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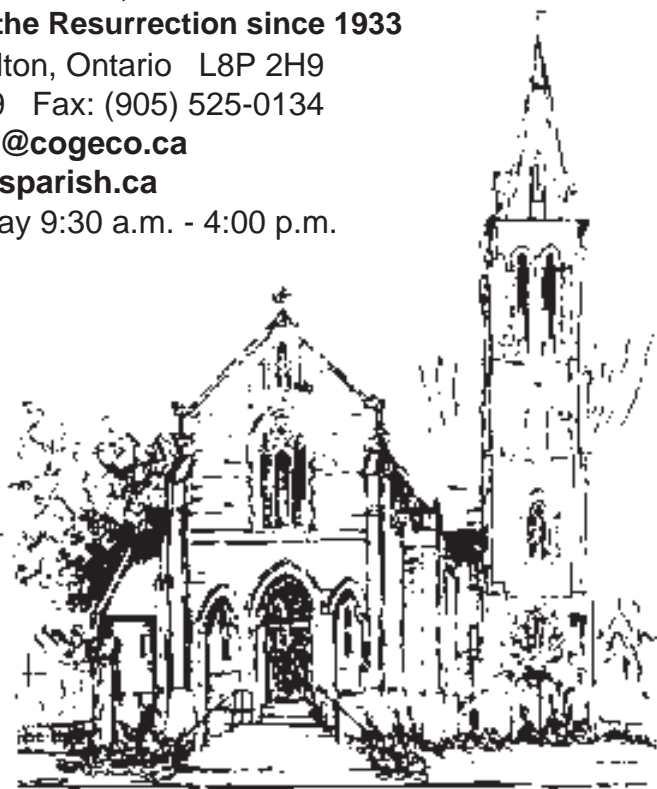
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Sunday Eucharist

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 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

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.

Pastoral Council

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Vocational Information

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Father Bob Liddy, C.R.
519-885-0331 ext 312
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905-528-0138

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LAY MINISTERS for MAY 7 / 8

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Grant Ranalli Lilli Schikolenko Linda Pandzich	Bruce Law Mary Tompkins Cameron Nolan	Danny Shea Adriana Rerecich Christine Rzazewski-Rodney
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Moran Joanne Venzon David O'Connor	Sandy Mlekuz Angela Cocca Roberta Weiss	Betty and Cam Howey Bernice Clark Mike Scozzaro Ann-Elizabeth Beattie
Servers	Christian Mattina Solana Mattina Maria Consulta	David Rossiter Natalie Zidanic Grace Zidanic	Michael Mattice Morghen Dick Claire DePaul

He is risen Alleluia!

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated at St Joseph's this Sunday, May 1 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for the Home School Program Participants and at 2:00 p.m. for children who attend St. Joseph School. On Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m., participants of the Catechetical Correspondence Program will receive First Communion and at 2:00 p.m. that day another group of St Joseph School students will receive the sacrament. Please pray for our young people and their families.

ST JOSEPH'S SENIORS GROUP

Mark your calendars for upcoming events...

May 26 - Financial Planning - Savings, Investments, RRSPs, TFSAs, RRFIs and Life Insurance, with Paul Doesburg, CFP, CLU, ChFC, Retired Financial Planner.

June 23 - Long Term Care, with Lucy Daigle-Lemmond, BBA, Life and Health Insurance Advisor.

All workshops free of charge and start at 1 pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, it is a good time to reflect on the miracle of Resurrection in our everyday lives. This is a miracle I see unfolding through the work of Development and Peace, every day of the year, all around the world. When I read about the progress being made in Haiti for instance, I see the resurrection of hope over despair.

The Expressions “give up” and “throw in the towel” are not part of the vocabulary of Development and Peace partners in Haiti. Even though many of them also lost loved ones to the earthquake, they were the first to help the victims.

The Development and Peace reconstruction program, with a budget of \$20 million, will last at least five years. Programs like this are possible because of your generous donations to our Share Lent collection. Another way to give is through the Share Lent Year Round program. Envelopes explaining this program are available at the entrances of the church, or you can speak to one our member at our Fair trade table this weekend.

HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE Please join us for the 14th Annual March for Life in Ottawa May 12th. Hamilton Right to Life is chartering a bus and we will be leaving Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 204 Park Street North, at 3:30 a.m., returning around 11:00 p.m. the same day. Please call **Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065** for more information, or to reserve your place on the bus. Thank you. Call soon the bus is filling up fast!

ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, **May 18** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. For further information call 905.525.2012, ext. 3125.

*Concert*Concert*Concert*

On Friday, **May 13** at 7:30 pm the Parish Choir will be joined by the Haldimand Choralairs for a spring concert here at St. Joseph's. A wide variety of music will be presented, from Renaissance motets to compositions by John Rutter and Oscar Peterson. A free-will offering will be accepted, but admission is free and everyone is welcome.

“Grief Relief” and “Grief Talk”

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone!

“Grief Relief” - a six week educational series dealing with grief

When: Tuesdays, from **April 26th** to **May 31st** **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

“Grief Talk” – afternoon drop-in sessions – first Thursday of the month

When: April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: both programs are at P.X. Dermody Funeral Home (1919 King St. E. Hamilton).

