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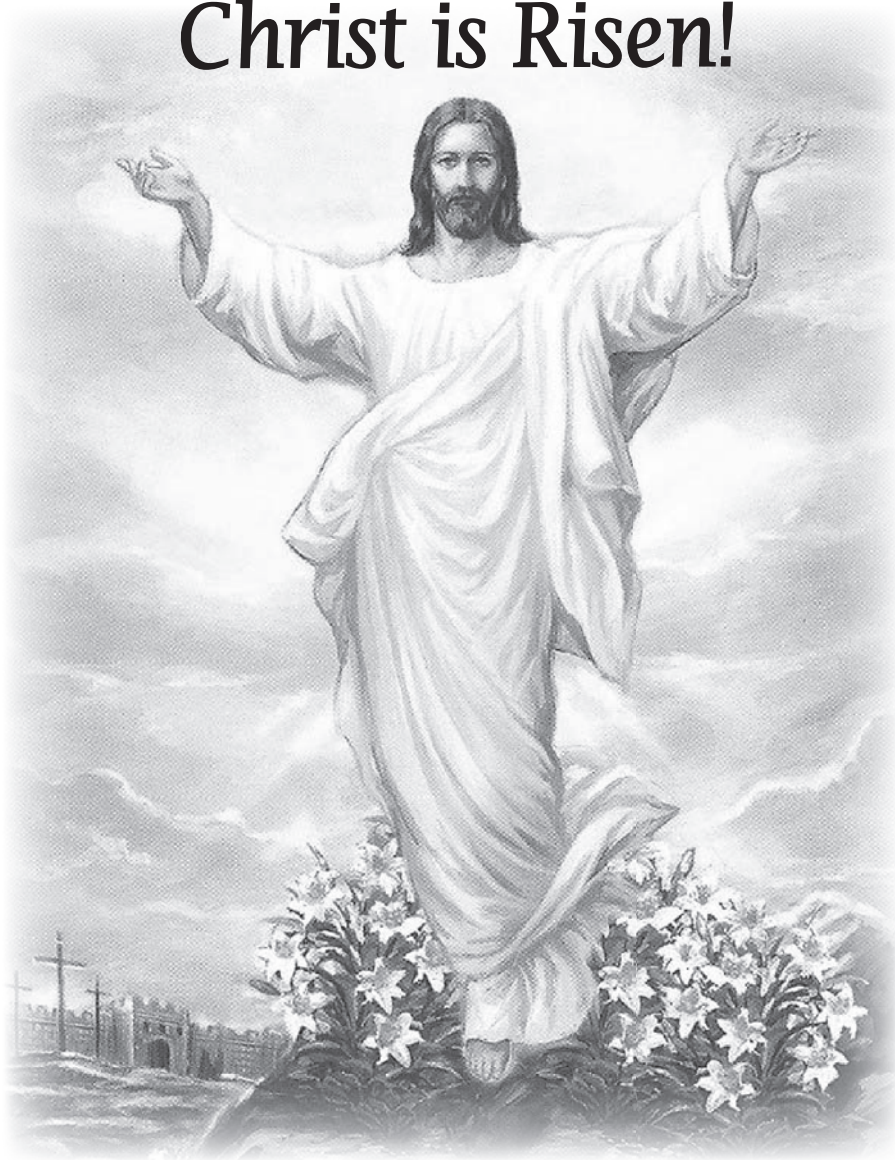
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Christ is Risen!



Alleluia, Alleluia!

EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 6TH

Tuesday, April 14, NO MASS

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe. – St. Augustine

Wednesday, April 15, NO MASS

The most potent and acceptable prayer is the prayer that leaves the best effects. I don't mean it must immediately fill the soul with desire.... The best effects are those that are followed up by action – when the soul not only desires the honour of God, but really strives for it. – St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, April 16, NO MASS

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. – St. Leo the Great

Friday, April 17, NO MASS

For just as by dying he endured all evil to deliver us from evil, so was he glorified in rising to advance us to good things, according to Romans 4:25 which says that "He was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification." – St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday, April 18, NO MASS**Sunday, April 19, NO MASS****Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday****READINGS FOR April 18/19**

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED****HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., April 13 Rev. Gregory Kennedy, S.J.
Tues., April 14 Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.
Wed., April 15 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thurs., April 16 Rev. Daniel Syauswa Musondloi
Fri., April 17 Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
Sat., April 18 Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Apple Juice
(save these items and bring them in when things are back to normal)

At this time the chapel, church, and office are closed. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

EASTER MESSAGE

My Easter wish is that our Lenten journey has brought us one season closer to that intimacy with God, giving us the courage to trust in providence just a little bit more in this life, to rely just a little less on sin, and to face up to that ultimate journey to God with just a little more confidence. Together we are on the right path.

