

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Patricia Williams

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Mary Pillai

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. (I) Rita Murnaghan

Saturday, February 29, 2020

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. † Helga Kurzreiter

5:00 p.m. † Gary Schaefer

5:00 p.m. † Arnold Schuch

Sunday, March 1, 2020

9:00 a.m. Janet Moss

11:30 a.m. Mass for the People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

PARISH NURSE

If you know someone in the parish that is sick in the hospital or at home, going for surgery, aged, dying or in need physically, emotionally or spiritually, who would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our Parish Nurse, Debbie Mazzaferro, please call the office at 905-689-4857.

INFANT JESUS DAY CARE

Operated by the Sisters of St. John the Baptist: Looking for a warm and caring second home for your child? Full time and part time spaces available. Ages 18 months to 4 years. Open Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Before/After school spaces also available for students of Guardian Angels School, 6-12 yrs. Located at 717 Centre Rd, Waterdown. To register call Sr. Patricia at (905)690-9605 e-mail: srs.waterdowndaycare@gmail.com

DAY of PRAYER

St Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site)

Hamilton, Ontario. Friday, February 14, 2020 9:00 to 2:30 (mass 9am). Tea, coffee, muffins on arrival Bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. To Register: please call or e-mail 905-388-3966 sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

SERRA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Celebrate the anniversaries of Priests, Consecrated/Religious Brothers and Sisters who have served 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 + years in the Diocese of Hamilton with members of the Serra Club on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at Liuna Station. Those called to ordination or to profess final vows will also be present. For more information: contact Margaret Carreiro at celebrationprl@gmail.com or via celebrationprl.wixsite.com.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Do you or someone you know need prayers right now; would you like us to pray for you or somebody dear to your heart; would you like to express a heartfelt gratitude? If so, you can email, text or phone your request to our prayer chain. If you are interested in becoming a PRAYERer, please contact: Debbie at st.thomasprayerchain@gmail.com or call or text at 905-741-3270. All requests are kept strictly confidential. God bless

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Official receipts for Income Tax - Re: 2019 Contributions to our Parish are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. Thank you.

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES COLLECTION

St. Thomas Outreach continue to collect prescription eye glasses and sunglasses. Kindly bring your gently used prescription eye glasses, cases and sunglasses and put them in the collection box in the Narthex. Your donations will be used in a 5 day eye glasses clinic being held in Corozal, Belize in May. Thank you for supporting this worthy outreach initiative.

JAMMERS JAR COLLECTION

The Jammers will be collecting new or gently used 250ml and 500ml jars in preparation of the jamming sessions this year. Kindly, leave your donated jars in the Narthex in the green Jammers box. We appreciate your donation as these offset a major expense for us. Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

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CANADIAN TIRE MONEY & DENNINGER RECEIPTS

Planning for our 2020 Bazaar, remember us and save your Denninger Receipts and Canadian Tire Money. We use these as Gift Cards for the Penny Sale at our Bazaar. Kindly place them in the container in the foyer throughout the Year.

WOODEN TOY COLLECTION

The St. Thomas Social Outreach will be collecting gently used wooden toys and puzzles for the Infant Jesus Daycare. If you have any at home that are no longer being used, would you kindly bring them to the Narthex and leave at the table set up for this collection. Thank you so much for your assistance in helping Outreach with this initiative.

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2nd and are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 or check online at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesan-choir.php>

CAMP KEATON – YOUTH BEREAVEMENT

Has your child experienced the death of someone close to them? Camp Keaton is a bereavement camp for children and youth (7-17 years of age) offering a safe environment to talk about grief, for finding out you are not alone and for building a toolbox of coping skills and resources. Camp Keaton runs from Friday, June 5th to Sunday, June 20th, with the deadline for applying being March 27, 2020. Contact Karen at 905-387-2448 ext. 2208, or e-mail to knowicki@kempshospice.org. For a camper application go to: <https://kempshospice.org/camp-keaton/register>.

LENTEN RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek will be hosting a Lenten Retreat with Rwandan Genocide Survivor 's message of forgiveness, healing, and hope. Immaculee will share her powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony. Witness the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days

while killers lurked just outside the door. FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 4-9PM; SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 8:30AM -12:30 PM. Registration: www.immaculee.com; click on “shop/events” then select “Retreats”

BEACH BUFFET BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 8 a.m. – 12 noon
Freelton United Church, 155 Freelton Rd., Freelton.
Serving delicious pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, muffins, fruit & more.
Tickets available at the door; \$10 per person, \$7 for children 5 - 12 yrs.

LENT – A TIME OF GRACE

We are now approaching the season when we commemorate Christ's death upon the Cross. We are entering upon the most holy season of the whole year. May we renew our resolutions of leading a life based on the three master keys of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday, February 26, ashes will be imposed at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Fasting – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstaining from meat for all Catholics. Fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, and to share more in the suffering of those who are hungry. I encourage everyone with gainful employment to budget one loonie a day to feed a family in a developing country so that your offering to the Share Lent Collection on March 29 will be Forty Dollars or More. Remembering always the words of Jesus, “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for Me.”

On every Friday of Lent at 7 p.m. there will be the Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction. If you cannot come every Friday be sure to come at least once during this season of Great Grace.

May this Lent, O Lord, be an opportunity for me to be renewed spiritually. Assist me to carry out my Lenten resolutions.

- Msgr. Ed Sheridan

St. Thomas Pray For Us