

Notes from the desk of Fr. Francis

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. Please reach out to the Church if you need any prayers, Communion at home or if you require anointing of the sick. Our office is open with regular hours, and we are happy to serve you!

A few items to note:

1. **Money Counters**

The Parish is looking for additional money counters. If you think that you can spare time on the weekends, kindly send your names to the parish office.

Training will be provided.

2. **2022 Finance Committee**

The Parish will form a new Committee in May 2022. We are looking for members who are experts in finance, banking, building maintenance and law. Please reach out to me directly or email your interest to the office.

3. **Tax Receipts**

The income tax receipts have been prepared and are available to be picked up.

If there is any discrepancy, kindly contact the parish office to discuss.

4. **Mass Intentions**

Masses for 2022 are available and can be offered for various reasons. Mass offerings are \$10 – Contact the office for more details or to have a Mass card prepared.

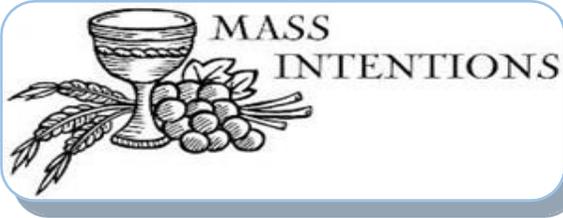
5. **Confirmation Meeting (Mandatory for all participating)**

A Confirmation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 30 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**. Parents, guardians, and sponsors are encouraged to join this session as well.

As always, I continue to wish you many blessings and ask that you keep hope in your heart. “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

Fr. Francis Noronha, CSC

Fifth & Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – February 6 & 13, 2022



8:00am Tuesday, February 8, 2022

(i) Kelly White

8:00am Wednesday, February 9, 2022

† Maggie Snell

8:00am Thursday, February 10, 2022

(i) Denise Ryan

11:30am Sunday, February 13, 2022

† Souls in Purgatory

† Zdenek Studnicka

8:00am Tuesday, February 15, 2022

† Julien Lawrence

9:00am Sunday, February 20, 2022

† Xavier Roche

† Morris Walsh

† Orti Nello Fabello

11:30am Sunday, February 20, 2022

(i) Paul & Kathrine Grabec & Family

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if you hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world, and you have the power to teach it.

SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS PARISH

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. Offerings are withdrawn **once a month**. It is easy and convenient for you and for the parish. Thank you and God Bless your generosity!

Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series Wed, Feb.16th, 7-8:30p.m.

Topic: **The Witness of Faith in the Home** by Connie Clark.

Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented on Zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. Please contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 if you have any questions.

Join us February 24, 2022, 7:00 – 9:00 pm for

“After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village”, part of the Reel Justice Film Festival! The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. Individuals are also welcome to book out the “Cottage” for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 117:

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: “After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the “greatest form of friendship”. It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life.” (AL #123) **February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quotation and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.**