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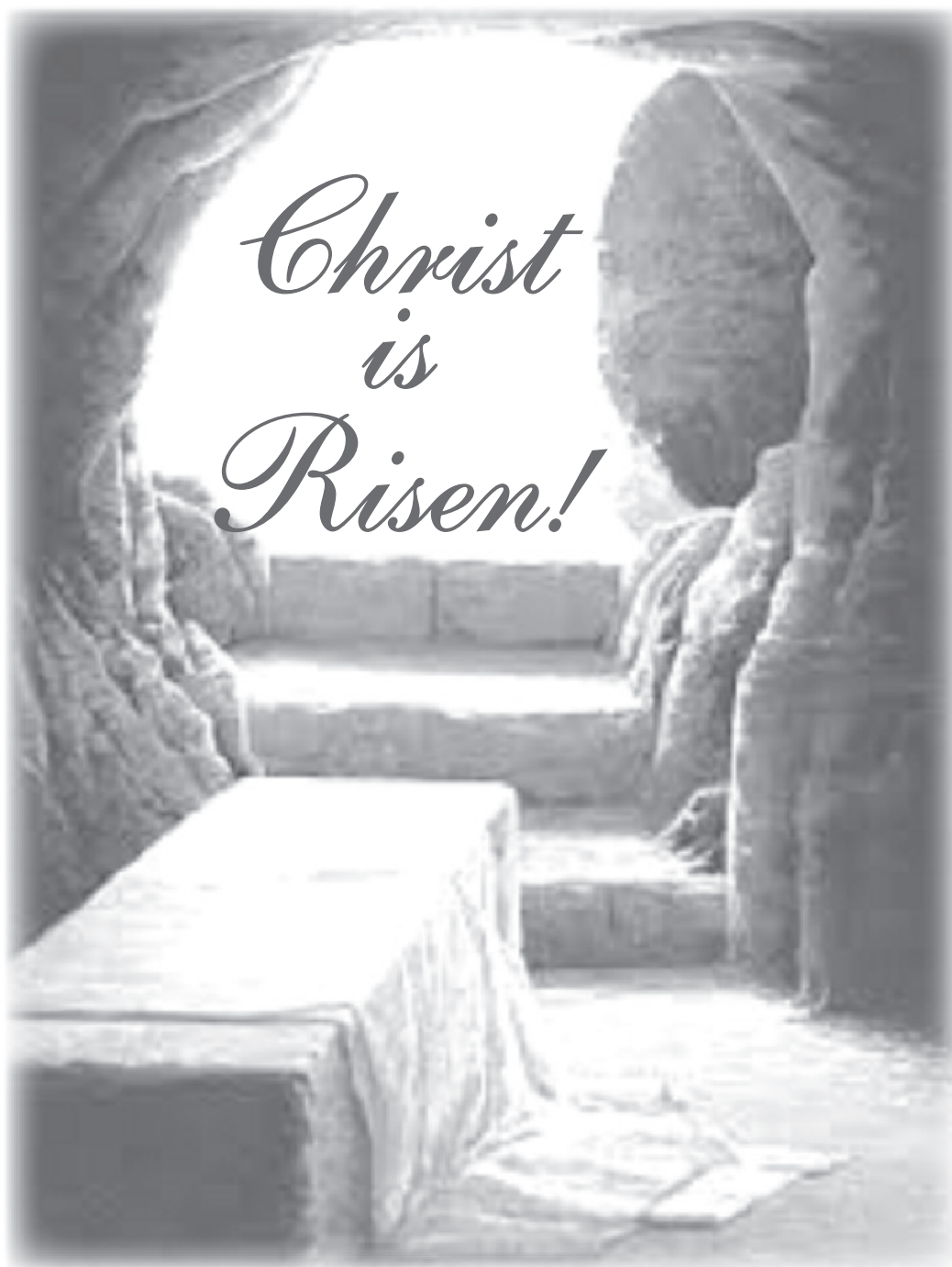
*Served by the Holy Cross Fathers*

Fr. Wilson Andrade C.S.C. - Pastor

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**Mass Intentions** 

**Monday, April 10** at 9:00am  
Ints. The Svazas Family

**Tuesday, April 11** at 9:00am  
Ints. Magdelina Bezzubyk

**Wednesday, April 12** at 9:00am  
†Nardina Inneo

**Thursday, April 13** at 9:00am  
Ints. Camila Sepulveda; Ints. Nancy Mendez  
Ints. Yenni Sepulveda; Ints. Vanessa Wood  
Ints. Paula Ospina; Ints. Karen D’Souza; †Shirley Bonner  
10:30am St Paul School Mass

**Friday, April 14** at 9:00am  
†Elmer Loyola

**Saturday, April 15** at 5:00pm  
Ints. Francois Denis; Ints. Karmille Allyson William;  
Ints. Tom Olds; †Lucy Jennings; †Doug Robinson;  
†Frances Harold; †Alyre Theriault

**Sunday, April 16**  
9:00am For Our Parishioners  
11:00am †Wenceslao Santos

<b>Please pray for:</b>	Ida Filice
Sam Stenekes	Vincent Stanford
Barry Best	Mary Adams
Nella Cannito	Wendy Bonenfant
Tom Olds	Lee Olds
Marwan & Yasmeeen Alhasan	
<i>Names on this list will remain for a period of four weeks to allow space for other names. Please phone the parish office before Tuesday morning to have a name added.</i>	

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

April 2

Envelopes (175)	\$5,029
Loose	\$1,389
Share Lent (8)	\$212
Turkey & Syria Relief (1)	\$2,000

*Thank you for your generous support*

**KNIGHTS INSURANCE SEMINAR:** Discover available options for Life, Disability, and Long-Term Care Insurance, also TFSAs, Pensions. All parishioners, couples, family, and friends are welcome to a presentation & to raise questions. Plan to attend Tuesday April 11th, 7:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. Refreshments provided.