There is no cost to participate. You are welcome to attend any/all sessions in both programs. To register call Dermody's at 905-549-9955 (www.pxdermodyfuneral.com)



The **OFFERTORY** Collection for

APRIL 24 was \$6,372.86.

Budgeted Expenses - \$6,300.00

Parish Debt - \$325,000.00.

The Easter Offertory Collection to date is \$7,550.00

The Good Friday Offertory Collection in support of the Holy Land was \$1,395.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
MONDAY, MAY 2
NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 3

8:00 James Pead Catherine Pead & Family
 Elda Cerovac & Intentions of Rado Cerovac
 Edda Starai

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

8:00 Wladyslaw Szarko Bernice Clark
 Teresa O'Donnell Diana O'Donnell
 9:15 All School Mass - Education Week
 Peter Leibovitch & Ernesta Filice - School Staff

THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:00 Intentions of Patrick & Cheryl Duff
 Kathleen McGarr
 Mary Cronin Jerry & Helen Creedon

FRIDAY, MAY 6

8:00 Sebastiana Bontempo
 The Bontempo Family

SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 Jerry Ormond Margaret Moran
 Carmelo Criminisi Grace Criminisi & Family

SUNDAY, MAY 8

9:30 Monsignor Walter Lynett
 Anne Brothers
 Peder Larsen
 The Readyhough & Erkorkmaz Families
 11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

go see for themselves. Thomas did not believe the other disciples. It is hard to come to belief with knowledge alone and the truth is, our faith is not a faith in a doctrine but in a historical person. The problem is, we have no access to the historical person of Jesus. In the mid 1800s that why Albert Schweitzer and his colleagues abandoned the Quest for the Historical Jesus. The only Jesus we can access is the Jesus of faith.

Scripture scholar, Adrian Nocent (*The Liturgical Year*, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN: 1977) adds some insight into this Sunday's gospel: "As the reader may know, chapter 20 of St. John's gospel is regarded as the last of his writings. It is one of the best constructed chapters in the whole gospel, and its content is extremely important of the life of the church as a whole and for the life of each member. Why so? Because although the apostles were in a position to have a concrete experience of the risen Christ, that kind of experience must in the future be replaced by a purely spiritual faith. In the future, to be converted would mean to believe in the word, the kerygma or the authoritative proclamation of the Church, without there being any possibility of controlling through external evidence the truth the Church proclaims."

But our faith in Christ, although it is a spiritually based faith, is still connected and mediated through the real world. Our first reading this Sunday gives us four signs that reveal the presence of the Church, the embodied presence of Christ. The first is fidelity in listening to the instructions of the apostles. The teaching and instructions of the apostles and the witness of their encounters with the Risen Christ have given shape to the way we gather as Church. The second was fellowship in Christ (Greek, *koinonia*). This fellowship had a vertical and a horizontal dimension, that is, it was based on their relationship with the Risen Christ but also involved a real sharing of material goods to the extent that no one was in need. Third, the community gathered for the breaking of bread. Scholars are divided on whether this was the Eucharist or not, but regardless, it underscores the fact that the community gathered regularly in a holy meal with joyful expectation of the Lord's coming. And finally, there was prayer, both communal and private, clearly one of the marks of the Christian community.

No, we did not see the Risen Christ, but the signs, the footprints of his presence are all over the place, if we just look. And the more, we as a community show the four signs of his presence among us, the more clearly it will be revealed.

YOUTH MINISTRY This week we will be meeting at the school for another round of Wii Dance Party. Teams will compete against each other for points to determine who can keep up with the hi-tech Simon Says. Please join us from 7:00 until 8:30 for some good fun and, as always, feel free to bring a friend.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Frances Morreale and her family on the death of Fran's mother Anna Ciancone. May our prayers be a support to Fran and her family and may the Lord grant Anna eternal rest.

A reminder that the Good Shepherd Food Drive is on throughout the Easter 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.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Jacek Kryn, SAC, Fr. Philip Sherlock, Deceased Religious Sisters and Brothers, Fr. Robert Sims, Fr. Pierre – Philippe Jean-Pierre and Fr. Kevin Cull.

A Joyous Easter Season to All!

Desk Scribbles . . . 2nd Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

Many years ago at the university I received a letter from Hong Kong. It was from a student who had been studying at the University of Waterloo. It read something like this: "Dear Father Jim, You probably won't remember me, but I want to tell you about what happened to me when I was at the university. I joined the Catholic Chinese Community at St. Jerome's and started coming to Mass every Sunday with them even though I was not Catholic nor was I even baptized. Because of what I experienced, I joined the Catholic Church and was baptized. And not only that, I want to tell you that, this summer I will be taking my first vows in religious life as a member of the Franciscan Community. Thank you and Melinda for being such a sign of God's presence for me."

I can tell you with all honesty that I know that it wasn't me or Melinda or the faith community at the University Catholic Community that led that student to faith, it was the Holy Spirit. And yet, I also know that the Holy Spirit used us as witnesses to the faith, as vehicles to communicate God's love and presence for that student.

This Sunday we hear the very familiar story of the Thomas and how he refused to believe in the Risen Jesus without proof. Jesus provides the proof Thomas needed but rebuffs him with, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe." Perhaps in some ways we have all found ourselves in the position of Thomas. It is very easy to understand his doubt and his need for proof, for evidence. The apostles did not believe the witness statement of the women who had gone to the tomb. They had to

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