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**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Blessings Of
Christmas
PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Friends!

Christmas is a time to celebrate and to share love and gifts with family, neighbours & friends. Hope you will find creative ways to celebrate the joy, hope, love and peace that Child Jesus brings. Let us open ourselves to God's love and the hope that Jesus brings in our lives. Let us reach out to all those who are vulnerable, poor, and many who might find this Christmas season difficult. We pray that Christmas be for you a gift of love, a blessing of hope and a promise of peace and may your New Year be blessed with Joy and peace. **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Staff**



Office Closure for the Christmas Holidays

The office will be CLOSED starting December 23 for the Christmas Holidays – reopening on January 6, 2025. During this time, emails and phone calls will be periodically monitored. Kindly attend Mass to speak directly with Father Francis for any urgent matters. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas Holiday!



The Church extends an invitation to children of Grade 2 to prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. It is the child's parents who will decide when the proper time has arrived to celebrate these Sacraments. This is an important decision, as it will shape your child's faith journey throughout his/her life.

I invite both parents and children to attend one meeting on either Thursday January 9th at 6pm or Saturday, January 11th at 10am. First Communions will take place at the end of April and beginning of May 2025. If you're requiring Catechesis Correspondence, kindly call or email the Diocese and register for a class.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-evangelization-catechesis/>



Baptism

Baptism Information... please stop into the Parish Office to pick up a Baptism Package to start the Sacramental process. **Requirements for parents:** 1 group meeting held in the Parish on the last Sunday of the month following the 11:30am Mass **and** one private meeting prior to Baptism. Registration is required.

*Downsizing? Have too much? CONSIDER DONATING YOUR
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS for the 2025 BAZAAR-
CHRISTMAS ROOM*

This year we are again requesting that parishioners keep us in mind when going through their Christmas items. **We will be collecting items for our Christmas Room for the parish bazaar throughout January.** Should you have any Christmas items such as decorations, lights, etc., that you no longer want please consider donating them to the parish for the Bazaar. Maybe if you are boxing day shopping and see some good deals on decorations, etc., please consider buying some of these for the Christmas Room.

All donations can be left in the Narthex after any of the Masses in January.





MASSES OF THE WEEK

4:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Antonio Solon Modina

7:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Jeanette St. Jules & Peter Morettin

10:00pm Tuesday, December 24, 2024

† Ralph Naccarato

Intentions of Fr. Kenneth Le Blanc L.C.

10:00am Wednesday, December 25, 2024

† Joseph Neo & Teresa Chua

No Mass - Thursday, Dec 26, 2024

8:00am Friday, December 27, 2024

Intentions of Sr. Roxie

5:00pm Saturday, December 28, 2024

† Victor & Beatrice Schembri

† Maria & Francis Bruno

9:00am Sunday, December 29, 2024

† Antonio Briseno & Maria Dorontes

11:30am Sunday, December 29, 2024

Intentions of the People -

of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

5:00pm Tuesday, December 31, 2024

† John Augustyniak

10:00am Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Intentions of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist

8:00am Thursday, January 2, 2024

† Lance Brode

8:00am Friday, January 3, 2024

Intentions of Paul Bachand

5:00pm Saturday, January 4, 2024

Intentions of the Kay Ribson

† Bill Macaulay

9:00am Sunday, January 5, 2024

Intentions of the People -

of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

11:30am Sunday, January 5, 2024

† Antonio Solon Modina

† Giuseppe Commisso

The Jubilee Year "*Pilgrims of Hope*" begins
on December 28/29

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

