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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the hot sun all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

Easter is a time when we must rejoice in our resurrected Lord! We must be drawn to Jesus who is alive and well. We must be drawn to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. How can we do this? There are many ways. Here is just one.

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. ~ James 1:2-4

Monday, April 18
9:00 am Mass + DECEASED ANCESTORS of John Pham

Tuesday, April 19
(please note the change in Mass time today)
9:00 am + REV. ANTONIO PINHEIRO – Zelia Bento

Wednesday, April 20
7:00 pm + ANTONY MASSON – Maria DaSilva
+ ANITA FIGUEIREDO – her parents and family
+ FRANCESCA TUDISCO – Kirsten and Bob
+ ADELA MALANA – Espie and family
- Intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges
+ DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES - Stella
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, April 21
7:00 pm + JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY - Fatima
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, April 22
7:00 pm +SOULS IN PURGATORY
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 23
12 noon and 2:00 pm – First Communion Mass for students of St Vincent de Paul school

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + ELAINE VASEY – Frances oram
+ SOCORRO REYES – Gloria
+ DIMAS DIAS – his family
+ KAREN WYNEN – Nick and Teresa
+ WILLIAM ESTABROOKS – St Anne School
- intentions of Leo Murphy – Frances & Geraldine
+ JOHN, MARIA, JASON & BRIAN CORREIA – Maria & John

Sunday, April 24 – Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishiones
11:00 am + DON ARTHUR – Phyl and Michael
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Over the next few weeks, the Grade 2 students from our parish schools will be receiving, for the first time, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please keep these students, their families and teachers in your prayers.

***Altar Servers – welcome back or join-up**, please.*

Father Gary welcomes back prior altar servers and new children who would like to begin altar serving. Please contact Father Gary or Barb at the parish office stambrose@golden.net or phone 519-621-2013.

Marvelous Mystery:
The Mass Comes Alive CAT CHAT Summer Program
Hosted by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

Will be held July 11 -15, 2022 at St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge Ontario for children ages 6-11. Join us as we discover the beauty of the Holy Mass with faith, fellowship and fun! The cost is $120/ child. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Immaculata by email: retreats@solisisters.ca

Registration ends June 15th 2022. Only 35 spots available, so register soon!

We are also looking for **volunteers high-school** aged or older to be group leaders and helpers! If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Sr. Maria Immaculata by email: retreats@solisisters.ca

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Precious and Priceless Retreat
Hosted by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

Will be held July 7th-10th at St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge Ontario for women ages 15-18. Join us as we dive into the beautiful gift of our femininity according to St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women.* There will be guest speakers, fellowship and time for prayer. The cost is $200 for each retreatant which includes meals and recreational activities. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Immaculata by email: retreats@solisisters.ca Registration ends June 15th, 2022.

Divine Mercy Novena - Please join us in prayer as we continue the Divine Mercy Novena this week:

Monday, April 18 9:00 am Mass with Novena prayer afterwards.

Tuesday, April 19 to Friday, April 22 – after each daily Mass.

Saturday, April 23 after 5pm Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24 at 3:00 pm
St. Ambrose

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday everyone is invited to join us for prayers and music.

In 2000, Pope John Paul instituted Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It arises out of a series of apparitions which Saint Faustina received.

Hamilton Diocese Family Speaker Series:

The next online session will be on **April 26, 2022** from 7:00-8:30 PM, on the topic: The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows, Presenter: Roy Petitfils

Roy Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers.

Free but please register at the Diocese of Hamilton website www.hamiltondiocese.com

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Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19.

However, you are invited to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at **hamiltondiocese.com** and you will receive a certificate, which you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Prayers for the Sick – Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please use the church side door on South Street.

Jesus loved us so much that He gave His life to spend eternity with us!
A very blessed Easter to everyone!
Alleluia Alleluia

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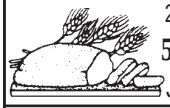

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