

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, July 3 - St. Thomas the Apostle

5:00 p.m. + Richard & Mary Mauser - *Frank & Sheila Mauser*

Wednesday, July 4

8:00 a.m. + Larry Tremblett - *Madeline & Family*

11:00 a.m. - Riverbend Communion Service (Riverbend Place)

Thursday, July 5

5:00 p.m. + José Moura - *Maria Moura & Family*

Friday, July 6

8:00 a.m. + Antonio Moura - *Emilia Moura*

Saturday, July 7

5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass

+ Antonio Machado - *The Moreira Family*

+ Mario Cimbron - *Sandra & Family*

+ Gerald Fitzgerald - *Mike Chaves*

+ Patrick Reidy - *The Family*

+ Joe Goulart - *Maria Goulart & Family*

Sunday, July 8 – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady

9:00 a.m. - Sung Mass + Manuel Resendes - *The Family*

11:00 a.m. - Sung Mass - *Pro populo*

And the Son came to dwell specifically in the flesh,
the place in which the earthly world opens up to
the action of the Spirit.

José Granados



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

*Please observe a reverent silence -
talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass -
and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced
to avoid distracting others in prayer.*

This Week In Our Parish

Wednesday, July 4

8:30 a.m. – Confessions, *immed. following mass until finished* (Church)

Saturday, July 7

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. – Confessions (Church)

Sunday, July 8

6:30 p.m. – Light lunch with Euchre to follow (Parish Hall)

Changes to Note...

***There will be no adoration or Benediction
on Friday's from June 15 - August 31 inclusive.***

Preparing For Next Week

Ezekiel 2 : 3 - 5 ; Psalm 123;

2 Corinthians 12: 7 - 10 ; Mark 6: 1 - 6

Offertory

Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,655.50
Loose Collection	\$ 496.10
Total Collection – Thank you	\$4,151.60

Liturgical Ministers - July 7 & 8

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	C. Camara G. Thompson	A. Sousa <i>Vol. Needed</i>	M. Ryan M. Dwyer
Lectors L1 L2	N. Applebee M. Applebee	K. Jamieson A. Jamieson	C. Terpstra J. Kelly
Communion	H. Nearing T. Nearing	J. Streppel B. Sousa	H. France R. France



Pastor's Question Box

Parishioners are invited to ask questions about the practice or teaching of the Catholic Church – or about scripture passages that need explanation or about how Catholics should interact with the modern world.

Please write or print your question (legibly – with one question per page) and deposit it in the Question Box placed in the narthex of the church. Each weekend, the pastor will respond during the announcements or during the homily to the same question at the 5 pm, 9 and 11 am masses. The pastor will choose which question will be answered at mass. The choice will be made based on its relevance and interest to the parish community as a whole.

Most responses will need to be limited to a few minutes duration – or, be answered in parts. Depending on the number of total questions submitted by parishioners, not all questions may be able to be answered at Sunday masses – especially those that may be of a more personal nature. Questions may be anonymous and need not be signed. However – if you wish to be guaranteed a response to your question, please write your name and contact information at the bottom of the page. If your question does not receive a response at mass, Fr. Bill or Deacon Terry will contact you personally in due course and determine the best way to respond.

Apartment to Rent



St. Patrick's Church organist, Stephanie Burgoyne, is looking for rental accommodation. If you have any rental space or know someone who does, please call Stephanie at (519) 304-2383.

*For information about diocesan workshops and events,
please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>*

The Challenge of Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship



“If indeed ‘the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,’ the Church ‘cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.’” So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183). Our country faces many

political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates’ promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ’s commandment to “love one another” (Jn 13:34). The Canadian Charter of Rights protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favouritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church’s right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our country’s tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in the political life of our nation is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent.

In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church’s social doctrine, which serve as ‘primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.’” The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a “consistent ethic of life” (*USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22). Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God. (Taken, in part, from the *USCCB Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens*)

The Outpouring Of The Holy Spirit



“The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (*John 14:25*). Ceaselessly the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance the life-giving words of Jesus: “This is my body which is given for you” (*Luke 22:19*).

In the Eucharistic Prayer, while giving thanks to the Father, the Church “implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ’s Body and Blood” (*GIRM*, 79). The Church also prays that, by the action of the Holy Spirit, “the spotless Victim to be received in Communion be for the salvation of those who will partake of it” (*GIRM*, 79).

At the Annunciation (*cf. Luke 1:35*) the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary, forming the Body of Christ in her womb. At Pentecost (*cf. Acts 2:4*) the Holy Spirit was present in a mighty wind and tongues of fire to form the Body of Christ, the Church. In every Mass the Holy Spirit makes fruitful the Church’s obedience to the command of Christ: “Do this in memory of me” (*Luke 22:19*). (Taken from the *Archdiocese of Philadelphia*)

Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church?

Jesus healed Jairus’s daughter by saying “Talitha cum” which means “little girl, get up!”. Has the Lord called you to get up and walk? Perhaps Jesus wants you to help others get up and walk. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 x2246 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com