

## Ninth & Tenth Sunday in Lenten Time – Year C – March 6 & 13, 2022

*May your Lenten Penance, Prayer and Devotion, bring you closer to our Loving God during this Holy Season.*



### **Covid Update – Changes starting March**

The Government of Ontario has announced that effective March 1, 2022, changes to the COVID-19 protocols will take place, provided that health and health care indicators continue to improve.

As a backdrop to the following norms for Parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton, it should be noted, that we need to proceed and re-open cautiously, especially since the pandemic has not concluded.

**St. Thomas will now operate at full capacity with continued mandatory mask wearing.**

The following changes to the COVID-19 protocols will take place:

- The use of Holy Water is permitted; please sanitize your hands as you enter the church. Sanitizing stations continue to be offered.
- Congregational singing and Choir singing is permitted provided they were masks.
- Cantors may be unmasked provided they are 3meter distance from others.
- Communion in the hand continues to be highly encouraged. Those who wish to receive it on the tongue should receive it at the end of the Communion procession. Communion from the Chalice is not permitted at this time.
- The sign of peace by shaking hands if discouraged at this time.
- Negative tests for un-vaccinated staff, volunteers or liturgical ministers are no longer required.

While there can be no guarantee of complete protection, every reasonable precaution has been and will continue to be taken by the parish to protect your health and safety. Thank you for your patience.

### **Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7pm**

Beginning on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 stations focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

### **Prayer for the Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse**

**March 11, 2022 - Holy Hour beginning at 6:15pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm.**

The parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton unite with our Bishop to pray for victims of sexual abuse across our country and around the world on the Second Sunday of Lent. Please join us as we pray before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament for one hour on this day. All are welcome!

### **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Please consider donating towards our Easter Flowers – Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex.



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### **Formation Workshops @ St. Thomas Parish**

We are pleased to offer in-person formation on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the following two Ministries:

**Minister of the Word** 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Registration is required as space is limited to 40 participants at each workshop. In keeping with the Government of Ontario Covid-19 protocols, we require all participants to adhere to social distancing and mask wearing protocols while attending the workshop. Please call or email the office to register. Thanks!

### **Parish Hall & Kitchen Update**

We look forward to welcoming you back into our Parish Centre/ Hall. We are in the final stages of opening before we request an Inspection. As such, we will require volunteers to assist us for different Parish events. If you're able to donate your time to help us, please contact the Parish office at [stthomaswaterdown@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stthomaswaterdown@hamiltondiocese.com) Thank you!

### **FRIDAY FISH FRY – TAKE OUT ONLY – April 8 & 15<sup>th</sup>**

It is our intention to offer Fish Fry Takeout – more news coming in the upcoming weeks! Stay tuned and mark your calendars!

### **YOUTH ZONE**

#### **LENT / EASTER COLOURING CONTEST!**

Colouring sheets are available in the Narthex.

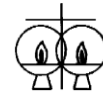
1. All Elementary Students may enter.
2. 1 entry / person.
3. Entries must be brought back to Church **by the artist** by Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
4. Winners/Prizes will be announced during the Palm Sunday weekend masses (April 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>). **5 WINNERS!! 5 PRIZES!!**

Please indicate your name, age, school and which mass you attend. Good luck to Everyone & Have fun!!

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE**

Thank you to all the students who joined the Children's Choir to sing for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> First Communion celebrations. Practices are on **March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9 at the Parish from 3-4pm.**

*And finally, we welcome our newly Baptized Parishioners. Congratulations to Peter Monteiro & Roisin Robertson.*



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00am Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

(i) Bill Macauley & others

**8:00am Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

† Maria & Francis Bruno

**8:00am Thursday, March 10, 2022**

(i) Peace in the Ukraine & the World

**8:00am Friday, March 11, 2022**

† Mary & Francis Bruno

**5:00pm Saturday, March 12, 2022**

† Maria & Francis Bruno

**9:00am Sunday, March 13, 2022**

(i) Seth, Nathan & Justin Couture

**11:30am Sunday, March 13, 2022**

† Souls in Purgatory

**8:00am Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

(i) Peace in the Ukraine & the World

**8:00am Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

(i) Denise Ryan

(i) Leonard Parente

**8:00am Thursday, March 17, 2022**

(i) Brian & Anne White

**8:00am Friday, March 18, 2022**

(i) Bill Macauley & others

† Stanislaw Jasiak

**5:00pm Saturday, March 19, 2022**

† Arlene VanVeen

(i) Percy Allen

† Jim Comiskey

**9:00am Sunday, March 20, 2022**

(i) Natale & Umbaldina Mazzaferro

**11:30am Sunday, March 20, 2022**

† Souls in Purgatory

† Anita Pinto