

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are presented in today's Gospel with an overwhelming picture of God. It is a picture that we could never have guessed at ourselves and, in spite of Jesus' words, it is a picture than many of us still find difficult to accept in its fullness. In the Gospel we are given a threefold picture of how God looks on the sinful person and on a sinful people. The three stories hammer home the same theme: God will go to any length to bring the sinner back to a loving relationship with himself. There is the story of the sheep, perhaps a rebellious maverick, which has wandered far from the flock. The shepherd does not rest till he has found it and brought it back. There is no punishment but rather an invitation to the neighbours to join in celebrating the reunion. There is the woman, presumably poor, who loses a coin she can ill afford to be without. Again, the emphasis is on the joy shared with the neighbours on finding what had been lost. This is a picture of love and forgiveness we might find difficult to imitate. Imagine if one of your family were to squander all the family wealth in such a way, say, by reckless gambling or indulging in drugs. What kind of a welcome could he expect on his return? At the same time, all that we say about the way God receives us back must clearly be carried out in our relationships with other people. "Forgive us our sins," we pray constantly in the Lord's Prayer, "in the same way we forgive those who sin against us."

"It is by humility that the Lord allows himself to be conquered, so that he will do all we ask him".
St. Teresa of Avila

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.

Thank You to the pastoral council for leading and for organizing the parish/school picnic which took place on Sunday, September 8th. We would also like to express our gratitude to our volunteers and sponsors of our fund raiser picnic. This event generated \$1,674.32 (will confirm what the expenses were for this event). We were very blessed with many generous sponsors, who donated salads and ice cream, It is a wonderful sign of solidarity with our parish community, especially at the time of our needs when we have to repair the roof and replace the chimney's.

Vocations – September 15, 2019

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. 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

Mass Intentions September 16 - 22, 2019

Tuesday, September 17 – 7:00 p.m.
+Marie Kraemar & Jerome Bastian – *Helen Bastian & Family*

Wednesday, September 18 – 8:30 a.m.
+Larry Wismer – *Joan Wismer*

Thursday, September 19 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Mathew Szymanowski – *Tina & Andrezej*

Friday, September 20 – 8:30 a.m.
+Heidi Ryan – *Marlene & Bob Crane*

Saturday, September 21 – 9:00 a.m.
+Marie & Ken Kraemer – *Helen Bastian & Family*

Saturday, September 22 – 5:00 p.m.
+Ludwig Ceh – *Theresa Ceh & Family*

Sunday, September 23 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, September 16 – Rev. Michal Kruszewski
Tuesday, September 17 – Rev. Henryk Krajewski
Wednesday, September 18 – Franciscan Father
Thursday, September 19 - Rev. Mike Francis
Friday, September 20 – Rev. Wallace Metcalf
Saturday, September 21 – Rev. Robert Kiffman
Sunday, September 22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Stewardship Report
September 1, 2019**

Envelopes.....	\$2,801.00
Loose.....	105.00
Building and Maintenance.....	335.00
Hall Rental – Sue's Calorie Club.....	80.00

St. Teresa CWL Executive Meeting - Tuesday, September 17th at 4:30 pm. This is an important meeting so please let the president, Ann, know what topics you would like to discuss so they can be put on the agenda ahead of time. Dates, times, and events for the coming year will be discussed. We will break for

dinner at 5:30. It is important for all executive to attend this meeting. For information call 519-578-2019.

St. Teresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meeting on **Wednesday, September 25th** at 7 pm in the downstairs meeting room off the church hall entrance. All are welcome to attend the meeting and we encourage anyone who is interested in serving in this ministry to join us. If you would like more information about our group or the meeting, please email us at: berniejpickett@gmail.com or rosemarycpickett@gmail.com. or call 519-745-6334.

October - Extraordinary Missionary Month 2019

Pope Francis is asking the church to experience a 'missionary spring'. The theme of this month is 'Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World'. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to renew our Christian calling to make God's love known to all humanity. For this purpose, extra ordinary initiatives are organized by pontifical mission societies. Resources are available in English at the following website 'missionsocieties.ca'. Our parish will host several events associated with this extraordinary month. More details will be provided next week.

St. Teresa Flower Bed

We would like to thank Peter Grobe for donating all the flowers for our new flower bed which we named after the patroness of our parish. It is a great gesture of support and kindness shown to our parish community by Mr. Grobe. We are sure that this flower bed will be a special place visited not only by parishioners but people from our area. The beautiful design of this flower bed was done by Madeline Weber. At the same time, we would like to express our gratitude to Jim Weber and Madeline Weber for planting the flowers and looking after this project.

First Communion and Confirmation Registration

The registration forms for First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grades 7 and 8), as well as a letter from myself, pastor Fr. Marian Gil, OMI, will be made available at the parish office and at St. Teresa School, starting September 3rd. On **September 22 and 29**, a mandatory meeting for parents of candidate going to First Communion or Confirmation will take place, following the 10:00 am Mass. Parents are requested to attend one of these meetings, and to bring the completed registration form. During the meeting, an informational packet will be handed out, and a detailed program will be presented to candidates and their parents. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. We, the pastoral staff, would like to assist you, the parents, as much as possible, to help prepare your children for these very important sacraments. As such, this meeting is mandatory for candidates and their parents. I invite our entire parish community to pray for our candidates and their parents as they work to deepen their

relationship with Jesus and to be fully immersed in our Christian life.

CWL Regional Meeting - All members are invited to the Regional meeting on **Saturday, September 28th** at Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph. Mass will be at 9:00 am and the meeting will adjourn at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag lunch. We will carpool. For more information call the parish office.

Coffee Sunday - September 22nd after Mass. If you would like to bring the snack call 519-578-2019. Join fellow parishioners for some fun and laughs.

Annual Vocations Mass being held on **Sunday, September 22nd** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus and Serra Clubs of Hamilton Diocese. Reception to follow.

Heritage Day – Sunday, September 22nd. The day begins at 10:00 am with Mass. Following Mass we will meet at the Grotto on the Rectory Lawn at 10:45, the car cavalcade will visit the place where the first Mass was said and then on to the 3 Wayside Crosses. Cost for the meal is \$20 for adults, \$10 for 6-12 years and 5 years old are free. Meal is scalloped potatoes, ham and all the trimmings, dessert and refreshments. There will be presentations, silent auction, door prizes and raffle. Advance Tickets Only. They can be purchased by emailing maryhillroots@gmail.com. This fundraiser in an important resource for the Maryhill Historical Society to continue to preserve Community History and acquire 21st century technology to succeed.

Hamilton Diocese Retrouvaille Talk at St. Teresa Parish will take place after Mass on the weekend of **September 21/22**. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help heal and renew married couples whose relationship is struggling and drifting apart. Jerry and Bernice will be speaking about their experiences in their marriage and how Retrouvaille was able to help them through very difficult times.

Part-Time Music Director

St. Joseph Church in Kitchener is looking for an experienced keyboard musician and vocal conductor to fill the part time role (estimate 7 hours/week) of an overall Music Director including leadership and keyboard accompaniment. We currently have one Saturday evening Mass and one Sunday morning Mass.. For more information, contact: Gagan Grewal 905-528-7988 ext. 2229 or ggrewal@hamiltondiocese.com

Bus Trip to Buffalo sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes CWL: The bus trip will take place on **Saturday, October 19th**. Cost of \$55 includes deluxe motor coach transportation. Mass at the Cathedral at 4:30 p.m., followed by time in the afternoon to enjoy the grounds. A stop will be made on the way home for supper on your own. For more details check bulletin board. To book a seat or for additional information, contact Patrycja Wiecek at 519-886-0342.