

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15 **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL/THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

5:00 pm + Sheila Rush by Wendy Hibbard

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am + Kathleen Fierno by Catherine Montague

10:30 am + Pietro DiRidolfi by The Family

Tuesday, August 18 **DEVOTION TO INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE**

+ Charles Montague by CWL

Wednesday, August 19 **DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Intentions of the Parishioners

Thursday, August 20 **DEVOTION TO ST. ANN/MEMORIAL OF ST. BERNARD**

+ Eugene Lynch by Tom & Terry Montague

Friday, August 21 **MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS X**

+ Laureen Montague by Anthony & Norma Pierroz

Saturday, August 22 **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL/MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

5:00 pm + Paula Schaeffer by Margaret Andrews

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am + Mario Couture by Greg & Diane Lougheed

10:30 am + Vanessa Arnieri & Her Grieving Family by
Yvette & Lionel Gagnon

MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are offered for various intentions such as death anniversaries, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and for the sick and dying or other intentions you may have. We look forward for your mass intentions using the envelopes available for your use. Each mass intention is \$10.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: PEOPLE IN THE MARITIME WORLD

POPE FRANCIS URGES PRAYERS FOR SEAFARERS AND THOSE WORKING IN THE MARITIME WORLD

LECTORS

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| Sat—Aug 15 | 5:00 pm | Wendy Hibbard |
| Sun— Aug 16 | 8:30 am | Tom Montague |
| | 10:30 am | Ed McCarthy |



OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

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| July 19, 2020 | Regular Fund | \$ 815.00 | |
| July 26, 2020 | Regular Fund | \$1,420.00 | |
| Aug 2, 2020 | Regular Fund | \$2,120.00 | Building Fund \$ 365.00 |
| Aug 9, 2020 | Regular Fund | \$2,805.00 | |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY REMINDER: We will be praying **The Rosary** at St. Mary's Church on **Wednesday August 19th —7:00 pm—date of Our Lady's 4th apparition to Saints Jacinta, Francesco and Servant of God Lucia in Fatima.**

If you will be praying from home, see the following link to the Youtube Rosary videos/audios: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R4Nofgwpil>

Copy and paste it in your search bar to access the videos/audios on your computer or iPad, tablet or Smart phone:

SPACE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND MASS: We would like to inform you that there is still space available to attend Mass at St. Mary's if you are comfortable in doing so or not at risk.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WHILE ATTENDING MASS:

- You are asked to maintain physical distancing,
- To follow the ushers lead as they guide you and direct the Communion line as well as the exit procedure after Mass and
- To remain seated in your pews until you receive the signal to proceed for Communion and to exit.

- There will be no congregational singing and no sign of the peace.
- Reception of Communion **in the hand** is strongly recommended for the time being.
- Communicants are instructed to remove their gloves if applicable and to lower their masks while the person ahead of them is receiving Holy Communion

Know also that Bishop Bergie has announced a change in the reception of Communion as follows: When the Priest raises the Host and says "The Body of Christ": the Communicant is to, firstly, respond "Amen", **THEN BOW as a sign of reverence, and **THEN APPROACH** to receive Communion.**

VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to assist with the sanitation duties after Mass, or with the duties assigned to the ushers, please advise one of those present at Mass or call the office to leave your name and number.

WE NOW HAVE A NEW WEB-SITE: We are pleased to announce that we have changed our web-site with the help and expertise of Dan Huynh. The new address is: **www.stmary-stannparish.com**. Weekly bulletins are posted for your perusal.

FACEBOOK: We also have a Face book page which includes announcements for your reference. St. Mary's & St. Ann's Parish, Hagersville, Ont.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about **Jesus walking on the water** and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. Loyola Press



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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's;
10:30am St. Mary's

Weekday Masses: Tues, Wed, Fri, 9:00am at St. Mary's;
Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's

Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request

Baptisms: 3rd Sunday of the Month. Contact the office.

DEVOTIONS



TUESDAYS
PRAYERS TO INFANT
JESUS OF PRAGUE



WEDNESDAYS
PRAYERS TO OUR LADY
OF PERPETUAL HELP



THURSDAYS
PRAYERS TO ST. ANN



SATURDAYS
NOVENA TO OUR LADY
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Lord Jesus Christ, You love
Your church and those called
to share Your priesthood!
With our love and prayers, we
join You in asking our Heav-
enly Father to continue to
pour out His gifts of holiness,
compassion and ardent zeal
on your priests everywhere.
Inspire each of them to offer
his life as an *Ambassador of*
Christ, bringing reconciliation
and healing to the world.
Mary, Mother of all Priests,
inspire us to live in peace and
joy and pray this prayer with
us. Amen.



NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST

Priests are made by prayer and
with the help of the community.
If you feel that our Lord may be
calling you to serve Him in
ordained ministry, we invite
you to contact us to begin your
vocational discernment.
Please do all you can to en-
courage priestly and religious
vocations. Your prayers and
support make a difference.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Loving God,
inspire your people to
promote and to answer
the call to Priestly and
Religious Life.

Remove fears and
doubts
from their hearts.
Give them the Spirit's
gifts of wisdom
and courage. We ask
this in Jesus name.
Amen.