



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

Served by the Holy Cross Fathers

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## Welcome and Registration

Welcome to all who worship with us today! May the Lord bless you! We would like you to register. Please contact our parish office at 905.689.4857 or visit the parish office/website to obtain a registration form. All information is kept strictly confidential.

For Parish Info, Parish Groups and Activities, visit our website at [www.stthomaswaterdown.com](http://www.stthomaswaterdown.com) and our Facebook page (St. Thomas the Apostle Church).

For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**For Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage please call the parish office to begin the process of preparation.**

**Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in nursing home so that we can minister to them.**

## Parish Schools

St. Thomas the Apostle (CES)

905.523.2328

Guardian Angels (CES)

905.523.2345

St. Mary's Secondary

905.528.0214

## Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday – Friday

8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Adoration Chapel

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Parish Bequest

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

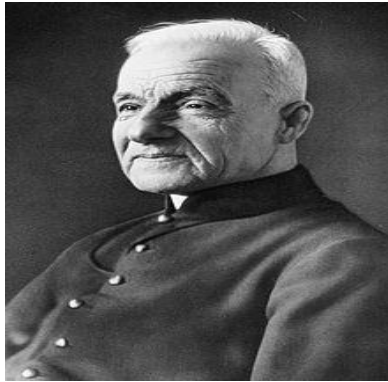
## Congregation of Holy Cross



<https://holycrosscongregation.org>

# EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, JANUARY 5 AND 12, 2025

Feast of St. Bro. Andre (Friend, Brother and a Saint) is celebrated on Tuesday, January 7 during the 8:00am Mass.



Brother André, born Alfred Bessette, surely is one of the most popular saints. Even before he was canonized in 2010, his reputation for holiness crossed frontiers and influenced generations of people.

"I am nothing...only a tool in the hands of Providence, a lowly instrument at the service of St. Joseph."



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 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm or Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Fr. Francis will be away** from the parish from January 14 to February 4, 2025, visiting family in India. Fr. Shaji will take care of the pastoral needs of the parish during this time. Thank you very much and many God's blessings.

*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.**



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## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**8:00am Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

† Joseph Chua

**8:00am Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

† Stephen Chan and Annie Neo

**8:00am Thursday, January 9, 2025**

† Helen Lemay

(i) Syliva and Mike Howden

**8:00am Friday, January 10, 2025**

† Kruno Penavic

† Barbara Pautler

**5:00pm Saturday, January 11, 2025**

† Umberto Bruno

† Lance Brode

† Stanislaw and Bronislawa Golonka

**9:00am Sunday, January 12, 2025**

*Intentions of the People -*

*of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish*

**11:30am Sunday, January 12, 2025**

(i) Juliet Diamante

**8:00 am Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

(i) Kaylene and Joe D'Amore and family

**8:00am Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

(i) Roseanne and Don Warren and family

**8:00am Thursday, January 16, 2025**

(i) Meaghan and Jeff Hunter and family

**8:00am Friday, January 17, 2025**

† Kruno Penavic

† Bronislawa and Kazimierz Oblak

**5:00pm Saturday, January 18, 2025**

† William Macaulay

† Marysia Szot

**9:00am Sunday, January 19, 2025**

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**11:30am Sunday, January 19, 2025**

† Margaet Robets

## Jubilee-2025

### *Pilgrims of Hope*

#### Meaning of the Jubilee Logo



The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves.

The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope.

At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

May you be blessed during this Jubilee year.