**PARISH PIZZA NIGHT:** Please join us for a fun evening and fundraiser on Sunday April 30, 2023 in St. Raphael’s Parish Centre (5pm to 7pm). The funds raised will go towards St.

Raphael parish youth programs and St. Raphael’s Catholic Women’s League charities. Tickets (\$6 and \$12) for pizza, drink and make your own sundae. Bring cash or cheque and purchase items from Repeat Boutique (jewelry, scarves, purses and crochet toys). Raffle and cookie table. Tickets on sale before and after masses on April 15/16, April 22/23 and April 29. Presented by St. Raphael’s Catholic Women’s League.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE MEMBER CELEBRATION:**

April 16 from noon to 2pm (St. Francis room)

Join your sisters in the League at the 11 am mass, followed by our gathering as a special celebration of our Lady of Good Counsel. The gathering will include an Appreciation ceremony recognizing our members with service awards and dedication to the League. Light refreshments and social time. All women welcome to join and meet us. For more information, please call Leony Hettinger (289-795-1559)

**THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON** is holding their Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please phone 905-628-5682 or email [SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com) for more information.

**Year of Prayer April - 2023 Hope and New Life**  
“Lord, teach us to Pray” Matt. 6:9-13

During this **YEAR OF PRAYER**, I invite you to reflect on the Prayer in the light of Hope and New Life as we celebrate the Paschal mystery of our faith: Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. As we light the new Paschal Candle, let us renew our Baptismal promises, and let us keep awake and wake up in the Lord, so we can live as brothers and sisters in justice, peace, and love.

**THE WORD OF GOD: THE BIBLE PROJECT:** During this season of Lent, we encourage you to read the Bible. We have a Bible Project Sheet available for



you if you would like to take the challenge to read the Bible in 4 months. It takes 72 hours to read the Bible, you can do it at your own pace. You can fill out the Registration Form and take the Bible Reading Sheet available at the entrance. For more information, please contact Fr. Wilson Andrade or email the parish office.

### Happy Easter

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Holy Thursday Soup Supper. The food we shared at this event was plentiful and very tasty. Thank you to all who shared and participated in this Holy Week gathering.



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Triduum celebrations more beautiful, meaningful, and richer especially: Choir members, Altar servers, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Decorators, Sacristans, all Ministry volunteers, and members our parish community. Thank you for your time and commitment. We also extend our Easter wishes to every member of our parish. Thank you for everything you are to us and for the blessing you all bring to our Parish Community of St. Raphael. May you and your families be filled with Easter Joy.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Easter provides us with a clear picture of how much God loves us, since he sent his son to die on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Easter highlights the importance of forgiveness and our call as Catholics to forgive both ourselves and others. Marriage is an essential place to put this call to forgive into action. Forgiveness means we let go of issues, after discussing and working them out, and then move forward in love. It means showing mercy when mistakes are made and remembering that forgiving allows us to put love first. So, remember to forgive in your marriages so you can both find a place of peace. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

#### Would you like to learn how to make a Rosary?

“A family that prays together, stays together.”

– Venerable Patrick Peyton, CSC

The Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada at St. Raphael Parish would like to restart the Rosary Maker Group. If you would like to be a Rosary maker, please fill out the Registration Form. This year, we are planning to make 25,000 rosaries to distributed to churches, hospitals, schools, and missions in the world. Thank you for helping us spread God’s message of love in the families.

**JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL FOR AN IN-PERSON SCREENING** at The Staircase Theatre, Hamilton with guest speaker Jason Hoffing from Relay Coffee! Highlighting the importance of fair-trade coffee, the film **Black Gold** follows Tadesse Meskela, a man on a mission to save 74,000 struggling coffee farmers in Ethiopia from bankruptcy. Against the backdrop of Tadesse’s journey to London and Seattle, the power of the multinational players that dominate the world’s coffee trade becomes apparent. **Location: 27 Dundurn St N, Hamilton.** To RSVP and view our schedule go to:

[www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/).

**AGING ISSUES: LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES** – join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, [hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com) or at 905-648-0437.

#### EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Dear Friends, once again we joyfully celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Easter let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis, “Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If until now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. Jesus will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won’t be disappointed. If following Jesus seems difficult, don’t be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do”.

Easter holds out an invitation to each one of us.  
 Easter invites us to open our hearts to the risen Jesus  
 Easter invites us to hope for new life,  
 Easter invites us to offer peace and joy.  
 Easter invites us to let Jesus help us trust once again,  
 after we have had our trust betrayed.  
 Easter invites us to let Jesus help us to love again.  
 Easter invites us to have faith.  
 Easter invites us for renewal to start all over again.  
 This is what Easter is all about. It’s the good news that  
 the risen Jesus is in our midst.  
 Easter is the Goodnews  
 that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death.  
 Easter is the miracle of new life,  
 filled with God’s love.

#### HOLY CROSS FORMATION COLLECTION:

Thank you for your donation to the Holy Cross Formation. The money will be sent to the Seminary Formation of 3 of our Holy Cross religious of Northeastern Province in India, where Fr. Wilson and Fr. Emmanuel belong. We have placed the profile of these 3 seminarians in the Bulletin Board. Their names are Pintu Marak, Sahanborlang Mawrie, CSC, and Preet Anpam Beck, CSC. Please do keep them in your prayers, if anyone would like to donate, please use the envelopes dedicated for the Holy Cross Formation.



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