

Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 14, 2025 – Year C

Mass Intentions - September 16th to September 21st

Tuesday	8:00 am	Intentions of Eldon Tilley – <i>healing Mass</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	† Genevieve Tandon
Thursday	8:00 am	† Micheline & Alan Murdoch Intentions of Tom & Laurie Walton – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	8:00 am	† Jim Bester
Saturday	5:00 pm	† Sylvia Djumlin † Helen Szalai
Sunday	9:00 am	Mass for the People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	† Maureen Forbes † Walter Swirski † Ronald Ramirez

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you want to be baptized? Do you want to have more spirituality in your life? Are you a baptized Catholic or baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious instruction? **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is the place for you! Speak with Fr. Francis to join this rewarding experience – a new group is starting in October with biweekly course instruction. Contact the office to register. 905-689-4857

Lift Your Voice - Join the Youth Choir!



Students in Grades 2–12 are invited to join our **Youth Choir!** Open to all levels and abilities, this vocal ensemble offers a fun and engaging environment to learn music reading, develop vocal technique, sing in harmony, and explore sacred repertoire from traditional to contemporary styles while building friendships within our parish community. **Rehearsals are held Sundays at 10:30 am, followed by the 11:30 am Mass**, with additional performance opportunities throughout the year. For more information or to register your son/daughter, please contact Nancy at bossn@hwcdsb.ca. Please note that high school students can earn their Christian Service Volunteer Hours by participating!

*Coffee Wednesday resumes on **September 24th** following the 8am Mass... join for fellowship!*



Join Us for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, Monday September 15, 2025, Feast of the Congregation of Holy Cross – A Special Mass will be on Mon. Sept 15th at 9:00am.

When deciding on a patron for the Congregation of Holy Cross, our founder Blessed Basil Moreau selected Our Lady of Sorrows. Moreau's original vision was that the Congregation of Holy Cross is one community of priests, brothers, and sisters living and working together in imitation of the Holy Family. He consecrated the priests to the Sacred heart of Jesus, the sisters to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the brothers to St. Joseph, but he placed the entire Congregation under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. Moreau often stressed the importance of conforming one's entire life to Christ, which Mary models through her Seven Sorrows. He said, "It is (in her sorrows) that we shall see to what extent she has loved us! She stood at the foot of the cross, among the executioners and soldiers, so close to her dying Son that no detail of his death could escape her. **Mary suffered Seven Sorrows during her life.** The Holy Cross motto: "Ave Crux, Spes Unica" — "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope" — reflects the idea of seeing ourselves standing at the foot of the cross alongside Our Sorrowful Mother.

As apostolic religious, we realize that suffering is very real in our world and that many of those we serve experience heavy crosses each day. Sometimes we are in a position to alleviate this suffering, and sometimes, we are not. What we always have to offer, however, is hope. Mary is the perfect model of this hope. Even in the midst of her Seven Sorrows, she never despaired. Her faith endured through this suffering, and so she shared in her Son's victory over death. We believe that her intercession and patronage can help us do the same.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15, the biggest feast day for the Congregation of Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters throughout the world. Each community honors the feast day differently, but members usually come together as a larger community for prayer and celebration. **Please join us for Mass tomorrow morning at 9am.**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 21, 2025 – Year C

Mass Intentions - September 23rd to September 28th

Tuesday	8:00 am	Intentions of Francis Pisani – healing Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	† Scott Heuvelmans
Thursday	8:00 am	Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby
Friday	8:00 am	† Trudi Donovan
Saturday	5:00 pm	† Jim Bester † William Brode
Sunday	9:00 am	<i>Mass for the People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish</i>
Sunday	11:30 am	† Ethel Swirski † Sylvia & Steve Djumlin <i>Intentions of Archangels – Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>

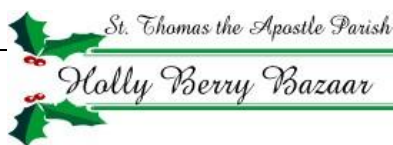
The Legion of Mary is embarking on a new ministry. We are starting a monthly “Journey of Faith” for children in our community, **from grades 2 – 6, at no cost to families.** Our goals are to build knowledge, faith & friendships in a fun and safe environment.

Start Date: **Saturday, September 20th from 9:45- 11:45am**

Where: **Infant Jesus Daycare, located behind the Parish**

Registration & More Info: **Through the parish office or by emailing legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com**

BIBLE STUDY with Deacon Mark Shaw... weekly bible study resumes on Tuesdays **beginning October 7th at 7pm** in the Knights Room. All are welcome to join!!



HOLLY BERRY BAZAAR!!!!

Drop-off Dates for Forgotten Treasures, Christmas Room and the Book Nook are: Saturday, October 4th and Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Rectory Garage – *located in the back parking lot.*

We're accepting Special Prize Donations & Penny Sale Items (valued at \$50 and above) to the office throughout the week! Please donate if you can!

Join us at the Holly Berry Bazaar on:

Sat, Nov 8th, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

Sun, Nov 9th, from 9:30am to 2:00pm

Please consider volunteering – it takes many working hands to run this successful weekend! Email or phone the office to add your name to help.

BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.** Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR MULTICULTURAL MASS

will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on October 5, 2025, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown. All are welcome! A Planning Committee is preparing the Liturgy, including the sharing of music and other cultural inclusions – assuring the celebration engages all cultures! A special collection will support the ongoing work of our Diocesan Refugee Office, who welcome hundreds of refugees to Canada every year! After Mass, all are welcome to share light refreshments of cultural foods prepared for the occasion and enjoy entertainment. It is always a lively and prayerful event.

Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting

Speaker: Teresa Hartnett
Tues, Sept 23rd at 7pm

Confirmation Date by Schools

Guardian Angels CES
Saturday, Nov 15 at 11am

St. Thomas the Apostle CES
Saturday, Nov 22 at 11am

If you need a private date, call the office. 905-689-4857