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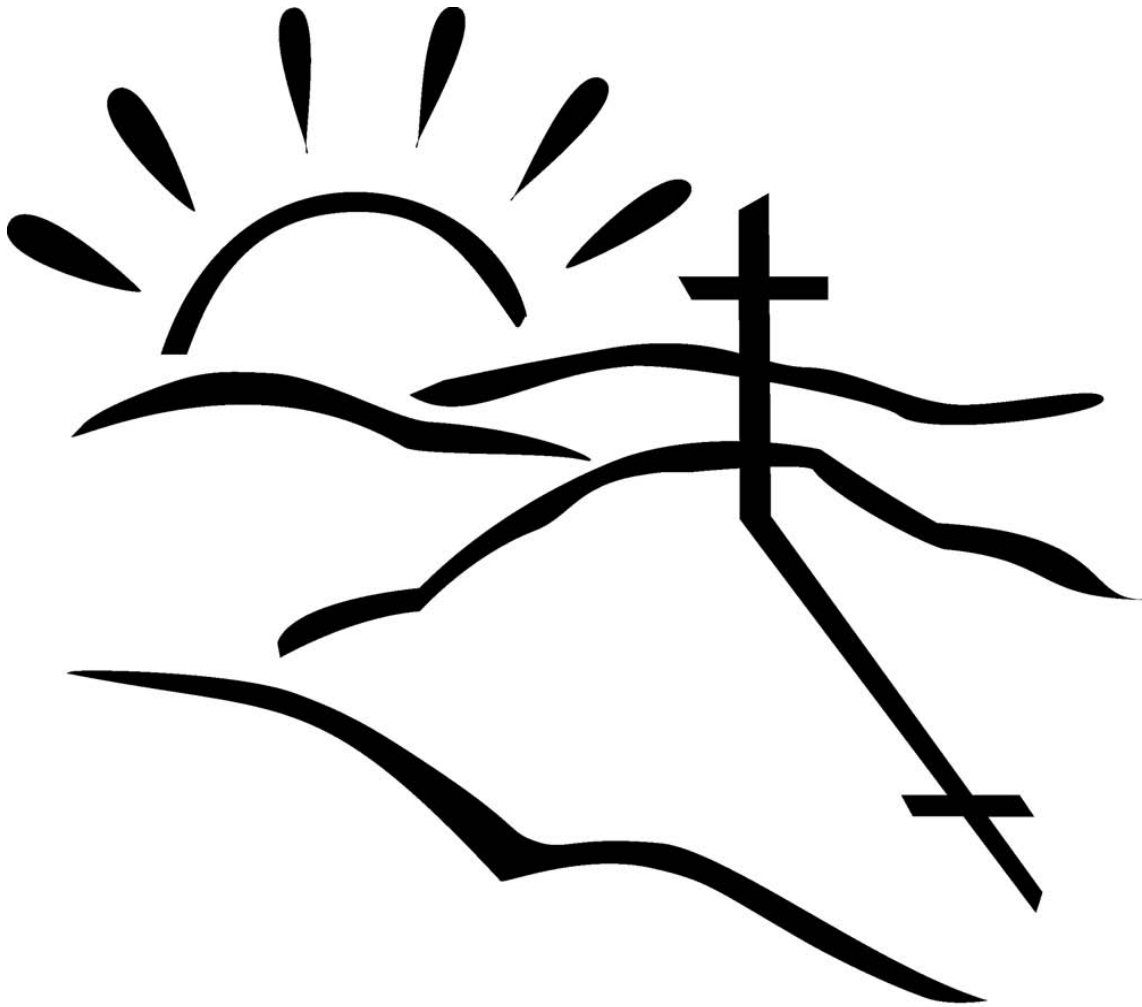
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

# EASTER SUNDAY

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Eva Purtil +

### Wednesday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Avelino Gomes +

### Thursday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Yolanda Fleming, Spec. Int.  
Mr. & Mrs. Ford, Spec. Int.  
Isobel Leeman +  
Wayne Doyle +  
Darryll Malley, Spec. Int.

### Friday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Dug Vernem +

### Saturday, April 11

5:00 p.m. Maria Sara Correia +  
Steve Pustai Sr. +  
Bernie MacDonald +  
A.J. Charest, Jr. +  
Mary Berry, Spec. Int.

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Leopold Grobelny +

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Apr. 6	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Tues., Apr. 7	Rev. Michael Anderson
Wed., Apr. 8	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Thurs., Apr. 9	Rev. Victor McNamara
Fri., Apr. 10	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Sat., Apr. 11	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan

### Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher	Isabelle Wild
Helen Plouffe	Maureen Childerhose
Richard Rottich	Martin Dawson
Doug Ciceri	Mary Berry
Sarah Scharer	John Scharer
Isabella Poechman	



*If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Wednesday morning.*



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 8,008.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,500.00
Share Lent (2 <sup>nd</sup> week)	\$ 507.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish.*

The **St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection** will take place after all masses the week-end of **April 11/12**. For those who would like to use an envelope, they are available in the Parish Gathering area.



