

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life, that person cannot be my follower/disciple.” The Jews, like a number of other ethnic communities, are recognized for their close family ties. What were they and what are we to make of such an extraordinary statement? **“None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions.”** It is the ability to let go, even of health and life itself. Any aspect of a person or anything that lessens that freedom to follow truth and love is to be “hated” and transcended. Are we ready for that? That is the meaning of the two parables, which Jesus gives as illustration. ‘Great crowds’ were following Jesus with enthusiasm but were they ready? Did they realize what it really meant? If not, they are like a general who goes out to war totally unprepared to deal with the opposing side. They are like a man who started out to build a house and then ran out of funds or material. He becomes a laughing stock. If we try to walk on the Way with Jesus without being aware of what is involved, we will not exactly become a laughing stock (there will be so many people with us!). However, we will miss the joy and happiness of a totally fulfilled life that Jesus, despite the apparently negative language of today’s Gospel, is holding out to us.

If I were to give advice, I would say to parents that they ought to be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young; for much mischief thence ensues, and our natural inclinations are unto evil rather than unto good.
 St. Teresa of Avila

 **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.

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.

Vocations – September 8, 2019

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, ccontact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Mass Intentions September 9 - 15, 2019

Tuesday, September 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Sick & Shut-Ins of CWL

Wednesday, September 11 – 8:30 a.m.

Intention of Helen Bastian – MA & Bill Zister

Thursday, September 12 – 8:30 a.m.

Intentions of Rose & Gerry Corrigan – MA & Bill Zister

Friday, September 13 – 8:30 a.m.

+Ed Forwell – Betty Jane Forwell

Saturday, September 14 – 9:00 a.m.

Intention of Cathy & Martin Eberhard – Pierre & Suzanne Rouleau & Family

Saturday, September 14 – 5:00 p.m.

+Joseph Gerger – Gerger Family

Sunday, September 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, September 9 – Rev. Piotr Jurzyk

Tuesday, September 10– Rev. Jerry Punnassery

Wednesday, September 11 – Lay Parish Ministers

Thursday, September 12 - Rev. Jeffery Oehring

Friday, September 13 – Rev. Heitor Antunes

Saturday, September 14 – Rev. Young Hoon Kim

Sunday, September 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report

August 25, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,784.00
Loose.....	217.30
Building and Maintenance.....	528.05
Votive Candles.....	78.50
Needs of Canadian Church.....	5.00
Hall Rental – John Fronchak.....	150.00



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.

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.

Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother, St. Agatha **Sunday, September 15th** at 12:00 noon, gather at the Bank of Montreal Plaza 650–668, first right past the Erb St. & Ira Needles Blvd. round-about. Park in the BMO parking lot behind the bank. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30 pm. We walk to St. Agatha Church. At Chapel Shrine, Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45 pm by Pilgrims followed by Mass at 3:00 pm. Theme: “Spread everywhere The Memory of My Dolors and the Passion of My Jesus”. Receive a ride back by anyone who participates in the Mass only. Followed by refreshments after Mass. Open to everyone.

Vocation Discernment Retreat 2019 for Women

Daughters of St. Paul Media Evangelization and Eucharistic Adoration on **September 27-30** (Toronto) ages 18-34. Before making plans to attend, please schedule an interview by e-mailing: srhelenaburns@gmail.com See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Hamilton Diocese Retrouvaille Talk 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.

Rekindle the Fire Conference at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Burlington Ontario on **Saturday, September 14th**. 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. Rekindle the Fire of the Holy Spirit in your life. Three world class speakers and Bread of Life Spiritual Director Fr. David Avila. Closing Mass and Homilist will be celebrated by Bisho For tickets or bus reservation call Patrick or Rita at: 519-748-5548 or e-mail: paddym@golden.netp Douglas Crosby. Cost for day is \$35 including lunch. A bus will leave St. Anthony Daniel Church at 7.30 am and return after Conference. Cost for bus only is \$15.

“Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered in Kitchener at St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. from **Sept. 24th – Nov. 26th**. Cost is \$45.00. For information or to register call: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Fall Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (no meat)

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend this retreat being held **Saturday September 21st** from 10.45 am – 2.00 pm at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. Guest speaker : Very Reverend Michael King



Bingo

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 28th** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.



Euchre

High Score - Charlotte Wilson
 Most Lone Hands - Erma Williams
 Low Score - Sheila d'Aguilar
 1st Draw - Bernard Brohman / 2nd Draw - John Lawler

Next game night will be **Friday, September 13th** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.