

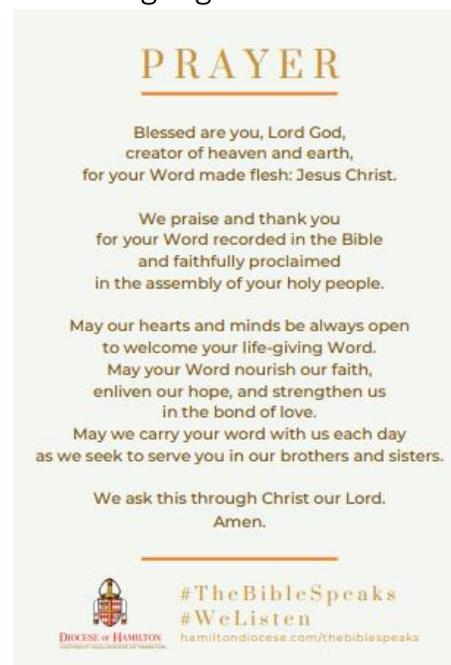
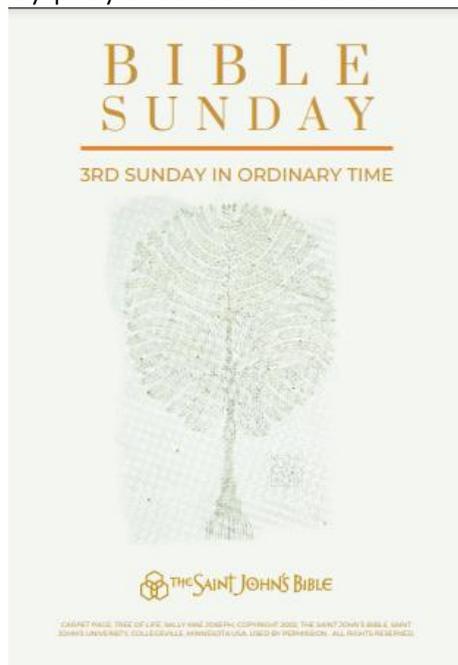
Today is **BIBLE SUNDAY...** #THE BIBLE SPEAKS #WE LISTEN

IN HIS APOSTOLIC LETTER, *APERUIT ILLIS*, Pope Francis instituted the *Sunday of the Word of God*, to be celebrated. The inspiration for *#TheBibleSpeaks* comes from Pope Francis' letter for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, *Misericordia et misera*, #7, in which he states, *"It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people."*

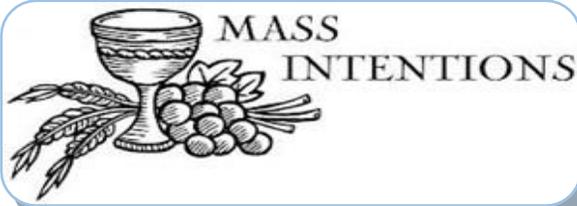
Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how **#TheBibleSpeaks** and how **#WeListen**. So, *today*, we celebrate *Bible Sunday* in the Diocese of Hamilton. This annual celebration provides the opportunity to renew our efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and to encourage a regular dialogue with the living Word. Given the restrictions of pandemic life, the Diocese has prepared a variety of digital resources for this year's celebration with specific focus on the ***Gospel of Luke***.

Please visit the Diocesan webpage for Bible Sunday to discover a wealth of resource including:

- Suggestions for reading Scripture and Praying with the Bible
- A video presentation for adults on the Gospel of Luke by Father David Perrin, priest of the Diocese of Hamilton and Professor Emeritus at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo
- An Adventure Passport for Children (grades 3-5) that explores the Gospel of Luke with compliment of the illuminations from the Saint John's Bible
- Bible Sunday prayer cards available in nine different languages.



Third & Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - JANUARY 23 & 30, 2022



8:00am Tuesday, January 25, 2022

† Licio Trevisan

† Mary Pillai

8:00am Wednesday, January 26, 2022

† Filomena Fernades

† Carol Brode

8:00am Thursday, January 27, 2022

† Henry (Hank) Palmieri

8:00am Friday, January 28, 2022

(i) Marie Murray

5:00pm Saturday, January 29, 2022

† Teresita Borja

9:00am Sunday, January 30, 2022

† Dragica Sopic

11:30am Sunday, January 30, 2022

† Jaroslav Grabec

8:00am Tuesday, February 1, 2022

† Mark Werner

8:00am Wednesday, February 2, 2022

(i) Betty Larter

MASS INTENTIONS are available for 2022. Mass offerings are \$10 – Contact the office for more details or to have a Mass card prepared.

Masses can be offered for various reasons such as:

- in loving memory of someone who has passed away,
- for the intentions of people,
- for healing (surgeries, illness)
- for special occasions (birthdays & anniversaries.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION will be every first Friday of the month after the 8:00am Mass. All are welcome to join us! **next... February 4, 2022**

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS PARISH

If you are new to the parish; Welcome.

If you wish to have a box of envelopes, kindly contact the parish via email at stthomaswaterdown@hamilton.diocese.com

I invite you to consider pre-authorized giving. It is easy and convenient for you and for the parish.

Offerings are withdrawn **once a month**. If you wish to know more about it, please contact the parish. You can also sign up for online giving through our website.

Thank you and God bless your generosity.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" Psalm 116:12

Foster/Adoption Information Webinar

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Anyone interested in fostering or adopting can join this online information session to learn more about the opportunities to foster and adopt through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton. This will be an interactive webinar where you can join the conversation and ask questions. The first step towards fostering and adoption is attending this information session.

To register, please contact Jennifer Veenstra at 905-525-2273 or by email jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES -

The Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year of the FAMILY, will have its next evening sessions **Jan. 26th from 7-8:30pm**, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church.

The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet.

For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.