**A SPECIAL WELCOME to anyone visiting St. Raphael's Parish this Easter.** We pray that you have a blessed Easter and know that we welcome you throughout the year at any of our regular

Masses: **Monday, Wednesday – Friday at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

**EASTER REFLECTION:** "Didn't our hearts burn within us as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to Us? ..." Luke 24:32. The stranger on the way to Emmaus, "Jesus", takes the curiosity of the two disciples and guides them into the Scripture and challenges them to understand the events in light of the Scriptures. Jesus does not want his disciples to simply recite a role of hope. He is calling us "to be hope". It's at the table in Emmaus, where the two disciples' hearts began to "burn within them". Luke 24:32. As they finally start to understand with their minds the truth about the Messiah, the analogy of the "burning hearts" was the only way for them to describe their recognition of Jesus. "Stay with us, Lord, for it is nearly evening..." Luke 24:29; this is also a beautiful prayer that we are called to remember every day. An invitation from each of us to Christ to be and stay with us always. Amidst the shadows of the passing day and the darkness that clouded the disciples' souls, the stranger brought a ray of light that rekindled their, Our, hope. Stay with us Lord!

*May God bless you, your families and loved ones during this Easter Season*

The Pastoral Team and Staff of St. Raphael's Parish



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At our Easter Vigil we are privileged to welcome three new members into our parish community. Three catechumens are to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. *Elizabeth Curtin* will be baptized. *Phyllis Donnelly* and *Katherine Folkes-Kaizer*, who are baptized Christians, will be received into the Church through their profession of faith. All three are to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We rejoice with them and pray that the Risen Lord may continue to bless them with His abiding Spirit.



### ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH DAY 2015:

*"Power, Purpose, Passion and Family: Living the Healthiest, Happiest and Most Abundant Spiritual Life!"*. Join your fellow parishioners on

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Keynote speaker is *Mr. Anthony Cheam*. Cost is \$10. Registration continues after all Masses on April 11/12 or register in the parish office. Contact Ingrid at 905-681-7293 / [ingrid.mayr@icloud.com](mailto:ingrid.mayr@icloud.com)

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Our **next movie and potluck night will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 p.m. Stay tuned for more information next week. Don't forget - B.Y.O.B and bring a family member or friend. Any questions please contact Renata @ 905 637 2457 or [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com).

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** A reminder that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**WE NEED HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY** by bringing communion. What a beautiful, helpful and rewarding ministry! We need help in bringing communion to people who are homebound or in long term care or in the hospital. If you have an hour or so per month to give, please call for information. We will help in every way we can... questions, training, etc. Call Wilma 905 633 7639.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group**  
*Every Monday, 9:40 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.*
- Faith Sharing Group**  
*Every Monday, 9:30 a.m., St. Francis Rm.*
- Bridge and Euchre Session**  
*Every Monday, 1:00 p.m., Parish Centre*
- S.E.N.T. Group**  
*Every Tuesday, 2:45 p.m., St. Francis Rm.*
- Men's Group**  
*Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Hearth Rm.*
- 9AM Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal**  
*Every Wednesday, 9:45 a.m., Church*
- Finance Council**  
*Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m., Hearth Rm.*
- 11 o'clock Mass Choir Rehearsal**  
*Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Church*
- Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group**  
*Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.*
- Spanish Prayer Group**  
*Every Friday, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Rm.*

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Mary Mother of God Parish** is proud to present Catholic speaker Ken Yasinski, **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at Mary Mother of God Parish, Oakville. Doors Open 6:30 pm. Ken Yasinski is one of Canada's most sought after Catholic speakers, with 15 years of full time experience, proclaiming the fullness of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of Face to Face Ministries, a Lighthouse Catholic Media Speaker, author, and songwriter. At the core of every message, he challenges people to realize their full potential in life – to be a saint. All are welcome. Admittance is free! Voluntary donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at MMOG parish will be accepted.

**CROSS OF VICTORY PILGRIMAGE 2015:** Please join us for any day or all eight days of our walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine this **August 1st - 8th, 2015**. Email David Foster at [cofvpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:cofvpilgrimage@gmail.com) or search "Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2015" on the internet for information.

**ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS:** 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 of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** during the 11:00 am mass. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in our Diocese of Hamilton.

**ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

**DINNER:** The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all to the Club's 12th Annual Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life Dinner being held at Liuna Station on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015**. Contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 or check out [www.celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner](http://www.celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner)

**WAKE UP THE WORLD!** Youth Rally in Honour of the Year of Consecrated Life, Hosted by the Diocese of Hamilton. When: **Sunday May 3, 2015**, For: Young Adults 18 - 35 years of age, Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Location: Ancaster, Ontario. FREE ADMISSION!!! Lunch included if you REGISTER BY April 19, 2015. For more information or to register for this event: Visit: [hamiltondiocese.com/wake-up-the-world](http://hamiltondiocese.com/wake-up-the-world) OR Contact Sr. Teresa Joseph, SOLI at: [srteresajoseph@solisisters.ca](mailto:srteresajoseph@solisisters.ca)

**FRANCIS' VISION OF THE CHURCH:** A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 3 Wednesday afternoons, **April 22, 29 & May 6th**, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. Through this presentation of Francis' Vision of the Church, you will better understand the work of our Holy Father. What has shaped and formed Francis' vision for the Church. What is the effect of Francis' unique and radical leadership having on the Church today. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 to register.



**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 7, 2015** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the parish entrance for information on how to register, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**TIME FOR TWO: GROWING IN LOVE:** Rediscover the best friend you have had since you were married! This may be the most valuable two days you will spend together as a couple – enrich your love and knowledge of each other!! The Marriage Encounter/Enrichment weekend will be held on **April 11/12** at the St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton, Ontario. Contact the Family Ministry Office: [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Information and registration: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).



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