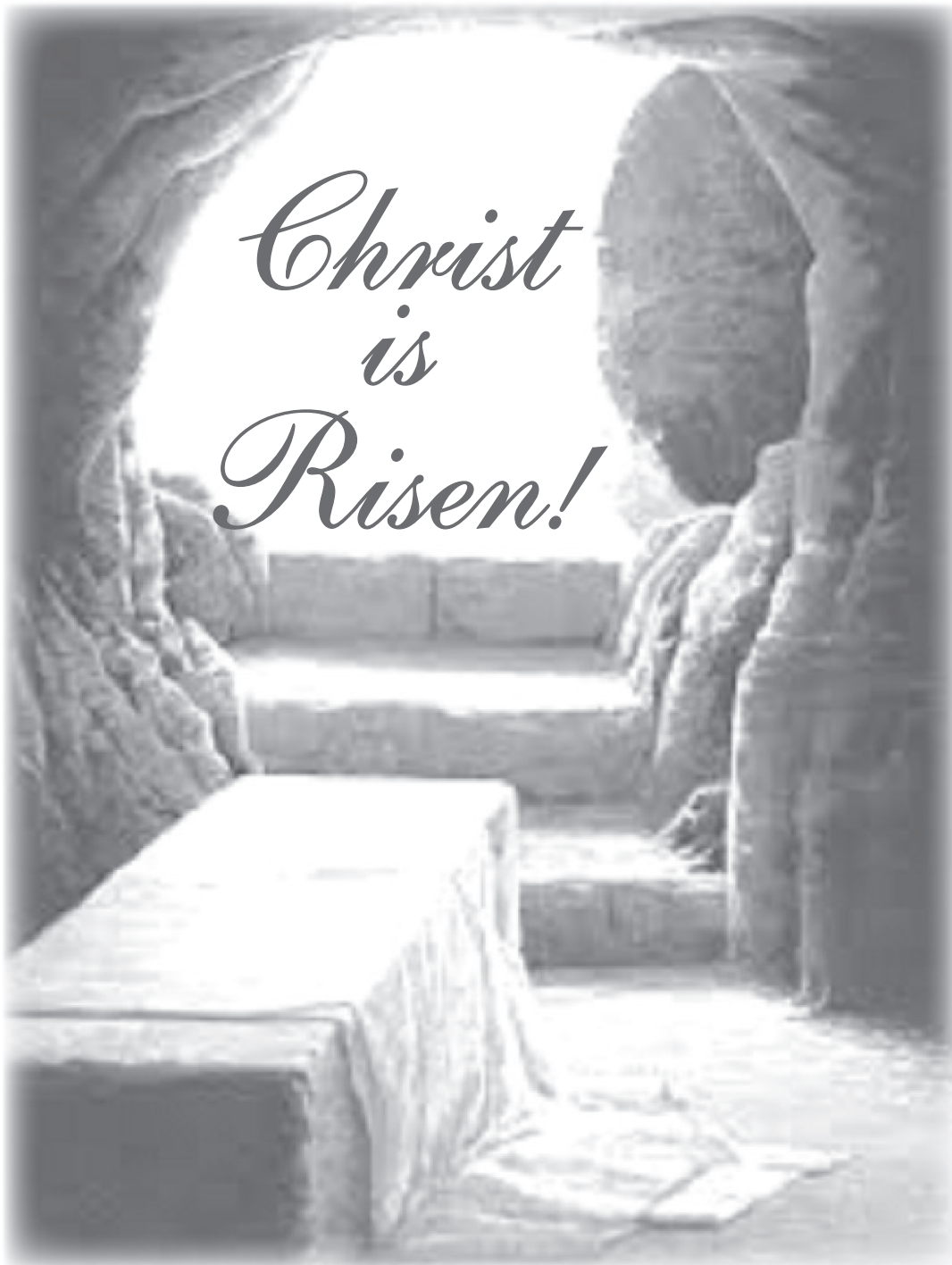


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EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



MONDAY, April 10th

9:00am + Irene Symons

TUESDAY, April 11th

8:00am Deceased Members of Forester Family
+ Maria Hoang Thi That
+ Maria and Antonio Carere
+ Nella Annmarie Kirby
Intentions of Nora Logan

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

8:00am + Eliza Geremia
8:30am to 11:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm + Bert Flaco
+ Margaret Chisholm
Deceased Members of Linbag Family
Intentions of David and Anne Marie Turalija
For Good Health of Eugenia and Tadeusz Lyko

THURSDAY, April 13th

8:00am + Mary-Jane Warner

FRIDAY, April 14th

8:00am + Alejandro Magtanong
7:00pm + Fr Joachim Hoang Kim

SATURDAY, April 15th

9:00am + Nguyen Manh Tuat
5:00pm + Peter Lefneski

SUNDAY, April 16th – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30am + Guido Gatto
10:15am + Maria Vu Thi Qua
12:00noon + Anthony and John Baptist Tran
2:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Mass

May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters or consecrated virgins. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 2, 2023

Candle #1 – AIDEEN O'LEARY-CHUNG +

Candle #2 – CON O'LEARY +

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Envelope Offering April 1/2 – will be posted next week due to bulletin deadlines. Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and mind" – Easter Vigil the lighting of the Paschal Candle from the Easter fire.

