

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 17, 2025 – Year C

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week

8:00am Tuesday, August 19, 2025

† Jim Bester

8:00am Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Intentions of Mercedes Fernandes

8:00am Thursday, August 21, 2025

Intentions of Jo-Ann Mc Clure

8:00am Friday, August 22, 2025

† Ted Zess

5:00pm Saturday, August 23, 2025

Intentions of Kay Ribson

Intentions of Betty Serra

Intentions of Arlene Fitzpatrick

† Victor Fitzpatrick

9:00am Sunday, August 24, 2025

† Joe Wintar Jr.

† Mary Pillai

11:30am Sunday, August 24, 2025

Intentions of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

8:00am Tuesday, August 26, 2025

† Giovanni “John” Germana

8:00am Wednesday, August 27, 2025

† Bronislawa & Stanislaw Golonka

Intentions of Raymond Zeni

8:00am Thursday, August 28, 2025

Mass of Thanksgiving – Jerry McClure

8:00am Friday, August 29, 2025

Intentions of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist

5:00pm Saturday, August 30, 2025

Intentions of Dana Studnickovas & Marie Grabec

† Maureen Forbes

† Ralph Naccarato

† Sandy Acquilla

9:00am Sunday, August 31, 2025

† Jim Bester

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11:30am Sunday, August 31, 2025

Intentions of St. Thomas the Apostle



Are you Tech-Savvy? Can you help us? Re: Parish Hall Sound System

We're so pleased with our updated Parish sound-system that we would like to also **update the speakers & system, etc. in the Parish Hall**. We're reaching out to see if anyone can assist us with this project. Please reach out to Fr. Francis if you can help or point us in the right direction to continue to update our space.

FULLTIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Guardian Angels Childcare Facility will be opening after Labour Day. We are looking to staff many positions, including **multiple fulltime Early Childhood Educators**. Kindly send resumes to Sr. Patricia at srs.waterdowndaycare@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS PARISH NEWS

LIVE at 5 Choir

Beginning in the Fall of 2025, children are invited to sing with the Saturday Live at 5pm Choir, once per month. If your child(ren) are interested in this initiative, kindly connect with Jane jane.maccabe.freeman@gmail.com

Would you like to honour Our Blessed Mother Mary?

The Legion of Mary at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers **The Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation Program**. Parishioners will have the opportunity to sign up to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue brought to their home for a special week-long Marian devotion. If you're interested, please connect with the Parish office or email the Legionnaires at legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com

RCIA - Are you **interested in exploring the Catholic faith** or wishing to become a member of our Catholic community? Do you know someone who is? In October we hope to begin a series of gatherings for those interested in joining our faith community. If you wish to explore the Catholic faith or become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Francis as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendar with the following special dates!

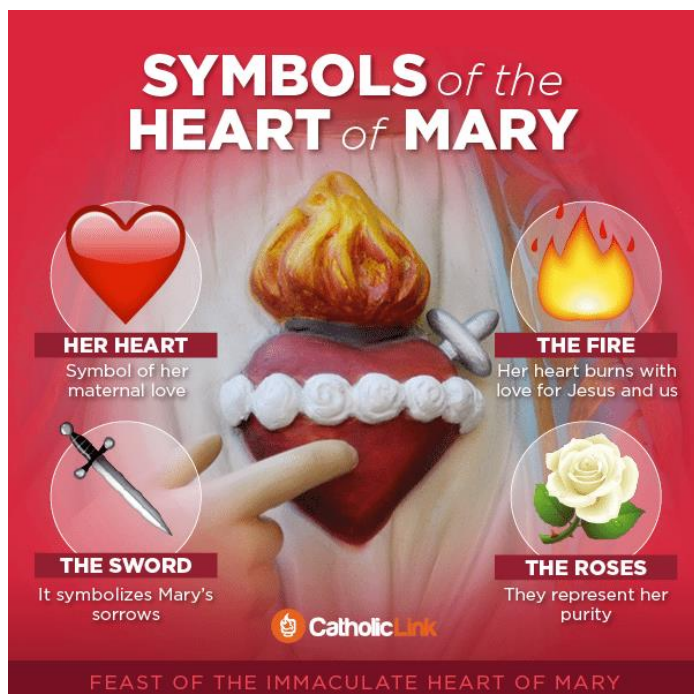
September 7th at 11:30am - Bishop Crosby will be presiding at Mass to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our building.

November 8 & 9th, 2025 - Holly Berry Christmas Bazaar

December 5, 2025 - The 3rd annual Christmas Dance.

Does your child enjoy Children's Liturgy? Please consider volunteering to ensure we can offer this service – training & materials are provided! Highschool students can volunteer for and receive their community hours. Contact the office to join our team.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 24, 2025 – Year C



Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? **August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** The Immaculate Heart of Mary is surrounded by a saintly glow. Her heart is crowned with flowers, pierced with a sword, and has the Holy Spirit's fire flowing out of it. It is certainly full of grace, purity, and carries the sorrows of Christ's Passion. Mary, Immaculately Conceived, was pure and saw God Incarnate. As Matthew 5:8 tells us, the pure in heart will see God. I would even say that we can see God in others who are pure in heart.

<https://catholic-link.org/august-immaculate-heart-of-mary-mark-your-calendar/>

From the Desk of the Saint Vincent De Paul Team

Saint Vincent de Paul is very thankful to Fr. Francis for supporting the 2nd Migrant Matter luncheon, a very worthy cause for our parish community.

Fr. Shaji blessed the event with over 200 rosaries, which was handed out by Anne White.

The Legion of Mary also supported the event by providing Spanish Rosary Pamphlets and Miraculous Medals.

We served over 190 worker's hamburger, hot dogs and vegetarian pizza on June 29th.

We are very grateful to Ileana, for coordinating the donation of all the condiments with our amazing Latin community, and Annette and John Meyers for the home-made Jalapeño peppers. Muchas Gracias!!

We thank the Novak family, and all the fabulous volunteers that assisted us with the bbq.

The attendees and some of the volunteers then boarded 2 buses from the church parking lot to watch a soccer game in Hamilton.

Envelope Collection

We want to express a heartfelt Thank you to our parishioners for supporting our first envelope collection in July. We collected \$1,135.

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to offer the following **Formation Workshops** in at Parishes across our Diocesan region.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, November 8, 2025 – St. Matthew's Parish, Oakville



Minister of the Word

Saturday, October 4, 2025 – St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo

Saturday, November 1, 2025 – St. Paul's Parish, Burlington

Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Saturday, Sept 20, 2025 – St. Mary of the Assumption, Owen Sound

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – St. Joseph's Parish, Guelph

Saturday, November 22, 2025 – St. Raphael Parish, Burlington

Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the sick, homebound & hospitalized

Friday, Sept 19, 2025 – St. Mary of the Assumption, Owen Sound

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – St. Thomas, Waterdown

4-part Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Facilitators –

hosted weekly at the Chancery Office beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – October 14, 2025

For any information on signing up for a Formation workshop, kindly speak with Fr. Francis or email the Liturgy Office liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com