

17th Sunday in Ordinary Tim

In today’s gospel one of His disciples asked: “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples”. In response, Jesus does more than they ask, for he teaches them WHAT to pray for, HOW to pray and WHAT RESULTS they can expect from their prayer. It might be worth noting that Jesus’ disciples asked him to teach them how to pray and not a prayer to say. In response Jesus says to them: “Say this when you pray...” and there follows what we know as the “Lord’s Prayer”. The version in today’s Gospel passage is from Luke and is shorter than the version we have in Matthew. As such it may indeed be the earlier version and closer to what Jesus actually said. For centuries now we have been reciting the Lord’s Prayer (in Matthew’s version). We do so before Communion at every Eucharist and, for instance, when we say the Rosary. Yet, as it is presented here by Jesus, it is less a prayer to be recited than a list of things around which our prayer should be centred. Each phrase, in a way, can stand on its own and be a topic for prayer in its own right. The way we pray and what we ask for can be extremely revealing of where we are in our relationship with God, with people and with the world around us. Persevering prayer can help us become more aware of what we should really be asking for. It helps to purify our prayer, make clear our values and hopes, and lead us to ask for what is really in our very best interests.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our attitude to material things is the subject of today’s readings. It is about the things that we really regard important in our lives. They also suggest that what we ARE is of far greater importance than what we HAVE. The Gospel begins by introducing a man who wants Jesus to act as a mediator in a property dispute. “Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.” It was quite common to bring such disputes to a rabbi to be solved. But Jesus has no interest whatever in dealing with this problem because it represents a point of view that is totally at variance with his own. Instead, Jesus gives a warning: “Be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a person’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.” It was quite irrelevant for Jesus that the man should get a fair share of an inheritance, especially if the man can satisfy his daily needs without it. This, of course, is not the way “normal” people think. They would be prepared to hire lawyers and go through expensive court cases in order to get money that they believed was due to them, whether they needed it or not. We have frequently seen families torn apart in bitter disputes over the allocation of moneys. So many dream some day of being rich, to be able to buy all the things they would love to have, to be able to travel, to have no worries. There is a belief, which we see contradicted every single day, that once we have financial security, all our problems will be solved. Quite honestly, for many of us

Christians these priorities often take precedence over our following of Christ. Sincere young people want to establish their careers first – and, once set up, then maybe consider being a “good” Catholic.

For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.

St. Teresa of Avila

Vocations – July 21, 2019

We are like Martha. There’s plenty to be anxious about but only one thing that is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary; rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. 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

Vocations – July 28, 2019

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. 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

Nocturnal Adoration is held every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

Healing Mass is held on every first Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions July 29 – August 4, 2019

Tuesday, July 30 – 7:00 p.m.
+Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski – Ken & Betty Skinner

Wednesday, July 31 – 8:30 a.m.
+Joe Zister – MA & Bill Zister

Thursday, August 1 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of the Gallant Family – Stella Lemieux

Friday, August 2 – 8:30 a.m.
+Martiniano Atienza Sr. – Gene & Yoly

Saturday, August 3 – 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving for all the Graces – Father Marian

Saturday, August 3 – 5:00 p.m.
+Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, August 4 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, August 1st from 9:00 a.m. 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 -Schneider Park (across the road). Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Mass Intentions August 5 – 11, 2019

Tuesday, August 6 – 7:00 p.m.
+Charles Nolan – MA & Bill Zister

Wednesday, August 7 – 8:30 a.m.
+Hans Forthuber – Helene Meier

Thursday, August 8 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Betty Julien – Ken Skinner

Friday, August 9 – 8:30 a.m.
+Gloria Antonia – Gene & Yoly

Saturday, August 10 – 9:00 a.m.
For God’s Blessings for Agata Nieczeporowicz - Krystyna

Saturday, August 10 – 5:00 p.m.
+Karolina Jedziniak – Halina & Family

Sunday, August 11 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, July 29 – Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Tuesday, July 30 – Rev. Bradley Markus
Wednesday, July 31 – Married Couples
Thursday, August 1 – Rev. David Wynec
Friday, August 2 –Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Saturday, August 3 – Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Sunday, August 4 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 5 – Very Rev. Michael King
Tuesday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday, August 7 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thursday, August 8 – Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Friday, August 9 – Rev. Marijan Mihokovic
Saturday, August 10 – Rev. Hanh Van Tran
Sunday, August 11 –Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report
July 14, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,794.00
Loose.....	221.50
Building and Maintenance.....	285.00
Insurance Offering.....	20.00
Votive Candles.....	66.50

July 21, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,822.00
Loose.....	225.00
Building and Maintenance.....	450.00

For Parishes with Fall Confirmation

Is your child in Grade 6? Did you know we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Diocese of Hamilton? Confirmations at our Parish are normally celebrated in the Fall of each year. Because it will come quickly upon us, we want you to be ready in advance. If your child does not attend Catholic School, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. The Catechetical Correspondence Courses from the Diocese of Hamilton may be right for you. For more information on the Correspondence Courses, visit the website www.hamiltondiocese.com or call Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

St. Mary’s and St. Jerome’s High School 30th Reunion

This 30th Reunion is for the Classes of 1988, 1989 and 1990 being held on **Saturday, September 14, 2019** at The Tannery Event Centre, 151 Charles Street West, Kitchener, ON N2G 1H6 from 7 pm to 1 am. Teachers and Graduates welcome! There will be dancing and hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are \$30. For information or tickets contact Heather Mackay at: hcdmackay@hotmail.com

Marriage Education – providing the tools for success!

For information about the marriage preparation classes contact: Teresa Hartnett @ 905-528-7988, ext. 2250 or on-line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/ptm/preparation.php

22nd Annual Butterfly Release Walk to Remember

takes place on **Sunday September 9th**. Honour your loved one with a monarch butterfly to be released during the ceremony, or a memorial sign to be placed along the walking path at Williamsburg Cemetery & Dedication Centre (1541 Fischer-Hallman Rd, Kitchener, ON N2R 1P6). Each year, a scrapbook is made with all of the pictures from the Memory Wall, so please bring copies of original photos. Register before August 23rd at: Bereaved Families of Ontario breanne@bfomidwest.org



Euchre

High Score - Stella Lemieux / Low Score - Sheila D'Aguilar
Most Lone Hands - John Lawler
1st Draw - Bernard Brohman / 2nd Draw - Sandra Naklusi

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



Bingo

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