

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 9, 2022

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a good and creative start to the New Year. The Christmas celebrations at St. Thomas were beautiful, meaningful, and enriching. Many people participated in our services and I want to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to make these celebrations wonderful.

As you know, Covid continues to affect us in so many ways. There are many things that we want to do but cannot. **Let us not lose our hope but continue to have faith.** We need to be patient at this time and pray that this will end soon. Let us make sure that we remain safe and take care of those who are vulnerable. Let us find creative ways to connect with one another.

Even though we are limited in many ways, we can still do a lot of things online. The Diocese offers seminars and workshops on various topics at different times. Feel free to stay connected by joining them. Information is always available on their website. In our Parish, you can also stay connected by joining organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, and the Legion of Mary. We also offer a prayer chain where we pray for people who are in need. If you would like to join our prayer chain or learn more, please email our Parish Nurse, Debbie @ parishnurse.stthomaschurch@gmail.com.

Looking forward... once Covid is over we are planning to start a few clubs (Coffee & cards, etc.), Seniors and Youth groups and offer activities that everyone in the community can participate in. We are also hoping that soon we can commence having Children's liturgy. It is so wonderful to see so many children and youth participating in our liturgies!

Let us know what other programs we can offer at the parish. **We want to hear from you!** Feel free to provide suggestions and feedback so that we can become a vibrant parish community. Invite your friends and families to join our celebrations.

Wishing you peace, safety, health, and happiness throughout this year.
Fr. Francis

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE PARISH

The 2022 envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please do not forget to pick yours up! 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@hamiltondiocese.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 Offerings are withdrawn **once a month**.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*

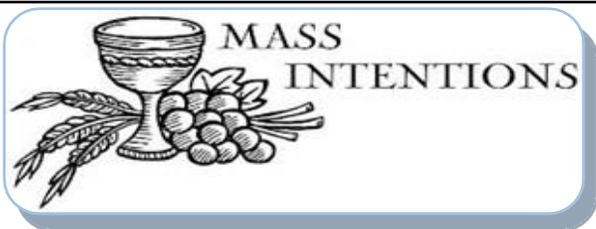
MASS INTENTIONS are available for 2022.

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).

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

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:00am † Stanslaw & Bronislaw Golowka
† John Anthony Parente

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00am (i) Barbara Pautler

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00am † Carolyn Facca

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:00am † Ken Hubley

Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:00pm † Maria Szot

Sunday, January 16, 2022

9:00am † Antonio Morgan
11:30am † Czeslaw & Stanislaw Suchora

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00am † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00am (i) Dorata Oblak

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00am † Eileen Sutton
(i) Antonio Perini

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:00am (i) Fr. Allison

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:00pm † Sam Pellegi

Sunday, January 23, 2022

9:00am † Orti Nello Fabello
11:30am (i) Szmurlo Family Intentions

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!

Pope Francis's intention for January 2022

True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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](tel:905-525-2273) or by email

jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES -

The kickoff to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year of the FAMILY, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff.

The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, 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
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