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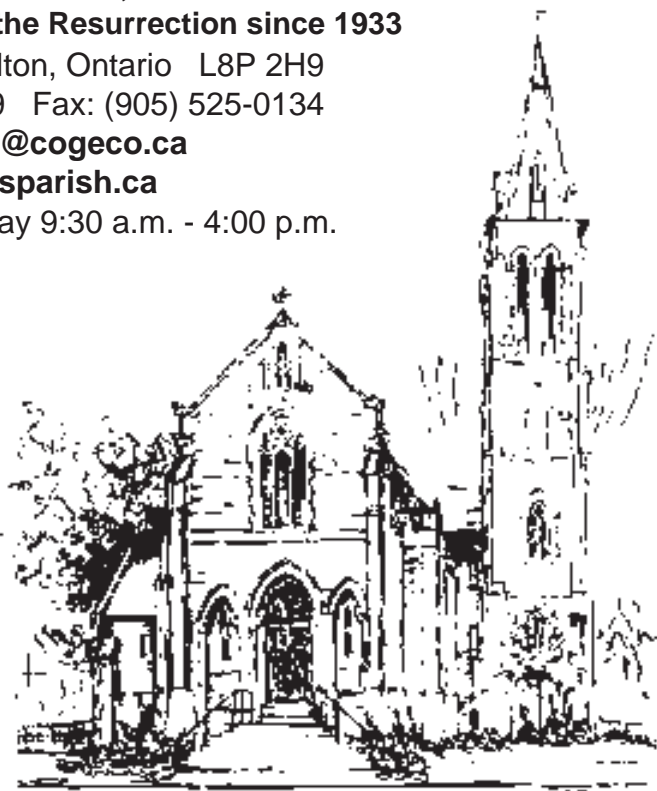
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## Parish Staff

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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 14/15	Feb 11/12	Mar No Baptism (Lent)
Apr 14/15	May 12/13	Jun 16/17
Jul 7/8	Aug 18/19	Sep 15/16
Oct 13/14	Nov 10/11	Dec 8/9

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

## Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

## Parish Council

Chairperson	Margaret Moran	905-527-7993
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## Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or contact:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.  
[crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 21 / 22			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Julie Bellini Lynda Narducci Carol Mullally	Larry Bomford Verdi Gough Anne Boyle	Jennifer Weir Andriana Rerecich Ken Sherman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anita Ormond Gough David O'Connor	Ene Readyhough Judy Santi DeRubeis	Diane Shea Paula Linger Gail Reid Ann-Elizabeth Beattie
<b>Servers</b>	Solana Mattina Christian Mattina Dori Haines	Kiera OSullivan Shea Jessica Dekker Iszak Illes	Andrew Linger Catherine Linger Larissa Reid

# A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

**C.W.L. NEWS** – Trivia Night - April 28 in the Church Hall 7:00 p.m. Tickets -\$15 and will be on sale starting weekend of **April 14** or call Linda Pandzich @ 905-528-8470. Prizes and cash bar.

**Our next Card Party** will be held on **Thursday, April 19** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon of fun and come and meet your friends.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS** – The KAIROS Hamilton/Burlington Committee and EcoChurches of West Hamilton have teamed up with a number of other organizations inviting Alanna Mitchell, author of the international best-seller SEASICK: The Global Ocean In Crisis, to speak on **Signs of Hope in a Carbon Crisis** on Wednesday April 25 at 7:30 pm at East Plains United Church, 375 Plains Road E., Burlington. Tickets available at: Bryan Prince Booksellers - 1060 King St. W, Hamilton & A Different Drummer Books -531 Locust St, Burlington. All are welcome. Light refreshments and book signing.

**The next meetings of the Social Justice committee are at 7 p.m. on April 18 and May 16. New members are welcome.**

**The Family Ministry Office** is sponsoring internationally acclaimed speaker Dr. Gary Chapman for an evening of enrichment for all. He will share the fact that the secret to a happy relationship is learning the right love language! Millions of couples have learned the simple way to express their feelings and bring real joy into their marriage/relationship through *The 5 Love Languages*, Dr. Gary Chapman's New York Times bestseller! Come and enrich your relationship: **Wednesday, April 18, 2012 from 7-9 pm; McIntyre Performing Arts Centre, Mohawk College, 135 Fennell Ave. W. Hamilton. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Call the Diocesan Family Ministry Office for tickets and information. Tickets will be available at the door.**

### ***Have you ever considered Adoption or Fostering as a way to build your Family?***

On April 25th at 7:30 p.m. representatives from the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton will be hosting an Adoption/Fostering Information Night at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish (280 Limeridge Rd. West, Hamilton).

Please join them to hear more about the Adoption and Fostering process and to find out if it is your vocation.

For more information or to register please contact Megan at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3257, [megan.dunlop-elms@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:megan.dunlop-elms@hamiltonccas.on.ca)

Visit our website at [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

### **INCOME TAX SERVICES**

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Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will be completing 2011 Income Tax Returns during March & April, 2012 (see dates & times below) for low income Canadians, whose 2011 annual income was approx. \$25,000 or less for singles, and approx. \$35,000 or less for families. This tax clinic's focus is the St. Joseph parish community and is staffed & co-ordinated by CVITP volunteers - not by St. Joseph Parish staff.

