

EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, April 5th

8:00am + Rick Vadori

TUESDAY, April 6th

8:00am + Alojzy Hajdyla
+ Bui Kha
Living and Deceased Members of Gil Family
Intentions of Ellen McGeever
Thanksgiving for Entice Family

7:00pm Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, April 7th

8:00am Intentions of Theresa Tran

7:00pm + Luis Baldasso
+ Maria Manera
+ Thelma Quiambao
+ Martha Prezel
Intentions of Zofia Gadzinska

THURSDAY, April 8th

8:00am + Brigitta and Thomas Tam Tran

7:00pm + William Synnott

FRIDAY, April 9th

8:00am + Habtom Teklemarian

7:00pm + George Bova

SATURDAY, April 10th

9:00am NO MASS

5:00pm + Luigi and Leontina Piovesan

SUNDAY, April 11th

8:30am + Ralph And Marjorie Goodwin-Wilson

10:15am + Living and Deceased Members of Hajdyla Family

12:00noon + Anthony Tran



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.

DO YOU HAVE A VOCATION?

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of April 4th, 2021

Candle #1 – MARIO ALLARE

Candle #2 – RAYELLE ALLARE

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 Offerings: March 27/28, 2021 \$5,419.05
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.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Premier of Ontario recently announced today that the Province of Ontario will be in lock-down starting Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> for 28 days. This means the church will be open for regular scheduling of Masses at 15% capacity and a total of 85 people being allowed to celebrate Mass at one given time. The same guidelines handed down by the Government and the Diocese of Hamilton will be in affect: mandatory mask wearing and using the sanitizer at the entrance.

As of Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Mass schedule will be as follows: weekday's at 8:00am, 7:00pm and Saturday morning at 9am. Weekend Masses: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am (Live Streamed), 12noon and 1:30pm.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake." – Cardinal Basil Hume (1923-1999)

This Easter, more than the past few years, the above quote from Cardinal Hume is something we need to hear and hold in our hearts. The gift of Hope that God offers us during the time of this Covid pandemic, the need to stay at home and at times not being able to come to Mass and received our risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

The Hope in knowing that God has defeated the power of sin and darkness. Confidence that as God did not abandon Jesus on the Cross, he has not abandoned us in this time of COVID. Knowing that God has triumphed over Satan and brought life to all of us through the Crucifixion and resurrection. This gift of Hope will help us to overcome any difficulty that we can experience during COVID. The confident Hope that as we have journeyed with Jesus to Calvary this Lent, Jesus is journeying with us during the pandemic.

Unfortunately, this COVID year and a bit, many have had to deal with serious issues financially, physically, or psychologically. Know that Hope in Jesus is that flicker of light that can help us during troubling and dark times in our life. Easter is a moment when we experience the goodness and love that God has for us, in and through our Lord Jesus Christ's triumph over sin and death. "We are a people of Hope" part of that Hope, as the above quote states, is allowing ourselves to fully, with heart, mind, and

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soul, to accept that nothing can shake the goodness and love that God has for you.

Knowing that if you were the only person on Earth, Holy week would still happen for you because God loves you. The great gift of Easter is the fact that we who have been baptized into the life, death, and resurrection have been given the great gift of Life with God in Heaven.

I wish to thank all of you for your continued love for the Lord and St. Joseph Parish. Through your great faith and thirst to grow closer to the Holy Trinity, you have helped Fr. Greg and me to see how that great gift of Hope is alive and well in the Parish.

It was heartening to see how many people took advantage of "Adoration" in the parking lot during the lockdown, those who took part in the Consecration to St. Joseph as well as the Lenten Wednesday night Rosary of St. Joseph, to name a few ways. The enthusiasm and thankfulness of the parishioners to be present at Mass in the Church.

The Parish is a group of people living out their faith in the Hope of the Resurrection on the last day. I thank all of those who will come to the Church and decorate for Easter; they always do a spectacular job. Thank you to our music ministry, the ministry of Lectors, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and ushers. Many thanks to an unsung group of parishioners, the people who have sanitized the Church after each Mass. To all ministry leaders, great job, thank you. I would be remiss if I did not thank Mike Huska for the excellent work living streaming our Masses and dealing with those technical issues.

On behalf of Fr. Greg, Tracy, Zofia, Chad, and Ana, I wish to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support. May you experience the Great Gift of Hope this Easter that the good God offers us. May you have a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Fr. Bergsma

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." – St. John Paul II, Pope.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions times have been changed for the month of April and May due to upcoming celebrations of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Confession will take place on Saturday's from 3:00pm to 4:00pm during those months.

CWL MEMBERSHIP

Dear CWL Ladies we really miss you! Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we are unable to have our regular monthly meetings and sadly we missed having our Christmas Bazaar and Spring Market and Annual Dinner. Please continue to pray that going forward with everyone getting a vaccine and continuing with masks and social distancing, hopefully we can get back to our regular CWL activities as soon as permitted. Also, please be assured that all our Sister members are still praying strongly for each other. If you have not paid your \$25.00 Membership for 2021 you may drop it off or mail it to the parish office in an envelope marked CWL MEMBERSHIP including your name and address. Contact Pat Grosicki at 519-821-4104 or Sharon Huska 519-821-4505 if you have any questions or wish to make arrangements to pay another way. Thank you so much.

THANK YOU – FOOD DRIVE

The food drive this past weekend was very successful with a total of **1385 lbs. of food being collected and \$120 in cash** from our parishioners alone. This will keep the market going over the next few months. Thank you again for your support of this outreach ministry.

ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on how our campaign has gone to date. We have raised 97% of our minimum goal. We are only \$16,000 away from reaching that goal. If you have yet



to contribute to the campaign there is still time to do so. Please contact Tracy at the Parish Office.

DAILY MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Jesus died well because he knew he was going to God and he would soon send his Spirit of Love to his friends. "It is good for you that I leave," he said, "because unless I leave, I cannot send my Spirit who will lead you to the full communion, to the full truth, to the full betrothal." With that Holy Spirit he knew that his beloved apostles would live better, happier lives.

This vision is not just about Jesus. It is also about you and me. Jesus came to share his identity with you and to tell you that you are the Beloved Sons and Daughters of God. Just for a moment try to enter this enormous mystery that you, like Jesus, are the beloved daughter or the beloved son of God. This is the truth. Furthermore, your belovedness preceded your birth. You were the beloved before your father, mother, brother, sister, or church loved you or hurt you. You are the beloved because you belong to God from all eternity.

God loved you before you were born, and God will love you after you die. In Scripture, God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." This is a very fundamental truth of your identity. This is who you are whether you feel it or not. You belong to God from eternity to eternity. Life is just a little opportunity for you during a few years to say, "I love you, too."

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family's means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

BLESSED Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. Thou protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as thy son, thou rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May thy prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

