

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we have the strange scene between a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee – and he clearly has evidence to prove it – is the “good” person. He faithfully observes the obligations of a good Jew: he prays, he fasts, and he gives alms. And yet, God is not happy with him. Why? Because he is basically a totally self-centred person. What he really is saying is: “God, you should be deeply grateful that you have someone like me (and there are not many of us), someone who is so faithful in following your commands...” God should be so happy to have such a rare example like him. Especially when so many are like the tax collector. Jesus criticizes the Pharisee for not being aware that all these good things he claims to do have God as their source. Without God, he could do nothing, he would be nothing...

Life passes so quickly that we ought to think more of how to die than how to live. St. Teresa of Avila

November 1, 2019 All Saints Day – please join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m. or at 7:00p.m. During the evening Mass we will have a presentation called: “**Saints by Our Side**”.

- We will pray during this Mass for the grace of healing and sanctification of our daily life.

- Bring your children or grandchildren and join our parish family to learn about the saints and celebrate them as models of love and faith.

- Grow in your understanding of the Communion of Saints— those in heaven and those on their way to heaven.

- Learn about your patron saint and memorize your favorite quote.

The Saints Are Models of Holiness

The Church honors people like Mary and the saints because they responded to God's grace working within them, so they were able to do amazing things and inspire people to know and to serve God more deeply. Why do you think the Church wants us to know about the saints? (The saints can inspire us and provide good examples of how to follow Jesus.). The Church gives them the official title of “saint” to let us know that these are people who show us how to live as Christians. Saints are people whom you and I can turn to for inspiration, advice, and help in our everyday lives.

All Souls Day - Prayers for the Faithful Departed

There will be envelopes available at the back of the church to take home and **return by Friday, November 1st**. Please write names of your loved ones to be prayed for and place your envelope into the basket in front of the altar. There will be Masses celebrated from November 2 - 8 in their intention. You are also invited to light a candle in their intention and place it into the special light container in front of the altar.

October - Extraordinary Missionary Month 2019

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Our parish collected **\$546** for the missionary work of the Church—a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.

Vocations – October 27, 2019

WANTED: Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, sisters or brothers. 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

Meeting with Ushers

On **Tuesday, October 29th** following the 7:00 pm Mass there will be a meeting with ushers. Please reserve this date in your calander and join us for Mass.

PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

November 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass with the Rite of Enrolment for First Communion Candidates.

November 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting with parents and Confirmation candidates. Catechetical session 2: “Reconciliation the gift of God's Mercy”.

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. All are welcome.

Family Day Blessing at both Masses on **October 26/27**. Each family will receive a special blessing.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, October 28 – Rev. Joseph de Viveiros
 Tuesday, October 29– Rev. Francisco Kwak
 Wednesday, October 30 – Discalced Carmelite Sisters
 Thursday, October 31 - Rev. Marian Gil
 Friday, November 1 – All Saints
 Saturday, November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
 Sunday, November 3– Thirty-First Sunday

Mary Mount Cemetery All Souls Day Mass

Most Reverend Anthony Tonnos, Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the Mass at Marymount Cemetery on **Saturday, November 2nd** at 11:00 am.

Mass Intentions October 28 – November 3/19

Tuesday, October 29– 7:00 p.m.

+**Rita Brohman** – *Arnold & Dorothy Lorentz*

Wednesday, October 30 – 8:30 a.m.

+**Erminio Pivato** – *Tim Helm & Frances Tessaro*

Thursday, October 31 – 8:30 a.m.

For an Intention Known to God - *Suava*

Friday, November 1 – 8:30 a.m.

+**Dodie Bronson** – *Helene Meier*

7:00 p.m. - *Healing Mass*

Saturday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m.

+**Barbara Lech** – *Elizabeth & Family*

Saturday, – 5:00 p.m.

All Souls Day

Sunday, October 27 – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report October 20, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,927.00
Loose.....	352.05
Building and Maintenance.....	2,135.00
World Mission Sunday.....	546.00
Hall Rentals.....	300.00
Brunch Donations.....	98.00
Book Sales.....	86.00

SVDP Food Drive - Many thanks to the parish community for your generous contributions to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! The total number of items received was 385 which will help to provide for almost 24 hampers to our neighborhood. If you can help with our Winter Clothing Project (insert from last weekend's bulletin) please contact Rose or Bernie Pickett at 519-745-6334 or berniejpickett@gmail.com. God bless you for your continued support!

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - it's that time of year again when we look forward to the baking, sausage and sauerkraut, prize tables, and good deals. This year we will have face painting for the children. If you have donations of crafts and prizes they will be gratefully accepted. We encourage gift cards and small prizes for all ages for the surprise grab bag table, a popular table that we had last year. We will be taking in donations from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings, **November 7, 14, and 21** in the downstairs meeting rooms. Call the rectory or 519-578-2019 for more information. Let's continue to make this a great parish event.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

We will meet in the hall on **Tuesday, November 12th** after the 7 pm Mass. We will be discussing the upcoming Craft and Bake Sale. We would love all the help we can get and your input to make this a big success. All are welcome.

St. Agnes 50th Anniversary

All – especially former parishioners are invited to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Blessing and Dedication of St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St., Waterloo on **Saturday, November 2nd** at 5:00 pm Mass. His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby is celebrant and homilist. A Reception will follow in the Parish Centre.

Death and Dying

Are you prepared? You are invited to St. Mary's Church on **Sunday, November 3rd** from 1 – 3:30 pm to have a discussion on 'Death and Dying' in the lower parish hall. Pope Francis has reminded us of the opportunity to experience this new life already by choosing to reconcile with our own mortality with great hope. This is a free event. Topics include Making Tough Decisions, Estate Planning, Strategic Exit Plan and Value of Catholic Funerals. Please RSVP to 'stmarys@rogers.com' or call 519-576-3860.

Jingle Bell Christmas Bazaar at St. Peter & St. Paul Parish, 50 Bruce Dale Ave. E., Hamilton on **Saturday, November 2nd** from 12 noon to 7 pm. Penny sale table, 50/50, bake table, major prize draws, craft table & café. No vendors, wheelchair accessible. For more information call 905-387-3550.

Parenting Tip - Helping our children to become less focused on themselves and more interested in their neighbour is an essential role of every parent and caregiver. Children do not often think of others before themselves in the early years of their lives, so from a young age be sure to set clear limits on their behaviour and the “things” they get, so they don't become entitled; praise them whenever you witness an unselfish act, no matter how small; model unselfish behaviour both within and outside the home by sharing time, goods and talents. Children thrive in relationships, show less anger and aggression and feel good about themselves when they look outward, not inward. Jesus himself taught that next to loving God, loving neighbour is our most important role in this world.

 **Euchre**

Next game night will be **Friday, November 8th** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

 **Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 23rd** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.