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Solemnity of the **Resurrection of the Lord**

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022



"Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia!"

The Lord is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 18 – 24, 2022

Tuesday (EASTER OCTAVE)

12 Noon + Peter & Theresa Nguyen – Melissa Nguyen

Wednesday (EASTER OCTAVE)

12 Noon + Maria Campos – Campos family

Thursday (EASTER OCTAVE)

12 Noon + Maria & Ernesto Camara & family – David Costa

Friday (EASTER OCTAVE)

12 Noon + Claire & Fernand Mainguy – Judy Swartz

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY / 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 23-24

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Sat. 5:00 PM + Doug Farwell – Marilyn Dufresne

Sun. 9:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

11:30 am + Carma DaSilva – Maria Soares

THE EASTER SEASON

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. In particular, all Masses within the octave of Easter are celebrated as solemnities.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24th (Second Sunday of Easter)

3:00 PM Benediction and
Divine Mercy Devotions

Eternal Father, I offer You the BODY and BLOOD, SOUL and DIVINITY of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

A Special Intention



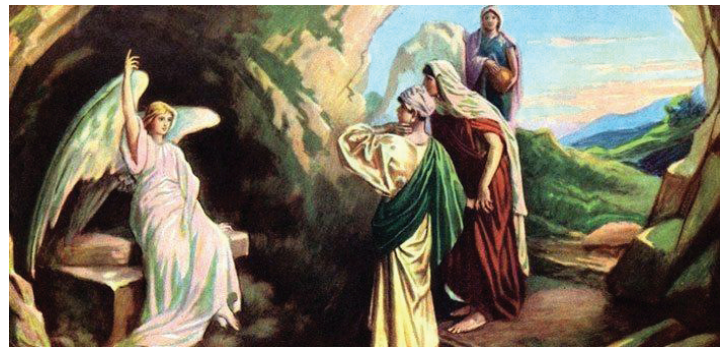
You may request to have one or both lamps burn for a special intention or for the repose of someone's soul. Cost is \$5 per candle, per week. Simply drop a plain envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" into the collection and include the stipend and the name of the person(s) you wish to remember.



Preparation for Confirmation for children in Grade 7 will begin this month with at-home study material emailed from the parish directly to parents who have enrolled their child. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact Pam at the parish office before the end of this week.

Toonies for Tummies

With your help, St. Mark's Men's Group is fundraising to supply a hot meal to people in need throughout Waterloo Region. Working with Ray of Hope in their kitchen, our parish men's group will prepare about 200 hot, nutritious meals to be served to guests in the Ray of Hope Community Centre in June. Just \$5 is all it takes to provide a hot, nutritious meal to a person who is hungry in Waterloo Region, but every little bit helps! Donations can be dropped in the water jug displayed in the narthex.



John 20:1-9 ♦ Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. ■



We offer our sympathy and prayers to **Marianne Walser & Family** on the death of Marianne's mother, **Clara Herteis**.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."

Liturgical Ministers

April 23-24	5:00PM Mass	9:30AM Mass	11:30AM Mass
Commentator:	S. Rellinger	T. Angel	D. DeSousa
1 st Reader:	D. Behl	T. Boettger	L. Gimenez
2 nd Reader:	S. Benner	J. Deneau	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	C. Weber P. Fernandez	J./K. Snyder	B./C. Voisin
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Swartz G. Kubisewsky	P. Enticott A. Joseph	I./F. Kangaloo

The diocese has given the okay for all liturgical ministers to resume their ministries at Mass (i.e. altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, readers, Eucharistic ministers). If you would like to resume or sign-up for one of these roles, please see Fr. Steve after Mass, or give Pam a call at the office.



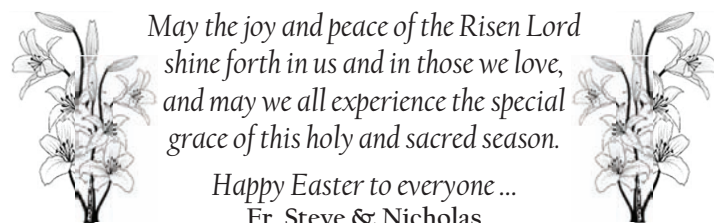
QUEEN OF HEAVEN (REGINA CAELI)

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
 R. *For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.*
 V. Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
 R. *Pray for us to God. Alleluia.*
 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
 R. *Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.*

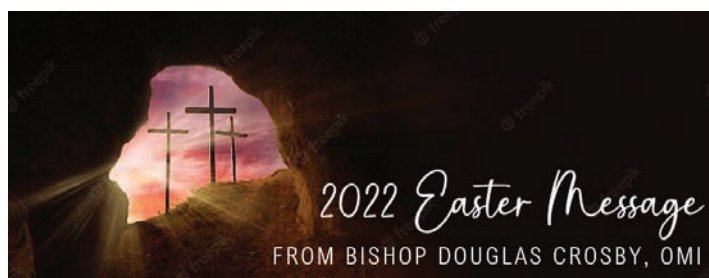
Let us pray: O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning and celebration of our Easter Triduum Liturgies. A special thank you to all Ushers and Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, as well as Rafael and Chris who helped assist at the altar.

Once again, I would also like to thank everyone who donated to our Easter flowers for the church, and much gratitude is extended to Colette and Judy for their time and many talents in always making the church inviting and festive. A final special thank-you is extended to the 11:30 and 5 o'clock choirs for your ministry during these celebrations and your extra commitment to ensure our liturgies were celebrated properly.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass As COVID-19 continues to challenge all of us, we have sadly had to make the decision to cancel the Anniversary Mass for 2022. Bishop Crosby would still like to honour those celebrating special milestones, so we invite you to click the following link to request a letter and certificate from the Bishop honouring your anniversary: <http://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/registermass/weddinganniversary.aspx>



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We will soon celebrate Easter, the high point of our liturgical year. As Spring breaks in around us, we marvel at the almost magical appearance of new life pushing up through the ground and out of the branches in the trees. The birds sing as they build nests and prepare to lay eggs and welcome new life!

Throughout the season of Lent we were horrified by the shocking death and destruction of the war in Ukraine. The remarkable courage of the Ukrainian leader, the brave soldiers, and the committed citizens have given us heart and hope that they might actually succeed in saving their homeland.

The Delegation of Indigenous First Nations, Inuit, and Metis representatives to The Vatican to meet with Pope Francis also lifted our hearts and gave us fresh hope that a new relationship is possible. The possibility of a Papal visit to the Indigenous peoples at Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, provides us more opportunity for such hope.

We celebrate our greatest hope at Easter – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Resurrection is for us an eternal wellspring of hope. No matter how dark, how desperate, how impossible a situation we find ourselves in – if we look to the Lord who has conquered even death, there is always reason for hope.

Easter reminds us that even death does not have the final say. “*Where He has gone, we hope to follow!*” As I get older, I know more and more people who have made that journey. I think of them and pray for them especially during the Easter season.

I pray for you sisters and brothers in Christ, for you our Parish Priests, in gratitude for your faithful, creative, and generous service especially during these past two difficult years; for the Parish Secretaries, Pastoral Workers, and volunteers who make our Parishes places of hope and joy; and for all those who long for our prayers – that they too may experience the healing love of the Lord.

Happy Easter, my friends. Pray for Pope Francis – he always asks us to do so. And pray for me!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,
 + **Douglas Crosby, OMI**
 Bishop of Hamilton

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR ❖ This week let us pray for...

APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 20	APRIL 21	APRIL 22	APRIL 23
Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.	Very Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)	Rev. Rafal Tomon	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

Prayer for Vocations ... God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.



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