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Mass Schedule 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

January 22nd to January 28th

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Deanna McKenna (Nancy & Gord Tucker)
<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> <i>Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)</i>	7:00 p.m.	+Genevieve Madden (Michael Madden & Ralph Bertram)
<u>Wednesday</u> <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus (M)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Kevin Kraemer (Jean Kraemer & Family)
<u>Thursday</u> <i>St. Angela Merici (OM)</i>	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration +Michael Yates (Patsy Logel & Family)
<u>Friday</u> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas (M)</i>	9:00 a.m.	+Peter Peloso (Innocente Family)

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” Pope Benedict XVI

A MESSAGE FROM BISOPH CROSBY

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

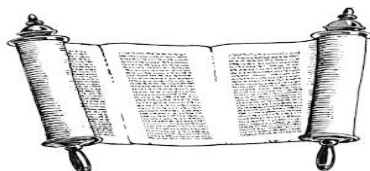
The Omicron variant of COVID-19 has taken the country by storm! Many of us have either contracted the virus, or been with someone who subsequently tested positive, and are required to isolate – for five days if fully vaccinated, for ten days if unvaccinated. Last weekend several Parishes and parish offices 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



FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

“You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). vocations@hamiltondiocese.com,

OFFERINGS

January 15th & 16th

	St. Mary's	St. Martin's
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,138.00	\$ 420.00
New Year's Offering	<u>20.00</u>	<u> </u>
Total:	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 420.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you would prefer to donate through monthly pre-authorized electronic funds transfer, please pick up a pamphlet from the table at the back of the church and drop the completely form into the collection basket at any time.

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. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God's living Word: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks.

MOUNT MARY IMMACULATE RETREAT CENTRE

This centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

THE YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES

About 200 people have registered for the January sessions studying Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. The final session on January 26th, is on Pope Francis' definition of love. Register for this and also for the February 16th speaker, Connie Clark, whose talk is titled *"The Witness of Faith in the Home"*, on diocesan website. All talks are free of charge and run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.