

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

1. the identity of Jesus, and 2. 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 evangelizer. 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 Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

January 16 – Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
 January 17 – Rev. Francis Hubilla
 January 18 – Youth Ministers
 January 19 – Rev. Luc Payett
 January 20 – Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
 January 21 – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
 January 22 – **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Bible Sunday)**

Vocations

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? Contact:

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**Mass Intentions
 January 16, 2023 – January 22, 2023**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – **7:00 p.m.**
Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott
Group Intentions Mass
 +Mary Wawryk
 +Victoria Montefar
Intentions of Roaul
Healing for Mrs. Mitrou
Healing for Lito Navaleza
 Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
 +Ken Snyder – Sandra Nakluski
 Thursday, January 19, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**

 Friday, January 20, 2023 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Ann Snyder – Ken & Betty
 Saturday, January 21, 2023 –
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
9:00 a.m. – + Frank & + Rose Lehmann – Lehmann Family
5:00 p.m. – + Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira
 Sunday, January 22, 2023 – **10:00 a.m.**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God Sunday) – Year A
 – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Following the Diocesan Initiative to "Come Home for Christmas" we have suspended live-streaming from our church at this time.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing For Confirmation & First Communion & Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion – February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: "Discovering the gift of the Eucharist" – Part II (parents & candidates)

Confirmation – February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Catechetical Session 3: "Eucharist – the gift of God's Love" (parents & candidates)

Mass Intentions for 2023 – In order to provide an equal opportunity to all members of our parish, who would like to request Mass intentions in 2023, I would propose the following: Each family may reserve 1 Saturday Mass and 1 weekday Mass. This is based on the number of registered families. Please make your requests over the next several weeks. After January 27, 2023, we will accommodate any available request, for as many Mass intentions as you wish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel). We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week to be with Jesus and nourish your spiritual life. To sign up, please contact Elisabeth at 519-590-5348.

Euchre – The games are scheduled for every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and will take place in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. For information, call Chris - 519-575-1692.

Stewardship Report January 1, 2023	
Envelopes	\$ 865.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 565.00
Votive Candles	\$ 39.25
Building and Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering	\$ 245.00
Stewardship Report January 8, 2023	
Envelopes	\$1823.00
Loose	\$ 163.25
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 135.00
Votive Candles	\$ 90.50
Building and Maintenance	\$ 270.00
Building Fund – In Memory of L. O'Donnell	\$ 20.00
Initial Offering	\$ 125.00
Christmas	\$ 110.00
Pierogies Fundraiser	\$ 285.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Women's League will host, in our Parish Life Centre, Father Toby Collins from St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener on Thursday January 19th at 7 p.m. Father Toby will speak about their program of feeding the homeless through the TINY HOME initiative and how this benefits our community. All adults over 16 years of age (men and women) are invited. Free will offering.



BIBLE SUNDAY 2023: The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2023. For more information visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton 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). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL for a special discussion and film screening to raise awareness and understanding of Indigenous Reconciliation, January 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The film Doctrine of Discovery, Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts is a challenging, truthful documentary, meant to educate people about the historic policy, which established a justification for colonization and seizure of land. The legacy of the Doctrine and the impact on the current state of Indigenous affairs is discussed. Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery and its manifestations are important as we strive for reconciliation. Special discussion following the screening with Rev. Val Kerr, Indigenous Elder, and former Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Ministry for the Anglican Diocese of Niagara; Sarah Guinta, Coordinator Office of Justice and Peace, Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton; and Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Hamilton. The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule at: <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT - February 4th - Guelph - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s/early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.), Social with Food (7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8 p.m.-9 p.m.), and Compline (9 p.m.) on Saturday, February 4th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MASTERING YOUR MONEY: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link.