

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions Second Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Fr. James Boudreau

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. (I) Denise Ryan

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Otto Werner

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Anna Wilson

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) Patti McDonnell

5:00 p.m. † Betty Piche

5:00 p.m. † Gene Winniski

Sunday, March 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. Mass for the People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

11:30 a.m. † Jonathan Gatti

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 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

LENT 2020

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening in Lent (Except Good Friday) at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Share Lent Collection – March 29 – Those with gainful employment are encouraged to budget one loonie a day to feed a hungry family in a developing country.

During Lent, O Lord, I must make an effort to establish my own course of conduct of prayer and mortification. Help me to live up to my resolutions.

From the works of John Henry Cardinal Newman.

COMMON SENSE DIRECTIVES FOR THE DIOCESE REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Handwashing – The advice of health care experts is that one of the most effective means to prevent the spread of viruses is frequent and complete handwashing.

Sign of Peace – There is no prescribed gesture for the Sign of Peace. Handshaking is not necessary. We advise Parishioners to exchange the Sign of Peace with those near them by bowing and greeting with a simple “Peace to you.”

Reception of Holy Communion – The option to receive Holy Communion in the hand, or on the tongue, is up to the Communicant. During a viral outbreak people may wish to receive Holy Communion in the hand, but they are not to be denied if they choose to receive on the tongue. At this time there is no need to discontinue Communion on the tongue in the Diocese of Hamilton. Further communication regarding the reception of Holy Communion may become necessary in the event of a major viral outbreak.

FINDING BALANCE: FOR OURSELVES, OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FAMILIES!

Balance in life is not something that comes to us; it is something we need to create. Without balance we can feel overwhelmed, unhappy and dissatisfied. By taking control we can experience stability and harmony. You are invited to join the St. Thomas Parish CWL for a short retreat and a chance to find out how we can find balance in our hectic lives. Our speaker is Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. The event is being held on Tuesday, March 10th, from 7-9 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome to come and bring a friend. “Balance is important, for protecting individuals, their families, society and the environment.” (Pope Francis)

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“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 Edward Sheridan

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

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 4years. 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

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY & DENNINGER RECIEPTS

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.

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.

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.

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.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy on April 19, 2020 with 2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Confession / Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet / 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass. Main Celebrant: Fr. Mark Gatto Everyone is welcome to attend.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Date: Monday, March 9, 2020

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Book now to donate at blood.ca or call 1-888-2Donate (1-888-236-6283)

ST. DYMPHNA SUPPORT GROUP

Are you, or someone you love, struggling with emotional or mental well being? Are you coping with the loss of a loved one? Or just need some support? Come to the next meeting of our St. Dymphna Support Group at 10 o'clock (in between the Masses) on March 22nd. Hope to see you there so we can support each other.

St. Thomas Pray For Us