

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There are three distinct parts in today's Gospel reading:

- Jesus, the light of the nations and the fulfilment of Hebrew Testament prophecies.
- A call to total conversion, to live in that light.
- Early responses to the call.

After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus moves up north to Galilee. It is his home province. It is where he will begin his public life. But it is precisely in this Galilean town of Capernaum that Jesus, the Messiah, begins his mission. His preaching is summed up in one deceptively simple sentence: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Today's call is asking us not just to fit Jesus into our chosen way of living but to fit ourselves into his vision of life. In doing so, we are not making a sacrifice; we are on to a sure winner where we can only gain.

**BIBLE SUNDAY 2020**

The inspiration for **The Bible Speaks** comes from Pope Francis' letter for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, *Misericordia et misera*, #7, in which he states, "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people." Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the **third Sunday of Ordinary Time** each year as our day to emphasize how **The Bible Speaks** and how **We Listen**. **This year it will be observed on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Prayer Cards will be distributed at Mass this weekend. Parishioners are invited to offer this prayer at the conclusion of Prayer of the Faithful in thanksgiving for the gift of God's Word. **Order forms for Bibles** will also be available for parishioners who wish to purchase a Bible. We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to read the Word of God on regular bases. **The book:** Getting to know the Gospel of Matthew by Scott M. Lewis SJ will be distributed at Mass this weekend as well.

**PRAYING THE BIBLE**

Begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Read through the passage once at a normal pace. Get a sense of the phrases. Allow the Word to seep more deeply into your heart. Read the passage through, section by section. How does this Word speak to me at this time, in this context? What emotions are evoked by the Word? How does this Word speak to me of God and how does it impact my life? Conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit.

**We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us.**  
St. Teresa of Avila

**Ordinary Time**

This liturgical Season invite us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Jesus life and ministry as we hear from the Gospel of Matthew. The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26), which means there is a break in Ordinary Time until the conclusion of the Easter Season after the Feast of Pentecost. May these days of Ordinary Time be a season of rich blessings for us on the journey with the Lord.

**Vocations - January 26, 2020** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Dir., Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

**Parish Events**

**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".

**Seminary Education Collection** will be next weekend February 1/2. This collection supports the educational needs of seminarians.

**Mass Intentions for 2020**

Since our 3 weeks are coming to an end, please take advantage of as many Mass intentions as you need going forward. If there is a greater demand for Mass intentions later on, 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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT**

of our parish community with your weekly offerings. A detailed report of our 2019 Income and Expenses will be presented in March. Receipts for 2019 donations will be available at the back of the church before the end of February. To become an envelope user please contact the Parish Office.

**January 28 – February 2, 2020**

**Tuesday, January 28 – 7:00 p.m.**  
+**John Novak – Helene Meier**

**Wednesday, January 29 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+**Bernard Tenbult – Ann & Michael Onn**

**Thursday, January 30 – 8:30 a.m.**  
+**Mary Helm – Quilting Group**

**Friday, January 31 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Intention of Mel & Will Schuster & Family – Rosemary & Bernie Pickett**

**Saturday, February 1 – 9:00 a.m.**  
+**Father Peter Watters – Roger & Rita Boudreau**

**5:00 p.m.**  
+**Jerome Bastian – Helen Bastian & Family**

**Sunday, February 2 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**  
Monday, January 27 – Rev. Janusz Roginski  
Tuesday, January 28 – Rev. Robert Sims  
Wednesday, January 29 – Hospitaller Order of St. John of God  
Thursday, January 30 – Rev. Michael Downey  
Friday, January 31 – Rev. Martin Vallely  
Saturday, February 1 – Rev. Joseph Michel  
Sunday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

**Stewardship Report January 12, 2020**

Envelopes.....	\$1,944.00
Loose.....	231.10
Building and Maintenance.....	276.00
New Year's Day.....	50.00
Initial Offering.....	40.00
Grapevine Group Hall Rental.....	390.00

**Stewardship Report January 19, 2020**

Envelopes.....	\$1,600.00
Loose.....	154.10
Building and Maintenance.....	40.00
Initial Offering.....	10.00

**CWL 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 available to purchase after Mass on the weekends of January 25/26, February 1/2 and February 8/9.

**Consultation on Medical Assistance in Dying**

The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Deadline for submission is **Monday, January 27 @11:59 p.m.** Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at:  
<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>



**WCDSB - We Are Hiring** We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: Lunch Hour Supervisors. Please visit our website for details: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

**Candle-light Prayer Vigil** at 6 p.m. in front of City Hall Kitchener on **Tuesday, January 28th** remembering the day in 1988 when Canada's Abortion Law was struck down. 32 years with no law in Canada to protect preborn babies at any stage. You are invited to join our Board Meeting after the Vigil at a local coffee shop. 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

**Adoration for Life**

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life on **Friday, February 7th**, St. Teresa Kitchener Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St., Kitchener Mass at 7pm.

**2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!**

Don't miss out on the 40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!! Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region. Applications have been included in today's bulletin. Purchase a ticket today! Go to [www.ccfowr.org/lottery](http://www.ccfowr.org/lottery) OR call (519) 747-5661



**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.