We are coming very close to the end of the Church year. In fact, next Sunday, when we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, is also the 34th and last Sunday of the liturgical year. So, as usual at this time, the Church invites us to think about the final end of things. Our world, in which we spend so much time planning and securing our worldly future, is only temporary. Our own lives in this world will not last forever.

Today's Gospel scene came at a moment late in Jesus' ministry, and the disciples stood with him on Jerusalem's holiest ground and stared at the majestic temple of Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish culture and religion, Herod's masterpiece of appeasement of the Jews. It was clearly a sight to stir the soul! And yet this group outing to the Temple Mount suddenly turned serious. What began with architectural admiration became a prophetic glimpse of what discipleship would cost those who would bear his name. It would bring public persecution and betrayal by those closest in the circle of family and friends. Now the long-promised Messiah-prophet had come and taken his place in a temple rebuilt for the third time. His very presence was the visitation of God.

If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. St. Teresa of Avila

S 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.

Vocations – November 17, 2019

"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, November 18 – Rev. Kevin D'Souza Tuesday, November 19– Rev. Artur Geringer Wednesday, November 20 – Deceased Members of Our Parish Community Thursday, November 21 - Rev. Jim Petrie Friday, November 22– Rev. Joe Selvanayagam Saturday, November 23 - Rev. Stephen Gilbert Sunday, November 24 – Feast of Christ the King

PARISH EVENTS

Prayers for our Faithful Departed

There are envelopes available at the back of the church for prayers for our faithful departed. Please write names of your loved ones to be prayed for and place your envelope into the basket in front of the altar. We will continue praying for our loved ones throughout the month of November. You are also invited to light a candle in their intention and place it into the light container in front of the altar.

Volunteer for Children's Liturgy

Engage and enlighten children parishioners by volunteering for the Children's Liturgy of the Word as a group leader or assistant. Ensure that both children and parents make the most of their individual liturgical experiences. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, please contact our parish office.

Confirmation Candidates

November 23 at 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation candidates at St. Teresa Parish. Official closing of the retreat, profession of faith and receiving a witness cross will take place on November 24 during 10:00 am Mass. November 30th at 11:00 a.m. Rehearsal at St. Louis Parish for Confirmation candidates.

Mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and to the Homebound and Hospitals. The meeting will take place in our sacristy on Tuesday, November 26th following 7:00 pm Mass. During this meeting a certificate of appointment will be presented to each individual.

Meeting for all Lectors will take place on Thursday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in our church. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please inform our parish office. Thank you very much.

Family Blessing at both Masses on **November 23/24**. The family is important to the Church and to civil society, for it is the primary life-giving community. In our prayer we call down the Lord's blessing upon you, so that you may continually be instruments of God's grace to one another and witnesses to faith in all the circumstances of life. Continuing through the rest of the year, there will be a family blessing on the last Sunday of the month.

Building and Maintenance Collection will take place next weekend **November 23/24**. This is 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 November 18 - 24, 2019

Tuesday, November 19– 7:00 p.m. +Albina & Kazimierz Karchut – Jadwiga Rokicki

Wednesday, November 20 – 8:30 a.m. +Edward & Bolesaw Karchut – Jadwiga Rokicki

Thursday, November 21 – 8:30 a.m. +Maria Forthuber – *Helene Meier*

Friday, November 22 – 8:30 a.m. +Joey & Maria Kaminski – Huberte & Siggy Kaminski

Saturday, November 23 – 9:00 a.m. Intention of Father Sylvester Hasnik – Jadwiga Rokicki

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. +Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, November 24 – 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report November 3, 2019

| Envelopes | | \$1,719.00 |
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| Building and Maintenance | | |
| Hall Rental - Meeting | | |
| All Souls Day | | |
| Erb & Good Funeral Home - Lamka | | 150.00 |
| Lamka Family Donation | | 200.00 |

St. Teresa Parish Christmas Party

Join us on **Sunday, December 8th** at 4:30 pm for a family Christmas Party. We will be having a turkey dinner with all of the fixings! Entertainment and maybe even a special guest. Tickets for adults are \$15 (includes a glass of wine) and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of November 16/17, 23/24 and November 30/Dec. 1 following Masses.

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 at 519-743-4525 or 519-578-2019 for more information. Let's continue to make this a great parish event.

Resurrection Choir Practice will be held on **Thursday**, **November 21st** at 1:00 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome. **Church Bulletin Advertising -** Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2020 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Cleaning Church for Christmas

Mark your calendars now! On **Saturday, December 14th** after the 9:00 am Mass we will be cleaning the church in preparation for Christmas. Bring your pails, mops, rags, dusters, etc. The outside Nativity Set will also be set up that day. We need many hands to get the job done! Men, women and children who are old enough are welcome to help but they must be accompanied by an adult. This is a very enjoyable way to spend a Saturday before Christmas and lunch will be provided. For information call 519 578-2019.

Annual CWL Membership Drive

Reminder it is time to renew your membership or join our parish CWL Council. Special blue CWL envelopes are included in your box of Sunday envelopes. Please put you \$25 fee in and mark your name on outside of envelope. Cash or cheque made payable to St. Teresa CWL.

Memberships can be renewed on weekend of Nov 16/17 either at church entrance or at Coffee Sunday, OR at the upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Nov 23/24. All new memberships or renewals made before December 8th are eligible to win a free membership. Any questions please contact Mary Helen Stroeder 519-570-4375.

Canadian Food for Children - You may be aware that Dr. Simone's has a storage & financial crisis at the Toronto Warehouse. It is filled with large crates of donations (food, clothing, medicines....) that cannot be shipped to the poor due to lack of funds. A crate to El Salvador costs \$3,000 US. A large one to Africa costs \$10,000. The TO Warehouse is filled to capacity which will stop deliveries from other cities like Kitchener! Monetary donations can be sent by cheque to the following address: Canadian Food for Children Warehouse, 1258 Lakeshore R. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 3B8 You can also donate online at: Canadianfoodforchildren.net For more information contact: Wendy Sibley at 519-743-5353.

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High Score - Herb Gashgarian / Low Score – John Lawler Most Lone Hands - Bernard Brohman 1st Draw - Bill Zister / 2nd Draw - Erma Williams

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