Two Free Tax Clinics remain – Monday, April 16, 10 to Noon & Thursday, April 19, 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, (meeting room below the church office) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be prepared and EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork will be available for pick-up after e-filing.



**Our Easter Collection was \$8,599.05  
(\$8,110.00 Last year)**

**Our OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
for APRIL 7 / 8 was \$6,777.16 .**

**Our SHARE LENT COLLECTION was \$11, 728.27.  
The Good Friday Collection in Support the Needs of the  
Church in the Holy Land was \$2,385.00.  
Thank you for your continued generosity.**

APRIL 15, 2012

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

8:00 Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family  
Special Intentions Lawrence Wasala

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

8:00 Scott Emerson Porter Dianne Porter  
Julius Ivanyi Aniko Ivanyi & Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

8:00 John Shea Richard Dubois

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

8:00 Teresa Leahy Mildred McDougall

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

5:00 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

9:30 Lucille Radigan Joyce Shea  
Murray Edward Wall Anne Brothers  
11:30 Special Intentions Audra Gimzauskas & Family  
Mary Elizabeth Harper Paul & Maureen Harper

**Desk Scribbles . . . 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter . . . April 15, 2012 . . .  
Jim Link, C.R.**

"Faith is not the suppression of doubt. It is the overcoming of doubt, and you overcome doubt by going through it. The person who has never experienced doubt is not a person of faith." (Thomas Merton)

The gospel story this Sunday is the same every year. We listen to the story of Jesus' appearance to the disciples and Thomas' (who wasn't there) doubt about what they saw. Most of us can identify with "Doubting" Thomas. We all have had those moments when we pray like the centurion did elsewhere in the gospels, "Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief."

There were no witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion and death but there were witnesses to whom he appeared after he rose from the dead. Like Thomas, we too were not in the room when he first appeared to the disciples but, unlike Thomas, we did not have the luxury of being invited to actually touch his wounds. But neither did those who wrote the gospel stories; they, like us, depended on the testimony of witnesses to write their stories and pass the gospel message to others.

Most days of our lives we may many little acts of faith that have nothing to do with religion. We trust that the drivers on the road have been licensed and trained to not crash into us (and they trust us). We trust that our husband or wife is going to be faithful to our wedding vows even when they are not with us. We believe that the airline pilot can actually fly the plane and that the mechanic who safety checked it for flight did his or her job. We have faith in the chef at the restaurant that the food we are eating is not going to poison us. The point is, every day we make acts of faith based on things that we have not seen or can prove but we trust them anyway. Our faith in God is based on the same premise of trusting in someone's word.

Yet, it is not blind faith. There are tangible signs, things we can see, taste, touch, hear, feel, smell and experience; the problem is, the signs often come afterwards and not before believing. Miracles don't cause faith; faith causes miracles.

The famous South African civil rights proponent Allan Boesak once stated that Jesus, at the pearly gates, won't question us about how well we carried out our religious obligations. He'll only ask us to show our wounds, the wounds that are the outward sign we've spent our lives imitating him.

These wounds, our humble and often feeble attempts to follow Christ, are the signs that flow from our faith. Being kind and charitable to others and even going to church on Sunday are some of those signs. According to the stats, eighty per cent of Canadians do not attend church and clearly have found better things to do on Sunday mornings. Why are we going? We attend because we do believe --- not that we never have doubts --- but we leap into the unknown, we inconvenience ourselves, take time out and trust that what we give will indeed connect us to the God whom we have never heard or seen but still believe in. At the end of John's gospel story his wish is that our believing will bring life to us. Not just memories but life, real life. That's gift that faith will bring to us and the gift we need to share with others.

**ADIEU AND GOOD LUCK** to Scott Whitfield - We wish Scott the best of God's blessings as he moves on to the Chancery to work in research there. All the best to you Scott and may God bless you and your family.

**WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY** to the Hebert family on the death of Eleanor Hebert. May our prayers be a support to the Hebert family and may the Lord grant Eleanor eternal rest.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our Holy Week preparations.**

Thank you Seder Committee and The Mattina family for hosting the Seder meal. It was a prayerful night which included good food and camaraderie. A wonderful beginning to Holy Week.

Thank you Crafty Crafters who worked behind the scene to recreate the Table of the Lord's Last Supper for the Adoration of the Host.

Thank you Flower Rangers who worked tirelessly on the floral display. A special thanks to the Catholic Women's League for their generous donation of funds and to Don of LaJardinere for materials. Thank you to those who donated time, flowers and funds-it could not have been done without your generosity.

Fr. Jim and Fr. Michal thank you for your spiritual leadership and inspirational homilies.



To our Choirs and Parish Staff for their dedication to the many details that make our Holy Week such a wonderful experience.

To the people of St Joseph parish, thank you for a blessed Holy Week.

**A reminder that the Good Shepherd Food Drive** is on throughout the Lenten season. You can leave your non-perishable food donations at the side altar steps. Let's all help keep the shelves stocked this Easter season.


*He is risen.  
Alleluia!*

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