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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. †Gerard Comiskey

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. †Francis Dunn; †Victoria Godoy & Vicencio Family, †Vicente Santos; †Wilfred & Beatrice Bennett; †Maria Razal; †Maria Moro; †Johanne Berube; †Filomena & Michele Morga; Spec. Int. Gabriel & Ethelivne; Special Intentions

Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. †Tony Mio

Friday, April 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. †Dorothy Houle

Saturday, April 22, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy

5:00 p.m. †Robert Sladek & Friends & Family; †Bill Vander Doelen; †Natale Arone; †Dominic Mangiardi; †Mose Mazzorato; †Fortuna Jordan; †Jose Inacio DaSilva; Spec. Int. for the Unborn & All Babies; Birthday Blessings for Gregory Perriera; In Thanksgiving for Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sanctuary Lamp – Week of April 16, 2017

In Loving Memory of Joe Deoni

Readings for Next Sunday:

Acts 2.42-47

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-31

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.”

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REMINDER: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 17th, 2017. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017.

SSVP COLLECTION WEEKEND

**St. Vincent
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Society**



This is a reminder that members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the Church after all the Masses next weekend, **April 22nd/23rd**, to accept your donation. Your generosity is most appreciated and on behalf of the needy of our Parish community, we thank you.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the various events for our 50th Anniversary. We will be closing out the year with a gala dinner and celebration on **Friday, June 16th**, at the **Milton Banquet and Conference Centre**. We are pleased to announce that **Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki** will be our guest of Honour, joined by many of the priests who have served our Parish over the years. Further information and tickets will be available at the Parish Office. **Adults \$40; School Age Children \$25**. We look forward to you joining us on June 16th.

SHARE WHAT HOLY ROSARY PARISH MEANS TO YOU!

The 50th anniversary committee invites parishioners of all ages to **share in the making of special memories**. Tell us what Holy Rosary Parish means to you and your family. We invite you to submit written reflections or participate in a short interview. Your reflections will be compiled and celebrated at the 50th Anniversary Banquet in June. Please contact the parish office 905-878-6535 or email reception@holyrosharyparish.ca to submit your stories or indicate your willingness to volunteer to be interviewed.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS FOR OUR PRIESTS

The CWL and the 50th Anniversary Committee invite parishioners of **all ages** to participate in gathering spiritual bouquets for the priests, both past and present who have ministered to us over the past 50 years. Spiritual Bouquets are prayers and devotional acts which will be compiled and given as a card to the priest. Share the power of prayer. Simply complete a “petal”/offering form. Forms can be dropped into any Sunday collection or boxes located at all entrances between now and June 15th.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a pilgrimage to Ottawa on **Thursday, May 11th** to participate in this year's **National March for Life**. Now more than ever before, it is critical that we send a message to our elected officials that death is never the answer to life's challenges. Tickets are only **\$20 per person**. To reserve your seat, and help build a culture of life please contact Peter Loeppky @ 289-878-4871 or ploeppky@cogeco.ca.



Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of myself and our Parish Team I want to take this opportunity to offer you our sincere prayerful good wishes during this holy and joyful season of Easter. I am most grateful to all who helped to make our Lenten season so meaningful. We have such a wonderful group of volunteers who graciously offer their time and talents creating meaningful worship on a daily basis. Keep up the good work and again thank you one and all.

Sincerely, Fr. Peter and Team

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 25, 2017** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** at **1:30 pm**. Please refer to the poster in the Main Foyer of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL RUMMAGE SALE...The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invite you to join us for our Spring Rummage sale on **Saturday, April 22nd from 8 am to noon**. Donations will be received on **Friday, April 21st from 8 am - 8 pm** in the parish hall.



Thank you for your anticipated and continued support.



We welcome **Deacon Randy Matters** to Holy Rosary Parish the weekend of April 29th/30th, 2017.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

Apr. 17 – Rev. Mark Morley

Apr. 18 – Rev. Adrian Lee

Apr. 19 – Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)

Apr. 20 – Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

Apr. 21 – Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R.

Apr. 22 – Rev. J. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.

We at Holy Rosary are praying for your family and friends this Easter Season.

BISHOP CROSBY'S EASTER MESSAGE

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the light of Christ which we carry, filled with hope, into a world of darkness and uncertainty. In the shadow of the Sainte-Foy massacre this past February, with tensions escalating between nuclear powers and refugees on the move, the invocation of hope seems premature to some and dangerously naïve to others. More personally, the spirits of some may be dampened this Easter by illness, bereavement, family breakdown, addiction, and unemployment. When hope begins to slip away, fear takes its place and we are robbed of peace.

Easter is meant to leave us with a very different sense of the present and the future. It offers a reality that is full of joy. Easter proclaims that fear and terror and death are not the end of the story. Indeed, the prayers of the Easter Vigil are unequivocal in the assurance they convey: "If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God." (*Roman Missal: The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle*)

When life has let us down or when old struggles are succeeded by new ones, we may find it challenging to trust in the victory of God. This is the reality for many people, even those who have unremittently devoted themselves to the love of God and neighbour.

As with the sudden blast of a trumpet, Easter interrupts this downward spiral with the unexpected: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24.5). This paradoxical question was posed to the three women who arrived at the empty tomb at early dawn on the first day of the week. What they eventually discovered could not be predicted from life's natural cycles; for just as old age is not followed by youth, so Jesus' death could not *naturally* be followed by life. But there is nothing natural about the Resurrection. Only as an act of God is the Resurrection possible.

For all of us standing at the empty tomb – whatever the circumstances – there is unfathomable hope. There is hope for those on the peripheries of society; hope for governments and leaders; hope for the Church in this time of purification and renewal, hope for you and for me striving to lead a holy life (cf. Jeremiah 29.11).

This Easter, with our hearts lit by the unquenchable fire of God's love, we are asked to entrust ourselves to Christ's care as we hope in the divine power that "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty." (Roman Missal, Longer Form of the Easter Proclamation)

To each of you, I wish to extend my prayers and blessings for a hope-filled Easter Season.

*(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton*

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