

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
(CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE)
(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm
 + Kazia Kubicz

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
(ST. POLYCARP)

8:00 am
 + Julieta & Altino Soares

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00 pm
(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)
 Ints. of Tony & Shirley Borges & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)
 Intentions of the Nguyen Family

EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:00 pm
 + Jean McKenna

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am
 + Weslaw Jakus

11:00 am
 Mass for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

St. Margaret of Scotland School:

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, April 5 @ 6 pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday, April 24 @ 4 pm

St. Teresa of Calcutta School:

First Reconciliation: Thursday, April 7 @ 6 pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday, April 24 @ 2 pm

Christ the King School:

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 29 @ 6 pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 1 @ 4 pm

St. Peter School:

First Reconciliation: Thursday, March 31 @ 6 pm

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 1 @ 2 pm

Confirmation

St. Peter School:

Thursday, April 28 @ 7 pm

Christ the King School:

Friday, April 29 @ 7 pm

St. Margaret of Scotland School:

Saturday, April 30 @ 11 am

St. Teresa of Calcutta School:

Saturday, April 30 @ 1:30 pm



Registration forms are available at your child's school. Any student who did not receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Patrick's Parish will need to provide the church with a baptismal certificate from the parish at which they were baptized. If the certificate is in a language other than English, an English translation must be provided. The baptism certificate is to be handed in along with the registration form to your child's classroom teacher no later than **Friday, April 1, 2022**

FORMATION WORKSHOPS

The liturgy office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer in-person formation at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Saturday, March 5 for both Minister of the Word and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Registration is required: hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy

OFFERTORY

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Envelope Contributions	\$1,597.00
Loose Collection	\$ 200.60
EFT Donations	\$1,148.00
Total Collection – Thank you	\$2,945.60

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

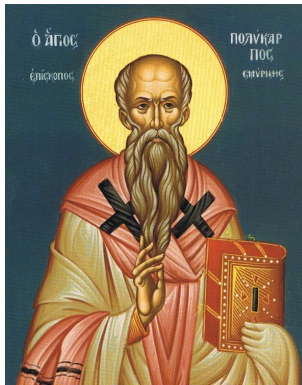
FEBRUARY 26 & 27

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	A. Kelly	J. Streppel	J. Meagher
Communion	C. McArthur B. Seguin	J. Bui S. Braga	J. Kelly V. Umolac

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER FEBRUARY 22

The seat or “cathedra” of a bishop is, traditionally, the place from which the bishop preaches. It is a sign of his authority. On this day we celebrate and give thanks to God for the authority given to Peter by Christ, and for the continuing role of the Petrine ministry as being a point of unity in the universal church. We should pray especially for Pope Francis that he may be a faithful disciple of the Gospel and that he may govern and guide the Church in the way of truth.



THE FEAST OF ST. POLYCARP FEBRUARY 23

Polycarp was recognized as a Christian leader by all Asia Minor Christians - a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock. Like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep and kept them from more persecution in Smyrna. He summarized his trust in God just before he died: “Father... I bless Thee, for having made me worthy of the day and the hour...” (*Acts of Martyrdom*, Chapter 14).

CATHOLICS DON'T WORSHIP MARY AND THE SAINTS

Many Catholics are confused about the role of the Blessed Mother and the Saints. Should we pray to Mary and the Saints or should we go “right to the top” and pray to God? In a nutshell, the Catholic Faith teaches that we must worship God alone. Mary and the Saints are to be honoured [venerated], not worshipped. However, their intercession can be extremely powerful and emulating their virtues can put us on the road to Heaven. <https://catholicexchange.com/ten-facts-most-catholics-dont-know-but-should>

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Tuesday	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Wednesday	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thursday	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.
Friday	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Saturday	Rev. Piotr (Peter) Machnacki, S.A.C.

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Bishop Lobsinger at: gem@hamiltondiocese.com

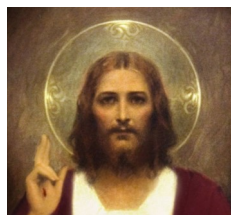
THE CHRISTIAN MORAL LIFE AS AN ENDEAVOR TO ANSWER GOD'S INVITATION TO ETERNAL LIFE

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* emphasizes the dignity of the human person, and develops the theme that man is indeed the image of the all-holy God. Section I, article I (c.f. # 1701) begins by citing a passage from Vatican Council II's *Gaudium et Spes* (c.f. # 22), in which the Council Fathers remind us that “Christ...in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, makes man fully manifest to himself and brings to light his exalted vocation (c.f. # 1701–1710).

Man, endowed with reason, is enabled to know the truth, including moral truth, and with free will, which enables him to determine his own life by directing himself toward his true good (c.f. # 1704 - 1713). In addition, the Catechism reminds us that because of original sin we are inclined toward evil and subject to error (c.f. # 1707 -1714), but that God, in his great mercy has sent us his only-begotten Son to redeem us from sin and enable us to become truly God's children, capable of acting rightly and of doing good (c.f. # 1709, 1715).

Along with the Decalogue, the beatitudes of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount describe for us the path leading to God's eternal kingdom (c.f. # 1724, 1728 - 1729). The Catechism then goes on to discuss the meaning of man's freedom, or his capacity to determine himself by his own free choices, his responsibility to choose rightly and to avoid freely choosing evil, and his need for God's grace, which in no way opposes human freedom but rather enables it to be exercised rightly (c.f. # 1730 - 1748; Sirach 15: 5 - 20).

Man is in need of God's never-failing grace in order to fulfill his vocation and to live as God desires. We are reminded that we do not justify ourselves, but that God takes the initiative in reconciling sinful men and women with himself by the grace of the Holy Spirit, poured into the hearts of those who have, through baptism, died to sin and have risen to new life in Christ (c.f. # 1996). Grace, a sharing in God's own divine life, is infused by the power of the Holy Spirit into our being so that we are sanctified, made holy and enabled to live worthily as God's children (c.f. # 1996 - 2000; 2017 - 2027). Since we are now God's children and share in his divine nature, we are called to a life of perfection and of holiness, which cannot be achieved unless we are willing to bear our cross and to mortify [humble] ourselves (c.f. # 2012 - 2015; 2028 - 2029).



ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.