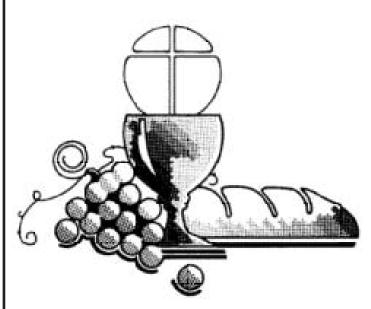
# The Roman Catholic Communities of BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, BURFORD & ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH, SCOTLAND

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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome new parishioners! Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

#### **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course is required for all couples wishing to be married in Hamilton Diocese.

St. Vincent de Paul: 519-865-1562

(Please Leave a Message)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Burford Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Burford 11:30 a.m. Scotland

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Burford: Tues. 7:00 p.m. Burford: Wed. to Fri. - 8:30 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please fill in and place in collection basket or drop off at office. Once received Andrew Czarny will contact you.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

#### HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to the Pastor or see the vocations website at www.vocationinfo.ca

#### **CATHOLIC FUNERALS**

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

#### **SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Sun.9:30 a.m.

For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

\*1st Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass \*1st Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary and Confession \*Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 4:15 pm-4:45 pm

## Liturgical Calendar

Monday, July 3 No Mass

Tuesday, July 4 Mass 7:00pm Intentions for Members of Council offered by the Knights of Columbus 16418

> Wednesday, July 5 Mass 8:30am All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, July 6** Mass 8:45am Peace in Ukraine offered by Violet Osztrovics

### Friday, July 7

Mass 8:30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament † Alice Komienski offered by Heney and Joan Kegels

> Saturday, July 8 Mass 5:00pm Intentions for Victor, Susie and Sandy offered by Violet Osztrovics

> > Sunday, July 9 Mass 9:30am All Our Parishioners

## We Are Stewards Weekend Contributions ... \$ 1949.65



Parish News...

**FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:** Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-

<u>ministry/frassati</u>

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** When we say, "I do" during our marriage vows we are really saying "I will". I will love this person even in moments when they may feel unlovable. I will not look for a 50/50 split in what we do, but will be a partner who will give more, and sometimes we must take more, depending on the circumstances of our lives. I will look to find a solution instead of winning. I will spend time with you, so we stay connected and in love. I will remember the commitment I made to be faithful and seek to make you a better person and accept your attempts to do the same for me. Marriage, taken as an action word, continues to grow and thrive despite the challenges life may throw at you and it produces a love strengthens as the years pass.

**GRIEF RELIEF:** Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? The Diocesan program is full and will run again in the fall to assist those grieving to learn more about what they are feeling and how they can move forward, but you are not alone! Check out the Diocesan website to see what other programs are available to you: https://hamiltondiocese.com.

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY:** Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7:00pm-8:30pm at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome

**"THE LETTER"** is a beautiful movie emphasizing the urgency of the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis called *Laudato Si*' (Praised be ...). It reveals the effects of climate change in certain parts of the world and the call of young people who are taking the lead in urging us to make changes to our lifestyle choices now. The movie is worth a watch – not too long – very informative and very moving! <u>https://youtu.be/I3EBHebH17Y</u>

## ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, July 9 Mass 11:30am Weekend Contributions ......\$690.25

#### St. Thomas the Apostle

July 3rd

Little is recorded of St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas was probably born in Galilee to a humble family. but there is no indication that he was a fisherman. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an apostle to Christ. Nevertheless, thanks to the fourth Gospel his personality is clearer to us than some of the other Twelve. Thomas' name occurs in Matthew (10:3), Mark (3:18), Luke (6) and Acts of the Apostles (1:13), but in the Gospel of John he plays a particularly distinctive part. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but Thomas was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, "My Lord and my God," is the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture. **Thomas, Loyal Follower** 

When Jesus announced His intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea—a few miles from Jerusalem and dangerously close for someone as unpopular as He—Thomas said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear He would be stoned, Thomas, in a moment of bravery not often expressed by the Apostles before Pentecost, rallied the others to stay by their Master come what may.

#### Thomas, Inquisitive Student

## Later, in John 14:1-5 it was St. Thomas who raised an objection prior to the Last Supper:

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" With the keenness typical of the Twelve, Thomas misunderstands Jesus'

reference to His death and resurrection. Thomas' question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of His ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

#### Thomas, Doubting Apostle

Lastly, and more famously, St. Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" and Jesus replied, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe" (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression "doubting Thomas."

#### Thomas, Reluctant Missionary

Accounts of Thomas' missionary activities are unreliable, but the most widely accepted report holds that he preached in India, although he was reluctant to start the mission. According to the *Acta Thomae*, the apostles divided up the world for their missionary labors, and India fell to Thomas. However, Thomas claimed that he was not healthy enough and that a Hebrew could not teach Indians; even a vision of Christ could not change his mind. Christ then appeared to a merchant and sold Thomas to him as a slave for his master, a king who ruled over part of India. One story suggests that Thomas offered to build a palace for the Indian king that would last forever. The king gave him money, which Thomas gave to the poor. Asked to show his progress, St. Thomas explained that the palace he was building was in heaven, not on earth. Ultimately, after giving into God's will, Thomas was freed from slavery. He planted seeds for the new Church, forming many parishes and building many churches along the way.

To this day, Saint Thomas is venerated as the Apostle of India. In fact, there exists a population of Christians along the Malabar Coast, on the western coast of India, who lay claim to conversion by St. Thomas. Their tradition holds that he built seven churches, was martyred during prayer by a spearing on the "Big Hill" near Madras, and was buried in Mylapore, on the east coast of India. Ultimately, St. Thomas' remains were transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today.

St. Thomas is the Patron Saint of the blind (due to occasional spiritual blindness); Craftsmen (e.g., architects, carpenters & masons); Geometricians; and Theologians.

