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He is Risen



EASTER SUNDAY

Worship This Week:

April 17 – 23, 2017

Easter Monday

★ 9:00 am + Van Hung Nguyen – *Phuong Nguyen*

Tuesday

★ 7:00 am + Wally Kreuder – *Brian & Marie Lynch*
6:30 PM - **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** with Gr. 2's

Wednesday

7:00 am - Int. of Patricia Runstedler – *Rosemary Victor*

Thursday

7:00 am + Joan Gomes – *Nick & Julie Muza*
1:00 PM - **EASTER SCHOOL MASS** at St. Dominic Savio

Friday

7:00 am + Tony & Ruth Hayek – *Ylanda*

Saturday

7:00 am - Int. of Eric Kubica – *Catherine Mackid*

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sat. 5:00 PM + Burns family – *B./C. Burns*
Sun. 9:30 am - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:30 am + Olivia Baptista – *Jose Baptista*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Easter Monday, April 17th

Offertory Collections

April 8/9, 2017

Sunday envelopes.....	\$ 2,996.00
Sunday loose	\$ 860.15
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 1,280.77
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 5,136.92
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 390.00
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52).....	\$ 254.42
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 644.42
Share Lent	\$ 210.00
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land	\$ 45.00

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL ROLES

	Apr. 22 & 23	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	T./T. Morgan E. Chang	C. Chacon N. D'Souza	
Commentator:	M. Dufresne	B. Sawarna	I. Kangaloo	
Lector:	J. Deneau	P. Enticott	O. Sirju	
Ushers:	K./S./T. Friesen	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	B. Voisin M. Monte	
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Seaward	Masbad	
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	A. Joseph H. Kress M. Lynch	B./S. Markides F. Kangaloo	

Gr. 2 Parents ... Don't forget ... to bring your child for the Sacrament of **First Reconciliation this Tuesday, April 18th** at 6:30 p.m. in the church. There will be 3 priests available to hear your child's first confession.

Meetings & Events This Week

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
<u>Mon. April 17</u>	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
<u>Tue. April 18</u>	6:30 pm	(CH)	Gr. 2 Sacrament of First Reconciliation
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	(L)	Separated & Divorced Level 3 (<i>week 4 of 11</i>)
<u>Wed. April 19</u>	7:00 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
	7:15 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir Practice
<u>Thu. April 20</u>	6:00 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	(L)	S.M.Y.C.A. (St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir Practice
<u>Fri. April 21</u>	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group (<i>bi-weekly</i>)
<u>Sat. April 22</u>	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group (<i>bi-weekly</i>)
<u>Sun. April 23</u>	12:45 pm	(CH)	Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation (last session)

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

Monthly Children's Mass

Dedicated to the children of our parish! At one Mass each month, children from First Communion age (Gr.2) to Confirmation age (Gr. 7) are given the opportunity to fully participate in the Holy Mass by doing the readings, prayers of the faithful, ushering and bearing gifts to the altar. **If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the blackboard in the narthex, or contact Jessica Heine (519-496-2328) for more details including practice dates.** When you add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, please include your phone number so the leader can contact you.



Volunteer(s) needed...

Maintaining of Altar Servers' vestments

Our altar servers' vestments need to be:

- **Hung in order after each weekend Mass** (i.e. hang them in order according to size so that servers can easily find their size. Currently we need someone to do this after the 5:00pm and 9:30am Masses)
- **Mended as needed** (i.e. fixing buttons, hooks, ripped seams, etc.)
- **Laundered twice per year**

If you can help with these tasks, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725 or email the parish office at stmark@rogers.com.

An Opportunity to Sing!

The music ministry of St. Mark's would like to invite all parishioners to an informal vocal workshop on **Saturday, May 6th** from **12 noon to 2 p.m.** in the church. Local voice instructor and performer, Stephanie Kramer, will facilitate the session which will cover basic singing techniques in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Sign-up sheet available at Mass. For more information please contact Linda Blake at mz.linda.blake@gmail.com or 519-729-4819.

Electronic Waste Drop-Off Day ... Mark your calendar!!

Knights of Columbus Kitchener and St. Mark's Councils are offering an Electronic Waste Drop-off Day on **Saturday, May 6th** from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Items can be dropped off at **St. Mark's Church parking lot** ... We will accept any electronic items including TV's, phones, computers, printers, monitors, stereos, etc.

For People in the Pews:

A practical Introduction to Catholic Bioethics

St. Mark's Parish is pleased to announce an upcoming series by world-renowned ethicist, **Dr. Moira McQueen LLB, PhD.**, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute in Toronto. She will bring "For the People in the Pews", a 4-part "everyday bioethics" lecture series designed specifically for parishes. Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes they raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of human life.

Part 1: Wed. May 3rd at 7:00 pm: A Catholic Perspective on Ethics

Foundations of Catholic ethics, bioethics: Scripture and Tradition; Natural Law; Conscience.

Part 2: Wed. May 10th at 7:00 pm: Reproductive Issues

Personhood; Reproductive technologies; Stem cell research and cloning.

Part 3: Wed. May 17th at 7:00 pm: End-of-Life Issues

Withdrawal of treatment; Prolonging Life; Pain and Suffering; Terminal Sedation; Health-care directives.

Part 4: Wed. May 24th at 7:00 pm: Euthanasia and Assisted Dying;

Living Life to the End; Hope in the Resurrection

Euthanasia; Physician-assisted suicide; Palliative Care; Sacrament of the Sick; Spiritual Needs.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity!

Annual Mass With New Catholics

**Saturday, April 22nd at the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton**

Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton.

With joyful hearts St. Mark's Parish congratulates and welcomes into the Full Communion of the Roman Catholic Church:

Joseph, Grace, Jennifer, Kristopher, & Jason



38TH ANNUAL K-W WALK FOR LIFE – Saturday, May 6th beginning at Historic St. Paul's Church at 10:30am. Registration at 10:00am.

Please call K-W Right to Life Office for pledge sheets or go to their website to print them (519.746.5433 or www.kwrtl.ca). Good food and prizes. Walk 3km and help support our educational programs or call the office to pledge.



OTTAWA MARCH FOR LIFE – Thursday, May 11th.

Bus leaves Fairview Park Mall at 5:30am (Walmart parking lot). Park at the far end of the parking lot up against Fairway Road (near Hwy 8). Call the office to book your seat (\$20) 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

3rd ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT - ST. MARK SCHOOL - MAY 8-13

From Monday, May 8th to Saturday, May 13th St. Mark Catholic School will be working with our community partners to *Reuse and Recycle* old electronics and clothing: **Monday to Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm, and Saturday 9am - 12Noon** we will have the bin open and we welcome your donations. Old shoes and clothing should be contained in plastic bags and we encourage you to remove all personal data from electronic items. In the past 2 years St. Mark C.E.S. staff and students have worked to collect over 7 tonnes of clothing and electronics to be recycled. St. Mark C.E.S. is located at 240 Autumn Hill Dr. Kitchener. We look forward to accepting donations from Waterloo Region community members.

-- Thank you from the staff and students of St. Mark School

C.W.L. CORNER ...

"HE IS RISEN" CAR MAGNETS available for purchase in the narthex at the C.W.L. table \$5 each while supplies last.



BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER 2017

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the light of Christ which we carry, filled with hope, into a world of darkness and uncertainty. In the shadow of the Sainte-Foy massacre this past February, with tensions escalating between nuclear powers and refugees on the move, the invocation of hope seems premature to some and dangerously naive to others. More personally, the spirits of some may be dampened this Easter by illness, bereavement, family breakdown, addiction, and unemployment. When hope begins to slip away, fear takes its place and we are robbed of peace.

Easter is meant to leave us with a very different sense of the present and the future. It offers a reality that is full of joy. Easter proclaims that fear and terror and death are not the end of the story. Indeed, the prayers of the Easter Vigil are unequivocal in the assurance they convey: "If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God." (*Roman Missal: The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle*)

When life has let us down or when old struggles are succeeded by new ones, we may find it challenging to trust in the victory of God. This is the reality for many people, even those who have unremittently devoted themselves to the love of God and neighbour. Saint Mother Teresa offers a sobering reminder of this in her private writings. The loss of hope for some can even lead to a sense of bitterness or a feeling of God's betrayal.

As with the sudden blast of a trumpet, Easter interrupts this downward spiral with the unexpected: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24.5). This paradoxical question was posed to the three women who arrived at the empty tomb at early dawn on the first day of the week. What they eventually discovered could not be predicted from life's natural cycles: for just as old age is not followed by youth, so Jesus' death could not *naturally* be followed by life.

But there is nothing natural about the Resurrection. It is an event in which time and nature are themselves turned upside down and inside out. Only as an act of God is the Resurrection possible; and like all acts of God, it is a wakeup call to each of us, that God who raises the dead is more real, more powerful than any crisis or setback we can ever encounter.

For all of us standing at the empty tomb – whatever the circumstances – there is unfathomable hope. There is hope for those on the peripheries of society; hope for governments and leaders; hope for the Church in this time of purification and renewal, hope for you and for me striving to lead a holy life (cf. Jeremiah 29.11).

This Easter, with our hearts lit by the unquenchable fire of God's love, we are asked to entrust ourselves to Christ's care as we hope in the divine power that "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty." (*Roman Missal, Longer Form of the Easter Proclamation*)

To each of you, I wish to extend my prayers and blessings for a hope-filled Easter Season.

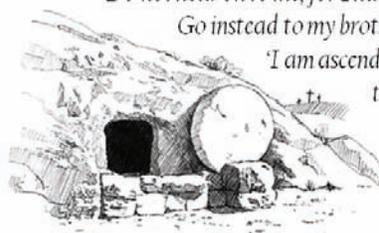
+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



*"Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
Go instead to my brothers and tell them,
'I am ascending to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.'"*

JOHN 20:17



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