Decker – Jean & Brian Giles

**Sunday, July 22 - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Coffee Sunday**

Join us for coffee Sunday after the 10 am Mass on **July 21st!** We look forward to seeing you.

**Mass Intentions July 22 – 28, 2019**

**Tuesday, July 23 – 7:00 p.m.**  
+Tonia & Bernard Meeks – Annie Baak & Family

**Wednesday, July 24 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+Maria Meenan – Andrew & Tina Caruk

**Thursday, July 25 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**For God’s Blessing for Christopher Zderski – Christine**

**Friday, July 26 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer

**Saturday, July 27 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**For God’s Blessings upon Daria & Dorota & their parents – Grazyna Wisnicka**

**Saturday, July 27 – 5:00 p.m.**  
+Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

**Sunday, July 28 – 10 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019**

Monday, July 15 – Rev. Eric Jensen  
Tuesday, July 16 – Rev. Gregory Kennedy  
Wednesday, July 17 – Congregation of The Resurrection  
Thursday, July 18 – Rev. Paul Panaretos  
Friday, July 19 – Rev. Daniel Sauswa Musondloi  
Saturday, July 20 – Rev. Jan Michalski  
Sunday, July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 22 – Rev. Stanislaw Kuczaik  
Tuesday, July 23 – Rev. Laszlo Amaszka  
Wednesday, July 24 – School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Thursday, July 25 – Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma  
Friday, July 26 – Rev. Grayson Hope  
Saturday, July 27 – Rev. Juan Carlos Saenz  
Sunday, July 28 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Stewardship Report**

**June 30, 2019**

Envelopes.....	\$1,821.00
Loose.....	203.40
Building and Maintenance.....	2,027.00
Church BBQ.....	25.00
Votive Candles.....	23.10
Canada Revenue.....	2,341.60
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**July 7, 2019**

Envelopes.....	\$2,302.00
Loose.....	151.95
Building and Maintenance.....	160.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works.....	10.00
Bingo Committee.....	5,000.00

K-W Hydro Rebate.....2,994.50

**Family Day Blessing** at both Masses on **July 27/28**. 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.



**Campaign’s Pilot Wave Passes its Goal**

With a total of more than \$5 million raised as of early July, the 15 parishes in the Pilot Wave of the Diocese of Hamilton’s One Heart, One Soul Campaign have topped their collective target of about \$4.5 million, with pledges still coming in. The campaign is aimed at strengthening parishes throughout the diocese, with a particularly strong impact on parishes in need, and several shared diocesan ministries. Eight of the 15 parishes had topped their campaign minimum target as of early July, with four others nearing the goal. Along with about \$1.8 million in gifts from other supportive donors and organizations and early gifts to later waves, the campaign has raised nearly \$7 million of the overall \$35 million goal.

**The ‘Unplanned’ Movie** is taking the world by storm, much to the ire of Hollywood and the abortion industry. Now you, your family and your friends finally have a chance to see it here in Canada. **WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING**. The movie opens in theatres across the country on Friday, July 12th. You can see it at: **LANDMARK CINEMAS 12, KITCHENER, ON - July 12-18, 2019**. See ‘Unplanned’ together - **GET DISCOUNTED TICKETS WITH A GROUP!** Landmark Theatre group sales: 25 people or more: <https://www.landmarkcinemas.com/advertising-corporate-sales/private-group-screenings/>

**Life in the Spirit Grand Reunion Mass**

I would like to thank the prayer group for organizing Life in the Spirit Seminar at our parish. The prayer group would like to express their gratitude to the following people: Thank you to all the graduates of St. Teresa's Life in the Spirit Seminar Class # 1. We thank the Lord for all the many miracles great and small, His mercy, blessings, love and healing and grace. Our dear Lord has granted us a very memorable seminar. Please join us for our Grand Reunion Mass **Friday July 19th** at 7:00 pm. There will be refreshments, fellowship and a few surprises afterwards in the hall. Your families are welcome to come! God bless!

**The prayer group meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We invite everyone who is seeking spiritual support and would like to grow in the relationship with Jesus to join the group in our rectory basement.**



**Euchre** – Next game night will be **Friday, July 26th** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome