

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus’ ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus’ kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph’s children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words brother and sister were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people’s lack of faith.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark’s Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus’ rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark’s community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian

Mass Intentions
July 6, 2024 – July 21, 2024

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Thursday, July 11, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Friday, July 12, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Intentions of Brendan Barrett – Bill Barrett
Saturday, July 13, 2024
9:00 a.m. – Intentions of Dan Nolan & Family – Bill & Mary Alice Zister
5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe
Sunday, July 14 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Thursday, July 18, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Friday, July 19, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
Saturday, July 20, 2024
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. – + Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira
Sunday, July 21 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

July 8 – Rev. Jonathan Reitzel
July 9 – Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
July 10 – Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) C.S.Sp.
July 11 – Rev. Alberto Ferreira
July 12 – Most. Rev. Anthony Tonnos
July 13 – Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.
July 14 – **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
July 15 – Rev. Gary Schlack
July 16 – Rev. Bradley Markus
July 17 – Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
July 18 – Rev. Khalid Karomi
July 19 – Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
July 20 – Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
July 21 – **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Stewardship Report – June 30th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$ 1,494.32
Votives.....	\$ 39.00
Flowers.....	\$ 25.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 383.00

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

Why should I enroll in Pre-Authorized giving? Advantages for you:

- the convenience of having your contribution automatically contributed to the parish.
- knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away;

Advantages for the Parish:

- regular, dependable contributions to the Parish;
- Reduction of paperwork;
- The ability to more effectively plan parish programs and activities.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Parish BBQ Fundraiser

Funds Raised - \$435.00
Donation - \$400.00
Total: \$835.00

Thank you for your support of our parish community!

Parish Announcements

Notice: Office Closure

Please note that the parish office will be closed from **July 8th to July 15th**. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, July 16th.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

The parish bulletin will be published on the following dates: **July 21st, August 4th, and August 18th**. The regular bulletin schedule will resume in September 2024.

Coffee Sunday: July 14th

Join us for Coffee Sunday in the parish hall after 10 a.m. Mass. We will be commemorating Canada Day! Welcome one and all. If you can bring a red treat, it would be appreciated. Donations help to support the parish.

Notice: First Friday Mass Time

During the summer months, the First Friday Mass will take place in the morning at 8:30 a.m. The regular First Friday Mass schedule will resume in September 2024.

Notice: Children’s Liturgy

Children’s liturgy will pause for the summer until the third Sunday of September 2024. We look forward to seeing our children’s liturgy participants after the summer break!

Parish Choir Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Parish Choir team. If you have a love for music, can play the guitar, play the piano, and wish to participate in your parish community, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Cleaning Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please let us know which dates you are available.

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night - Saturday, August 3rd – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 3rd at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Wisdom of the Saints

“Every love has a force of its own. Love cannot be inactive in a lover; it cannot but lead in some direction. If you want to see the character of person’s love, see where it is leading.”

-- St. Augustine

“Prayer is. Therefore, the source and origin of every upward journey toward God.”

-- St. Bonaventure

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
July 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July.