Brothers and Sisters:

The past few years have been challenging, from Covid 19 to the divide between individuals who espouse different political views to the challenge of living out our Catholic faith in the world today that does not want to hear about. It is easy to lose the hope we have in Jesus Christ. But, as the above phrase from the Easter Vigil, we must allow Christ's light to dispel the darkness and doubt that may arise in our hearts. It is not easy to live an authentic Catholic Christian life. However, if we allow ourselves to use these challenges and treat them as our passion, untied with the Lord in his risen glory, we can overcome any darkness in our minds and hearts. It is allowing the light of Christ into our minds and hearts so that we can live out our faith with the security of knowing that he will lead us to be with the resurrected Lord in Heaven.

"The Light of Christ... Thanks be to God." - Easter Vigil Mass.

On behalf of Fr. Don and the staff of St. Joseph Parish, may you have a Blessed and Holy Easter week.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's world we equate mystery with a puzzle to be solved: follow the clues and the solution becomes obvious. But John's account of the first Easter morning reveals a more profound understanding of mystery. Mystery is an experience into which we enter. It may lead to an encounter with the transcendent God.

John's Gospel for Easter morning is rich with emotion. Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the other disciple (probably the evangelist himself) each respond differently to the enigma of the empty tomb. When the two male disciples see the burial cloths, they turn around and run back home. While the unnamed disciple, who sees and believes, seems to solve the mystery of the empty tomb, he misses a critical component of the experience – meeting

the resurrected Lord.

Mary Magdalene, however, is willing to sit with her confusion and grief. She remains in the dark, weeping and unknowing. She allows mystery to enfold her and thus she encounters the Risen Jesus. Empowered through her experience, she is the herald of the resurrection, announcing, "I have seen the Lord."

As we participate in this Easter Sunday liturgy, we are full of gratitude for the mystery of the Eucharist wherein we encounter the Risen Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Excerpt from Living with Christ – Sunday Missal.

PUBLICATION OF BANNIS OF ORDINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Reverend Mr. Paul Niesiobedzki is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood at 11:00am on Saturday, May 6 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton ON. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest. Let us all pray for Reverend Mr. Paul Niesiobedzki will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

GIFT STORE – RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Did You Know...

The gift store **cannot** receive any religious articles that you may have received as a gift or have purchased in the past. The proper way of disposing these items is by burial or burning. We at the church and book store cannot dispose these items for you or resell any items you may no longer want. Thank you for your understanding.

ENCOUNTER JESUS IN THE MASS THIS EASTER

This 7-week series is offered by the Eucharistic Revival. This is inviting old and new Catholics to discover the truth, beauty and goodness of the Mass through a brand-new reflection series releasing every Thursday from The Divine Mercy Sunday to Pentecost, April 13- through May 25th. [Click here to join:](#)

St. Joseph CWL Spring Market

The Spring Market is on **Saturday, April 15, 2023** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in our church hall. Come out and enjoy the Vendors, Silent Auction, refreshments and a hot lunch.

St Joseph CWL – Camp Brebeuf

The Catholic Women's League will be offering a sponsorship for a week at Camp Brebeuf this summer. Ballots are available online at stjosephguelph.com The draw will take place at the CWL Dinner on April 11, 2023.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle draw will take place on Saturday, April 22nd in St. Joseph's Parish Hall at a Pot-Luck dinner. The pot-luck is free with an international array of dishes and door prizes.

Please let us know if you are attending and how many. If you are able to bring a dish, let us know as well. You can contact one of the Knights listed below regarding the pot-luck and/or purchasing raffle tickets (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10). **Knights will be available at the back of the church after masses on April 15th & 16th selling tickets.** Ray Bolton at 519-261-1850 (raymondbolton402@yahoo.com); Larry Colero at 519-827-9737 (coleri1955@icloud.com); Harry Jansen at 519-564-9804 (harry_j_jansen@hotmail.com); Savio DeSouza at 416-618-3791 (savioleon@gmail.com) or Jim Gouin at 548-988-6294 (jgouin12011@gmail.com). **Payment for tickets can be made by cash, E-transfer to coleri1955@icloud.com or cheque made out to**

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- **Birds Weekend Retreat** - May 19-21
- **Directed Prayer Weekend** - June 9-11
- **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** - June 9-11
- **Teilhard de Chardin 8-Day Retreat** - June 15-23
- **8-Day Directed Silent Retreat** - May 23-31; June 15-23

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519 824 1250 ext 266.

Young Adults Night – May 6, 2023 – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, May 6th, at Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church and Chaplaincy, 1349 Main Street West, Hamilton Ontario. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. **The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd.** The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at [ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com)).

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY – Open Yourself to the Great Encounter

I am not saying there is an easy solution to our ambivalent relationship with God. Solitude is not a solution. It is a direction. The direction is pointed to by the prophet Elijah, who did not find Yahweh in the mighty wind, the earthquake, the fire, but in the still, small voice; this direction, too, is indicated by Jesus, who chose solitude as the place to be with his Father. Every time we enter into solitude we withdraw from our windy, earthquaking, fiery lives and open ourselves to the great encounter. The first thing we often discover in solitude is our own restlessness, our drivenness, and compulsiveness, our urge to act quickly, to make an impact, and to have influence; and often we find it very hard to withstand the temptation to return as quickly as possible to the world of "relevance." But when we persevere with the help of a gentle discipline, we slowly come to hear the still, small voice and to feel the gentle breeze, and so come to know the Lord of our heart, soul, and mind, the Lord who makes us see who we really are.

"Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!" PSALM 66:20 (NIV)



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