

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – June 22, 2025

Legion of Mary

Please join us for our annual
Columban Drive: June 21 & 22



LEGION OF MARY
invites everyone to
be part of this great
worldwide Lay
Catholic Organization
here at
St Thomas Church.

You can participate as an:

ACTIVE MEMBER - meets weekly for prayer, discussion and reporting on apostolic works. Apostolic works includes: visit the inmates in jail, visit the elderly in nursing homes, pray with children in the schools, bring the Pilgrim Statue to parishioner's homes and supporting church activities.

or

AUXILIARY Member - Daily recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Catena Prayers. This is a very important task to support in prayers to those doing an apostolic work.

Mission Statement: To serve Jesus through Mary and actively participate in the Church's work

If you're interest in learning more, please email the Legion at legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

St. Thomas Parish Legion Executive

President: Dr. Michael Sullivan
Vice President: Mrs. Julieta Tavares
Treasure: Mrs. Ileana Valdes
Secretary: Mr. Richard Bester

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. At the conclusion of each Mass this weekend, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament will take place throughout the church.

Some words from Pope Francis:

In a gesture in which Jesus breaks the bread, there is an important aspect that the Gospel emphasizes with the words, "he gave it to them" (cf. v. 22). Let us fix these words in our heart: he gave it to them. Indeed, the Eucharist recalls first and foremost the dimension of the gift. Jesus takes the bread not to consume it by himself, but to break it and give it to the disciples, thus revealing his identity and his mission. He did not keep life for himself but gave it to us. He did not consider his being as God a jealously held treasure but stripped himself of his glory to share our humanity and let us enter eternal life (cf. Phil 2.1-11). Jesus made a gift of his entire life. We can see, then, that celebrating the Eucharist and eating this Bread, as we do especially on Sundays, is not an act of worship detached from life or a mere moment of personal consolation; we must always remember that Jesus took the bread, broke it and gave it to them and, therefore, communion with him makes us capable also of becoming bread broken for others, capable of sharing what we are and what we have. St. Leo the Great said: "Our participation in the body and blood of Christ tends to make us become what we eat (Sermon XII on the Passion, 7). This, brothers and sisters, is what we are called to: to become what we eat, to become "Eucharistic," that is people who no longer live for themselves (cf. Romans 14.7), no, in the logic of possession, of consumerism, but rather people who know how to make their own life a gift for others. In this way, thanks to the Eucharist, we become prophets and builders of a new world: when we overcome selfishness and open ourselves up to love, when we cultivate bonds of fraternity, when we participate in the suffering of our brothers and sisters and share bread and resources with those in need, when we make our talents available to everyone, then we are breaking the bread of our life like Jesus. – Pope Francis, June 2, 2024.

Join us on Wed June 25th following the 8am Mass for Fellowship & Coffee



Everyone is Welcome!

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?



... 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years?

Please connect with the Office, so we can celebrate with you!! stthomaswaterdown@hamiltondiocese.com



Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles – June 29, 2025 – Year C

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 2025

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #170

Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Do chores together, cook together, play games, do a puzzle, or hike together. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at hamiltondiocese.com. And whether you are having a staycation or vacation, remember that Mass and prayer as a family are important! (Family Ministry Office)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #150

Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2025. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com

NOTICES



- On Tuesday, July 1st, the Canada Day Mass will begin at 10:00am.
- On Thursday, July 3rd, during 8am Mass, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.



Mass Intentions

8:00am Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Intentions of Alwyn Almeida

† Betty Serra

8:00am Wednesday, June 25, 2025

† Joseph Infurnari

8:00am Thursday, June 26, 2025

† Filomena Fernandes

8:00am Friday, June 27, 2025

† Barbara Pautler

† Helen Lemay

5:00pm Saturday, June 28, 2025

† Ralph Naccarato

† Bill Anderson

† Greer Kelly

9:00am Sunday, June 29, 2025

Intentions of Richard Paul Bissonnette

† Sylvia Ramirez

11:30am Sunday, June 29, 2025

Intentions of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish



MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Birthday Intentions of Grace Parkes

8:00am Wednesday, July 2, 2025

† Giovanni "John" Germana

Intentions of Daniel Marchand

8:00am Thursday, July 3, 2025

† Joe Wintar Jr.

8:00am Friday, July 4, 2025

† Patrick Guay

5:00pm Saturday, July 5, 2025

Intentions of Brad Tinney

† Benny & Germaine D'Eon

9:00am Sunday, June 6, 2025

† Antonio S. Modina

† Otto, Elisabeth & Mark Werner

11:30am Sunday, June 6, 2025

Intentions of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish