

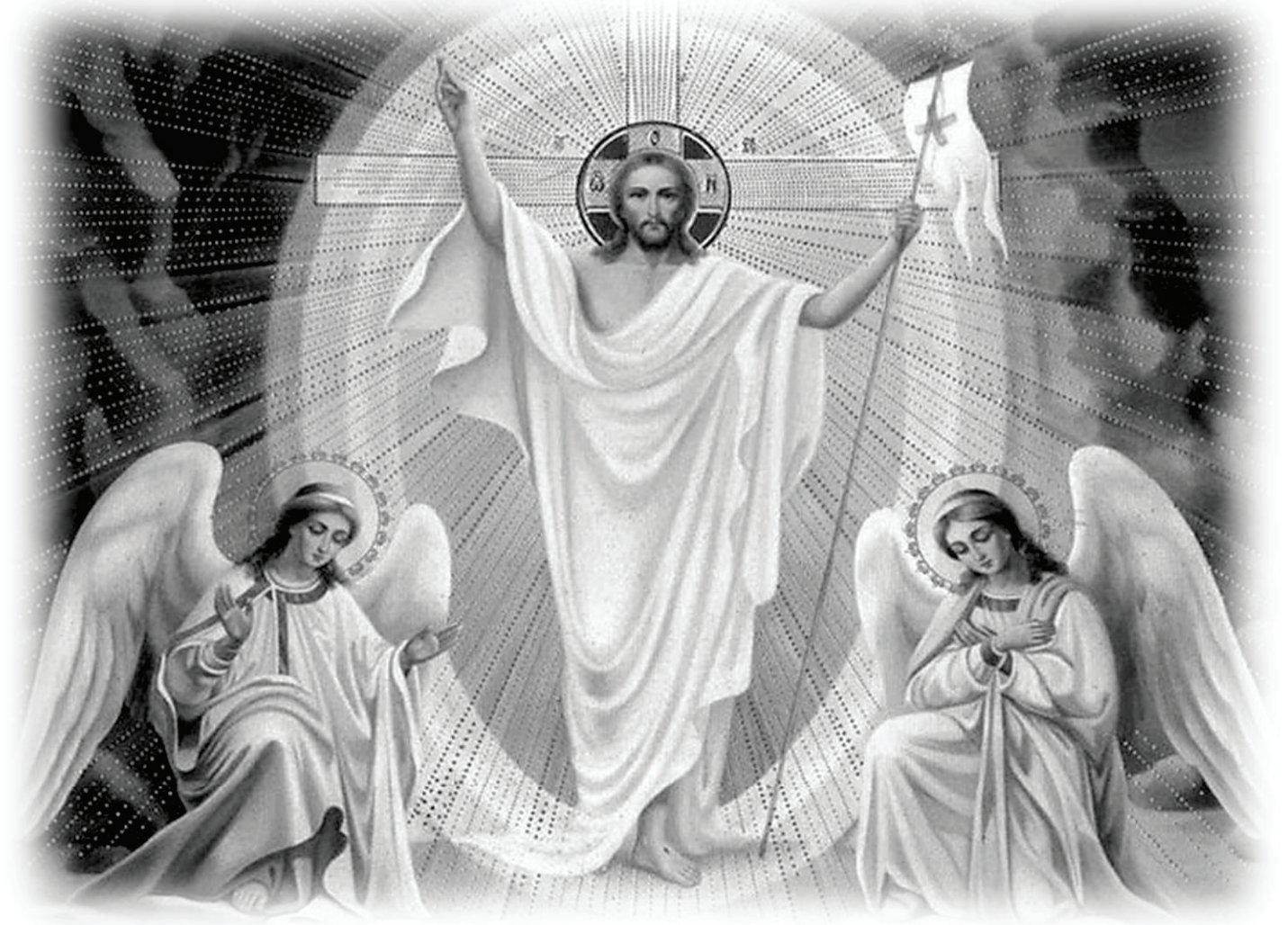
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## **Easter Sunday**

April 21, 2019

**"SURREXIT DOMINUS VERE, ALLELUIA!"**



**THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED.  
ALLELUIA**

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

April 22 – 28, 2019

**Monday – NO MASS**

**Tuesday – NO MASS**

**Wednesday** (SOLEMNITY – EASTER OCTAVE)

**12 noon** + Ruth & Anthony Hayek – Ylanda

**Thursday** (SOLEMNITY – EASTER OCTAVE)

**7:00 am** + Nevis Dias – Agnelo & Dolorosa Dias

**Friday** (SOLEMNITY – EASTER OCTAVE)

**6:30 PM** - ROSARY

**7:00 PM** - Intentions of the Catholic Women's League

**Saturday** (SOLEMNITY – EASTER OCTAVE)

**9:00 am** + Hien Tran – Tim Tran

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER)

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

**Sat. 5:00 PM** + Patsy Stemmler – Aunt Terry & Uncle Al Montag & fam.

**Sun. 9:30 am** - Int. of Gail O'Riley – St. Mark's S.V.D.P. Society

**11:30 am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28<sup>th</sup> (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.

### 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.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

April 13/14, 2019

Sunday envelopes ..... \$ 2,714.63

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ..... \$ 1,268.54

Loose monies ..... \$ 834.55

**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS ..... \$ 4,817.72**

Mortgage envelopes ..... \$ 217.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ... \$ 261.81

**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS ..... \$ 478.81**

Share Lent - diocesan collection ..... \$ 355.00

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land – diocesan collection ..... \$ 90.00

Thank you for your generosity.



### Rosary & Mass

St. Mark's C.W.L. is honouring Our Lady of Good Counsel (patron saint of the Catholic Women's League) on **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** with the Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us in honouring our Lady.

