

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions First Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. (I) Mary Ann Eckert

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Gene Winniski

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Nello Serafini

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. (I) Keith & Petrina Lowry

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. (I) Regina Murray

5:00 p.m. † Marian Szmigielski

5:00 p.m. † Maria & Francis Bruno

Sunday, March 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. † Roy Masilamanni

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

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 PRAYER, please contact: Debbie at st.thomasprayerchain@gmail.com or call or text at 905-741-3270. All requests are kept strictly confidential. God bless

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.

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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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>

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.

- Monsignor Ed Sheridan

TRIP TO ROME

Before being appointed the Administrator of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish I planned travelling with Father Ralph Diodati to the Eternal City. Departure date is March 2 and return on March 14. While in Rome your former Pastor Father Lobsinger and his associate Father Merkley will be offering the Masses. I will remember you the Parishioners of St. Thomas the

Apostle Parish as I celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

- Monsignor Ed Sheridan

"ONE HEART, ONE SOUL" DIOCESSE OF HAMILTON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Tuesday March 24 at 7pm there will be an information meeting in our Parish Centre to inform you about the Campaign and how it will take place in our Parish. As your Administrator I need your help so please come to the meeting. I would like to see at least fifty or more persons in attendance. The Campaign is a responsibility that has been given to me by the Bishop and I am happy to accept the challenge but I need you the parishioners to join with me in leading the Parish Community to a spiritual understanding of what it means to share our talents and gifts. I would like to call each of you by name to the meeting, but because of my short time with you that isn't possible, but I can call you my brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Monsignor Ed Sheridan

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

An invitation is extended to the Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish by the Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Father David Wynen, to attend any of the presentations listed below. These reflection sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings in McNally Hall 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, March 3 "Our Father"

Anne Jamieson & David Dayler

Tuesday, March 10 "The Creed"

Father Joseph DiVivieros, CR

Tuesday, March 17 "Way of the Cross"

Sister Margaret Kane, CSJ

Tuesday, March 24 "Moral Life"

Father Michael King

Tuesday, March 31 "Rites of Holy Week"

Monsignor Murray Kroetsch

St. Thomas Pray For Us