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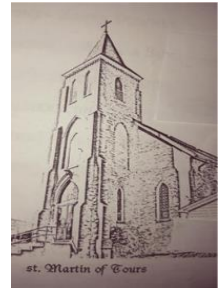
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Mass Schedule 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15th to January 21st

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Mary Wilson (Jerry & Terry Wilson)
<u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours	9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Mary Immaculate	11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	+Peter Peloso (Colleen & Steve Cudney)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00 a.m.	+Tom Wunder (Bernie & Margie Miller)
<u>Thursday</u> <i>St. Fabian (OM)</i>	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration & Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	+Deanna McKenna (Her Brothers & Sisters in Law)
<u>Friday</u> <i>St. Agnes (M)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Hanna Lanagehan (Collette & Family)



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CROSBY

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

The Omicron variant of COVID-19 has taken the country by storm! Many of us have either contracted the virus, or been with someone who subsequently tested positive, and are required to isolate – for five days if fully vaccinated, for ten days if unvaccinated. Last weekend several Parishes and parish offices were required to close because the Parish Priest or Associate tested positive or had been in contact with someone who had, and had to isolate. I know this is disheartening for you, as it is for us all! We have been doing our best to follow the protocols which seem so demanding. So, when we must “shut down” the Parish for a few days, it can be upsetting. And we are all afraid! No one wants to contract the illness, but so many have. We are tired of wearing masks, and many simply refuse. Some choose not to be vaccinated, which confounds those who are only too ready to be vaccinated AND receive the booster shot. We find ourselves at odds with one another, brothers and sisters in faith. As Priests, we are shepherds, called to care for the sheep. This can be challenging when some refuse to follow the guidelines, putting others at risk. Parishioners are becoming hostile to one another – and to their Priests (and Bishops). There is no doubt that this roller coaster we are on is exhausting us – yet we continue to be called to serve. I appreciate the efforts each of you have and continue to make. “God always asks for more!” Brothers and sisters, can we be kind to one another? Can we care for one another? Can we consider the well-being of others before our own? When we pray for one another, our tendency to feel anger and resentment toward the other dissipates. So, let us pray constantly for one another. When we gather for Mass, to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ who gave all for us, let us do our small part to keep the church safe for all. It is not too much to sanitize hands and wear masks. It is not too much to give space between families and individuals. Thank you for staying the course! Thank you for your patience and constancy. Thank you for your generosity and goodness. May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with love – God’s love – so that your love for one another will abound!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton

BIBLE SUNDAY

The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. Resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God’s living Word: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks.

OFFERINGS

St. Mary's – January 8th & 9th

27 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,304.00
1 Christmas Offerings	20.00
3 New Year's Day Offerings	75.00
Loose	10.00
1 Building Maintenance	10.00
4 Initial Offerings	<u>65.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,484.00

St. Martin's – January 9th

11 Weekly Offerings	345.00
5 Building Maintenance	<u>180.00</u>
Total:	\$ 525.00

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YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

We are excited to present the Year Amoris Laetitia Family Diocesan speaker series designed to look at various topics that impact families with one speaker per month from January to June. In January we will have a special three-part presentation on the document itself. The first two sessions will be presented by Bishop Lobsinger, with the final session led by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett. **7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 12th, 19th & 26th.** <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for info and to register. Join us for the entire series, or for a topic of interest to you! Contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

ReStart

Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer from January 18th to 25th, encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. Pastors and parishioners will find helpful suggestions at the following [link](#). Especially recommended are the Eight Days of Prayer which contains daily Scripture readings, reflections, discussion questions and prayers. We pray to the Lord!



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