## Meetings & Events This Week:

| DATE                 | TIME     | ROOM   | EVENT                                    |
|----------------------|----------|--------|--|
| <u>Mon. April 22</u> | 8:00 pm  | (H)    | Alcoholics Anonymous                     |
| <u>Tue. April 23</u> | 6:30 pm  | (L)    | Separated/Divorced Level III             |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | (M)    | Knights of Columbus general meeting      |
| <u>Wed. April 24</u> | 6:30 pm  | (M)    | 9:30 Choir practice                      |
|                      | 6:30 pm  | (H/CH) | First Communion Meeting (kids & parents) |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | (B)    | Women's Prayer Group                     |
| <u>Thu. April 25</u> | 6:15 pm  | (M)    | Legion of Mary                           |
|                      | 6:30 pm  | (H)    | Alpha ( <i>all rooms</i> )               |
|                      | 7:30 pm  | (CH)   | 5:00 Choir practice                      |
| <u>Fri. April 26</u> | 6:00 am  | (M)    | Men's group                              |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | (M)    | Writers' group                           |
|                      | 7:30 pm  | (H)    | Legion of Mary Curia Meeting             |
| <u>Sat. April 27</u> | 10:30 am | (M)    | Writers' group                           |

**Meeting Rooms:** B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall \* = Offsite  
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles.

Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them apostles (Luke 6:12-16). The word apostle means "one who is sent." During his lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be his witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ. ■

 Liturgical Ministers

| April 27 - 28          | 5:00 PM Mass                      | 9:30 AM Mass                        | 11:30 AM Mass               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Altar Servers:         | V./P./J. Miller<br>G./S. Morgan   | E./T./T. Morgan                     | R. Robin<br>N./A. Gallagher |
| Commentator:           | M. Dufresne                       | B. Sawarna                          | I. Kangaloo                 |
| Readers:               | B. Crawley                        | T. Boettger<br>J. Flanigan          | M. Oram                     |
| Ushers:                | L. Macedo<br>I. Cimermancic       | J. Kelly<br>J./K. Snyder            | B. Voisin                   |
| Gift Bearers:          |                                   | Cerantola                           | Coe                         |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | A. Bendia<br>K. Smith<br>F. Tully | A. Joseph<br>M. Walsler<br>H. Kress | B./C. Voisin<br>E. Weiss    |



**QUEEN OF HEAVEN (REGINA CAELI)**

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
 R. For He whom you did merit 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. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thank you to everyone who assisted in the planning of Holy Week and who performed a ministry during the Easter Triduum Liturgies. A special thank you to all the altar servers and the three choirs for your special ministry that help make the rituals of the Liturgies more solemn in their celebration.**

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*May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord shine forth in us and in those we love, and may we all experience the special grace of this holy and sacred season. Happy Easter to everyone ... Fr. Steve*

**Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ...** St. Mark's Knights of Columbus are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** (9am-1pm) at **St. Mark's Church parking lot**. We will accept any electronic items including computers, phones, T.V.'s, printers, monitors, stereos, etc. Also collecting old clothing (please no rags!).



**First Communion Preparation**  
 FINAL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY  
 April 24 at 6:30 pm for Parents and Children

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week, let us pray for...

- April 22 - Rev. Andrew Czarny
- April 23 - Rev. Phillip Cook
- April 24 - Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
- April 25 - Rev. Peter Ciallella
- April 26 - Rev. Michael Downey
- April 27 - Rev. Martin Vallely

**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.*

**Consoling the Heart of Jesus (BOOK & DVD SERIES)**

Join us for a 10-part series that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality, based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*. Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the Saints like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and Mother Teresa; have all the tools you'll need to "become a saint, a great saint, and quickly." **Beginning Mon. April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Room.** Please register by signing up on the sheet in the narthex, or contact the parish office (519-571-9200 / stmark@rogers.com).

**UPCOMING WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND** – Thursday to Sunday, **May 2 - 5** at **St. Ignatius Oratory, Deemerton**. Free transportation to and from your weekend; all meals provided; comfortable, accessible accommodations. A wonderful opportunity to experience the graces that will empower you to be a better Christian for the Lord for the rest of your life. Contact Betty Enticott (519-743 0908 or penticott@rogers.com) or Marg Weber (519-747-5937 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca).

**THE GIFT** – You are invited to **St. Anne's Church** (268 East Avenue, Kitchener) as we prepare for Pentecost by taking part in THE GIFT, a 6-week DVD series focusing on the role of the holy spirit in our daily lives. We will begin on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., and continue for 6 consecutive weeks. Please call Marg 519-894-5424 or Patrick 519-748-5548 for more information.

**Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019?** On **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at 1:30 p.m., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Please register by May 20<sup>th</sup> to be sure your name is included in the program. Details are available on the poster in the church, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

*Tips from the Diocesan Family Ministry Office...*

**PARENTING ...** As the warmer weather makes its way into our lives, it is a perfect time to help children learn about the beauty of God's created world and our task to be stewards of his creation. Cleaning the yard after winter, planting flowers and vegetables, picking up garbage left behind once the snow melts - these are all great ways to teach your children to honour God's world. And as a bonus, you will spend time outdoors as a family. The world is our home, help your children learn to engage with the earth.

**MARRIAGE ...** Marriage in the Catholic faith, through the love of the couple, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love for his people. When people observe your relationship do they see love, patience, kindness, and commitment? If the answer is not as often as you would like, then instead of reverting to arguing, whining, or sarcasm when something goes wrong, change your response to your spouse. Be calm in stressful situations, use (learn if necessary) good conflict resolution skills and above all, commit to putting your spouse first. God is divine, but with a few changes, we can move closer to reflecting his love to all who witness our relationship.

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