

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We continue today the theme of last Sunday's Mass (18th Sunday C). There we heard a parable Jesus told about a man who made a great deal of money and was very happy with himself. "My barns are full. Now I can sit back and enjoy the rest of my life." But his Lord said, "You fool! Tonight you will die and leave all your money and property behind. Someone else will enjoy all the fruits of your hard work." So today's Gospel passage is a further reminder that we must not be like that man in last week's Gospel. It tells us, on the contrary, to be truly ready, implying that that man, in spite of all his efforts to build up his financial and material security, was in fact far from ready. First of all, he pictured a long and bright future before him. Secondly, he regarded the material wealth he had garnered for himself as the sign and the reward of a "successful" life. He also believed that all he possessed belonged exclusively to him. There are an awful lot of people who seem to think the same way and we may be among them.

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Jesus makes three important statements in today's gospel:

1. "I have come to bring fire on the earth." This is not the fire of destruction, the fire that ravages rain forests every year. It is the fire of heat and light. It is the fire that cleanses and purifies. It is the fire of God's presence as in the burning bush that Moses saw, as in the pillar of fire that accompanied the Israelites in the desert, as in the tongues of fire at Pentecost where the bringing of fire was mandated to the disciples, to the Church, to all of us. As a purifying fire it can also bring pain and purification but it ultimately leads to conversion and liberation.

2. "There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over." This does not mean that Jesus is to be re-baptised in the Jordan. The word baptism implies total immersion (the way sacramental baptism was carried out in the early church and in some churches today). There is a close link between the catechumen being "buried" in water and rising with Christ and Jesus being "baptised", immersed in his suffering and death on the way to resurrection. Jesus does not look forward to his "baptism" for the pain it brings but for the salutary effects it produces for all of us.

3. "I have come not to bring peace but division." This is a statement that critics of religion would cynically agree with. Religion is seen by many as a major source of division, suffering, and war in our world. The Christian message is non-violent. It brings love, compassion, harmony, peace. It brings people together so that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female... But it also of its nature challenges injustice, corruption, discrimination, abuse, dishonesty and all attacks on human dignity. The role of the evangelizer is "to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

Our body has this defect that, the more it is provided care and comforts, the more needs and desires it finds.
St. Teresa of Avila

Vocations – August 4, 2019

"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. 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 – August 11, 2019

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." What do you hope for in the future? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988
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Building and Maintenance Collection

We will be having our end of the month extra collection **August 24/25** 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.

Mass Intentions August 12 - 18, 2019

Tuesday, August 13 – 7:00 p.m.
Living and Deceased Members of CWL

Wednesday, August 14 – 8:30 a.m.
+Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer

Thursday, August 15 – 8:30 a.m.
+Maria Porco – Dora Vizza

Friday, August 16 – 8:30 a.m.
+Tom Naklusi – Sandra Naklusi

Saturday, August 17 – 9:00 a.m.
God's Blessing for Jadwiga Rokicki - Krystyna

Saturday, August 17 – 5:00 p.m.
+Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, August 18 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Cleaning Hall on Monday, August 12th at 9:30 a.m. Men, women and children are welcome to help. We appreciate an hour or two of your time.

Coffee Sunday will be on **August 18th** after Mass. Please join us. You will meet some very nice people!

Mass Intentions August 19 - 25, 2019

Tuesday, August 20 – 7:00 p.m.
+Yvonne & Wilfred Bastian – Helen Bastian & Family

Wednesday, August 21 – 8:30 a.m.
Birthday Blessing for Tina Caruk – Andrew Caruk

Thursday, August 22 – 8:30 a.m.
Birthday Blessing for Marta Melik – Tina & Andrew Caruk

Friday, August 23 – 8:30 a.m.
+Mikolaj & Kinga Caruk – Tina & Andrew Caruk

Saturday, August 24 – 9:00 a.m.
God's Blessings for Krystyna Zderski - Son

Saturday, August 24 – 5:00 p.m.
+Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family

Sunday, August 25 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, August 12 – Rev. Yvon Paquin
Tuesday, August 13 – Rev. Charles Galea
Wednesday, August 14 – Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, August 15 – Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Friday, August 16 – Rev. Archange Kebe
Saturday, August 17 – Rev. Tony O'Dell
Sunday, August 18 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 19 – Rev. Jarek Pachocki
Tuesday, August 20 – Rev Aurimas P. Rudinkas
Wednesday, August 21 – Permanent Deacons
Thursday, August 22 – Rev. Adam Voisin
Friday, August 23 – Rev. Charles Jordan
Saturday, August 24 – Rev. David Wilhelm
Sunday, August 25 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report

July 28, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,882.00
Loose.....	113.00
Building and Maintenance.....	1,127.85
Votive Candles.....	98.35
Hall Rental – Grapevine.....	325.00
Hall Rental for August – Calorie Club.....	80.00

August 4, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$2,243.00
Loose.....	390.25
Building and Maintenance.....	95.00

Family Day Blessing at both Masses on **August 24/25**. 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.



Parish Picnic is being held on **Sunday, September 8th** after the 10 a.m. Mass. We invite all parishioners and friends. This will be a fundraiser to help us with many repairs and upgrades needed to keep the church in good condition. Look forward to seeing everyone for this fun gathering and picnic.

Beginning of New School Year

On **Sunday, September 8th** we will pray for all students and teachers at St. Teresa School and all students that attend public schools and universities. As we begin a new school year we will pray for a safe and blessed school year.

2019 Bread of Life Day of Renewal

Do you want to Rekindle the Fire for the Holy Spirit in your life? Do you need personal and family healing? On Saturday, September 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre, 3063 South service Road, Burlington (at Guelph Line). There will be world class speakers that are especially chosen to help you catch fire in the Lord. Tickets are \$35 (includes lunch). A bus will leave from St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener at 7:30 a.m. Return cost is \$15/person. For tickets or bus reservation call Patrick or Rita at: 519-748-5548 or e-mail: paddym@golden.net

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

Marian Pilgrimage Days in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Thomas the Apostle, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown on **Saturday, September 7th** 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.



Euchre

Next game night will be **Friday, August 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Bingo

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, August 31st** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.