Let the Easter Gospel resound this year while there is silence in our cities. Apostle Paul says, "and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor 5:15).

Let us continue to care for one another.

The Lord is risen indeed! Help me, Lord, to live this next year closer to you.

Father Peter

Because we are not able to receive Communion at this time below is a prayer that you can say when you are unable to receive the eucharist.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if You have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Lord Jesus, all of your life led up to the Way of the Cross. In this final journey you lay down your life for your friends.

Jesus, you consider us your friends. You walk side by side with us on the journey of life. You know its joys and hopes, its suffering and pain. Today we want to walk side by side with you on your way to the Cross. Your suffering, your death, your rising from the dead give meaning to our lives. The way of the Cross is the way of life.

Lord, as you took the bread, your body, take us, bless us, break us, give us to others, so that in you we may be instruments of salvation for the world.

Amen.

Go to the website stteresaelmira.ca and **check out the Hope, Gratitude and Solidarity A Message to Canadians from Religious Leaders in Canada in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First and foremost we are praying for you and your families at this time. Please call me if a serious pastoral concern arises. We are here to help. Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies.

If you are able, I hope you will consider continuing your financial support of the parish during this period. Being unable to open our doors means we will not be receiving regular contributions to help us pay our bills - which do not stop, even while we are closed.

You may wish to mail in your envelopes to the parish, donate through electronic fund transfers or do online giving. All methods are acceptable.

If you wish to give through the electronic fund transfers you will find an electronic fund transfer form on the parish website which is to be filled out with a void cheque and either emailed or mailed to the parish. Please consider increasing your donation if you are able. You can do this by emailing the parish.

There is also online giving. The diocese has set up a giving page whereby parishioners can support your parish. The link for this page is: hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund/. Parishioners can be directed to this page to make gifts via credit card. Once you submit your gift they are directed to a form to direct their gift to our parish. The chancery office will transfer these funds to parishes and will share with you donor information.

You may wish to mail in your envelopes to the parish – either of these methods would be truly and profoundly appreciated and would help the parish at a time of difficulty.

May God bless you for your generosity.
Father Peter

SEE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS AT ST.

TERESA'S – Please see the website stteresaelmira.ca for more information. On the main home page you will see the link where you can click and see/participate in the Mass with Fr. Peter Meyer each Sunday. It is also on YouTube.

Please note the following decisions which have been made by His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, regarding scheduled events **from April 2 until June 30, 2020:**

Baptisms – All scheduled celebrations for the Sacrament of Baptism are cancelled. Arrangements

will be made at a later date to reschedule these celebrations.

Confirmations – All scheduled celebrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are cancelled.

Arrangements will be made at a later date to reschedule these celebrations.

First Communion – All scheduled First Communion celebrations after Easter are cancelled. Arrangements will be made at a later date to reschedule these celebrations.

Marriages – All public weddings scheduled before June 30 are to be rescheduled for some time in the fall. Private weddings (limited to the priest/deacon, bride and groom and two witnesses) are permitted.

Funerals – At this time, it is possible to celebrate only the Rite of Christian burial at the cemetery, provided that no more than ten people (including the priest/deacon) are present. It is important to observe this legal limitation lest the cemetery or funeral home be fined.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul of Fr. James Malone** who has passed away.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Easter is a wonderful time to help our children understand the power of love and forgiveness, shown to us by the death and Resurrection of Christ. As children of God they too are called to love others, especially their family members, and to offer forgiveness when someone hurts or offends them. Remind them that Easter teaches us to remember that when difficulties come into our lives, as they will, we must have faith that life will get better. The message of Easter, through the Resurrection, is that with faith and prayer, life's crosses can be overcome. A wonderful message for every child to understand. (Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Our marriages are supposed to reflect, through our love for each other, how much God loves each person. Showing this Godly love can sometimes be a challenge, especially when our human selves are less than perfect! When we set our minds to consciously changing how we act, we can do better. Pope Francis encourages us to, "Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that makes your talents fruitful....do not be afraid to dream great things!" Dream great things for your marriage and your love will flourish as God intended. Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office)

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