

## Third & Fourth Sundays of Lent – Year C – March 20 & 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

We have had to face many challenges in the past 24 months, and we had to pivot and make uncomfortable changes to our daily life because of COVID. As we near the end of the pandemic, let's remain steadfast in prayer that we emerge stronger and in good health. Let's continue to put our trust in God to guide us back to safer and simpler times. Let's not live in fear, rather embrace the sunshine of spring, and go forth with a smile! I look forward to seeing everyone back at Mass. As we prepare for the resurrection of Christ, let's keep our hearts filled with hope. Stay well & continue to be safe!

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

Join us each Friday at 7:00 pm, as we pray the Stations of the Cross.

### Formation Workshops @ St. Thomas

We are pleased to offer in-person formation on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for **Minister of the Word** 9:00am to 12:00pm and **Minister of Holy Communion** 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Registration is required as space is limited to 40 participants at each workshop. Please call or email the office to register. Thanks!

**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...**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

### TENEBRAE SERVICE

Please join us on **Wed April 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm** for a musical reflection on the **Sufferings of Jesus**.

Hosted by **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish & the Alumni of St. Michael's Choir School**. All are welcome!

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

It is our intention to offer Fish Fry Takeout – Stay tuned and mark your calendars!

## Volunteers Needed

A bulletin was sent this week from Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger of the Diocese of Hamilton outlining a new initiative called,

### **“Forward Together in Christ.”**

As the restrictions begin to lift and we look at the task ahead of rebuilding and training our ministries, we know we will require more volunteers. Over the summer we will look to engage with you to understand your needs and wants as we rebuild a plan to serve our community.

*“This is an exciting time for our Diocese and the Church. In the words of Pope Francis, this is a time to decide what our new normal will be and to use this time of opportunity to boldly build the Church for ministry in the twenty-first century!”*

Please contact the office if you can volunteer for one of our ministries:

- Children's Liturgy
- Kitchen & Event Staff
- Vacation Bible School Staff
- Ushers
- Money Counters

**Also, Grade 8 graduates, please consider volunteering for the church to collect your 40hrs of community service!**

Let us know if you're interested by emailing: [stthomaswaterdown@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stthomaswaterdown@hamiltondiocese.com)

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**8:00am Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

- (i) Bill Macauley & others
- (i) Healing for Judy VanDuzan

**8:00am Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

- † Souls of Purgatory

**8:00am Thursday, March 24, 2022**

- † Stanislaw Jasiak

**8:00am Friday, March 25, 2022**

- † Mary Pillai

**5:00pm Saturday, March 26, 2022**

- (i) Dolores Whitter

**9:00am Sunday, March 27, 2022**

- (i) Christopher Ryan
- † Orti Nello Fabello
- † Dragica Sopcic

**11:30am Sunday, March 27, 2022**

- † Souls in Purgatory
- † Sarafina Cristiano (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**8:00am Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

- (i) Sr. Benigna
- † Carolyn Facca

**8:00am Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

- † Joseph Borsellino

**8:00am Thursday, March 31, 2022**

- (i) Bill Macauley & others

**8:00am Friday, April 1, 2022**

- (i) Gerry Lister

**5:00pm Saturday, April 2, 2022**

- (i) Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc

**9:00am Sunday, April 3, 2022**

- (i) Joann & Ron Wojcicki
- † Sylvia Rizzo

**11:30am Sunday, April 3, 2022**

- † Souls in Purgatory

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. On the donation envelope, please write the name(s) you would like printed on the flower card. Thank you!!



### HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE (April 14 - 17<sup>th</sup>)

- **Holy Thursday**  
8:00 pm - Mass
- **Good Friday**  
11:00 am - Stations of the Cross (outdoors)  
3:00 pm - Service
- **Holy Saturday**  
12:00 pm - Blessing of the Easter Basket  
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday**  
9:00 am & 11:30 am - Mass

### ---YOUTH ZONE --- YOUTH ZONE ---

A mandatory Confirmation Meeting for all participants will be held on Wed. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church.

### LENT / EASTER COLOURING CONTEST!

Colouring sheets are available in the Narthex.

1. All Elementary Students may enter.
2. 1 entry / per 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 19, 26 & April 2, 9 at the Parish from 3-4pm.**

*And finally, we welcome our newly Baptized Parishioners. Congratulations to Roisin Robertson & Isla Lukosius!*