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Today we begin again the Sundays in the Ordinary Season of the year. On most Sundays, we will be following the gospel of Matthew. However, today’s Gospel reading is from John. Our readings speak about two things:

- the identity of Jesus, and
- the mission of Jesus.

We need to know who Jesus is, if we want to be his disciples. We also need to know what his mission is, if we want to be good disciples. Because a good disciple is also an apostle. By definition, a disciple is a follower; an apostle is the bearer of a message from a superior. The Christian disciple not only follows the Gospel of Jesus but also helps others to hear and accept it.

**Who is Jesus?** We see him today simultaneously in the role of Lord and Servant. Today’s Gospel speaks about Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist. As Jesus approaches, John announces to some of his own disciples: “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

**The mission of Jesus** is also our mission. We cannot be good disciples of Jesus if we are not also good apostles. To be a good Christian necessarily entails being a good evangeliser. Our duty is not only to save our own souls and “go to heaven”. Our duty is also to share our faith with others, help them to know Jesus and his Gospel, and to experience directly the love of God.

We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can - namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us.

St. Teresa of Avila

Mass Intentions for 2020

In order to give equal opportunity for all members in our parish who would like to request Mass intentions in 2020, I would like to propose the following scenario. Based on the number of families in the parish that are registered, each family may reserve 1 Saturday Mass and 1 week day Mass. Please make these requests during the next 3 weeks for the year 2020. After the 3 weeks, if there is space available you can request as many Mass intentions as you need. If there is a greater demand for Mass intentions, I will introduce a ‘Group Mass Intentions’ in order to respond to your needs.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

All children are called to Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, from September through May. After the opening prayer, children (ages 4 – 9) who wish to attend are invited to the lower church to hear the Gospel reading in simple, relatable language. Readings are accompanied by interactive dialogue, and other activities. Children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please share this message with other families.

Vocations - January 19, 2020

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Jesus Christ and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest? Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Events

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

January 23, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

Meeting with Confirmandi and their parents. Catechetical Session 3: “Eucharist – the gift of God’s Love”.

February 2, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Holy Mass with First Communion children and blessing their medallions...

February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting with First Communion children and their parents: Catechetical Session 3: “Discovering the gift of the Eucharist”.

One Heart, One Soul - Parish Capital Campaign

After a process of discernment and consultation the Hamilton Diocese invited parishes to enter the Parish Capital Campaign. It is an effort to raise money, within three to five years, to pay for significant projects, build up an endowment and or heritage fund for future use. During the next couple of weeks our team will provide more details concerning this project. Our parish community is invited to learn more about this program and discern the future projects for our capital campaign.

Family Blessing

at both Masses on **January 25/26**. 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.

Parish Capital Campaign on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

at 7 p.m. There will be a meeting for which I invite members of Capital Campaign Committee, Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. During our gathering we will discuss the details concerning Capital Campaign in our parish and discern the most important projects of our community. I’d like to invite our entire parish to pray for this campaign so that it becomes an opportunity to bring new life and new vision to our parish family.

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.

January 20 – 26, 2020

Tuesday, January 21 – 7:00 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of CWL

Wednesday, January 22 – 8:30 a.m.

+Earl Grubb – Catherine Grubb & Family

Thursday, January 23 – 8:30 a.m.

+Ed Forwell – Betty Jane Forwell

Friday, January 24 – 8:30 a.m.

Intention of Wayne & Lynn MacGillivray – Sue Weber Bell

Saturday, January 25 – 9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

+Intention of Roman Gajkowski – Grace Gajkowski

Sunday, January 26 – 10:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday, January 20 – Rev. Godwin Pinto

Tuesday, January 21 – Rev. Ronald Hodara

Wednesday, January 22 – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate

Thursday, January 23 – Rev. Edward Henhoeffer

Friday, January 24 – Rev. John Schnurr

Saturday, January 25 – Jacek Kryn

Sunday, January 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report January 1, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$1,192.75
Loose.....	219.55
Building and Maintenance.....	15.00
Regular Collection 2019.....	12.00
Regular Collection 2020.....	340.00
Christmas .....	100.00
Initial Offering.....	241.00

Stewardship Report January 5, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$2,146.00
Loose.....	232.35
Building and Maintenance.....	75.00
Initial Offering .....	133.00
Votives.....	118.23

Building and Maintenance Collection

We will be having our end of the month extra collection **January 26th** 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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Save the Date - Twilight Retreat

will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th**. Tickets for the dinner will be \$15 a person. Everyone is welcome. The guest speaker will be Father Wayne Lobsinger. Tickets will be on sale after Masses the weekends of Jan 26 and Feb 2.


Sock and Underwear Drive

- thank you to all who donated to the sock drive that was held in December. Your generosity more than filled the bin at the back of the Church and the basket at the parking lot entrance. Items were much appreciated when we dropped them off at the Working Centre. Thank you!!

Parenting Tip

Colder days in January can mean more time indoors, a perfect time to connect as a family. Board games, puzzles, movie night, sharing a decade of the Rosary, baking or cooking a meal together – these are all great ways to interact and learn about each other. The more time we spend with each other, the greater the connection we feel for the other. Children need to feel they are valued and nothing speaks to their hearts more compared to time spent together!

Items to Collect to Support Charities



Support local charities and organizations by collecting pop tabs, eye glasses, yarn, glass bottles (200 ml or smaller) canning jars, Campbell soup labels, milk bags, candles, religious items (rosaries, books, etc.), books (children and young adults), new and used religious cards, sheets and towels. The drop-off bin is outside the Adoration Chapel. For more information call Chris at: 519-745-2819.

Bingo

Matinee on **Saturday, February 15, 2020** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fundraiser for our parish, please call the office: 519-743-4525.