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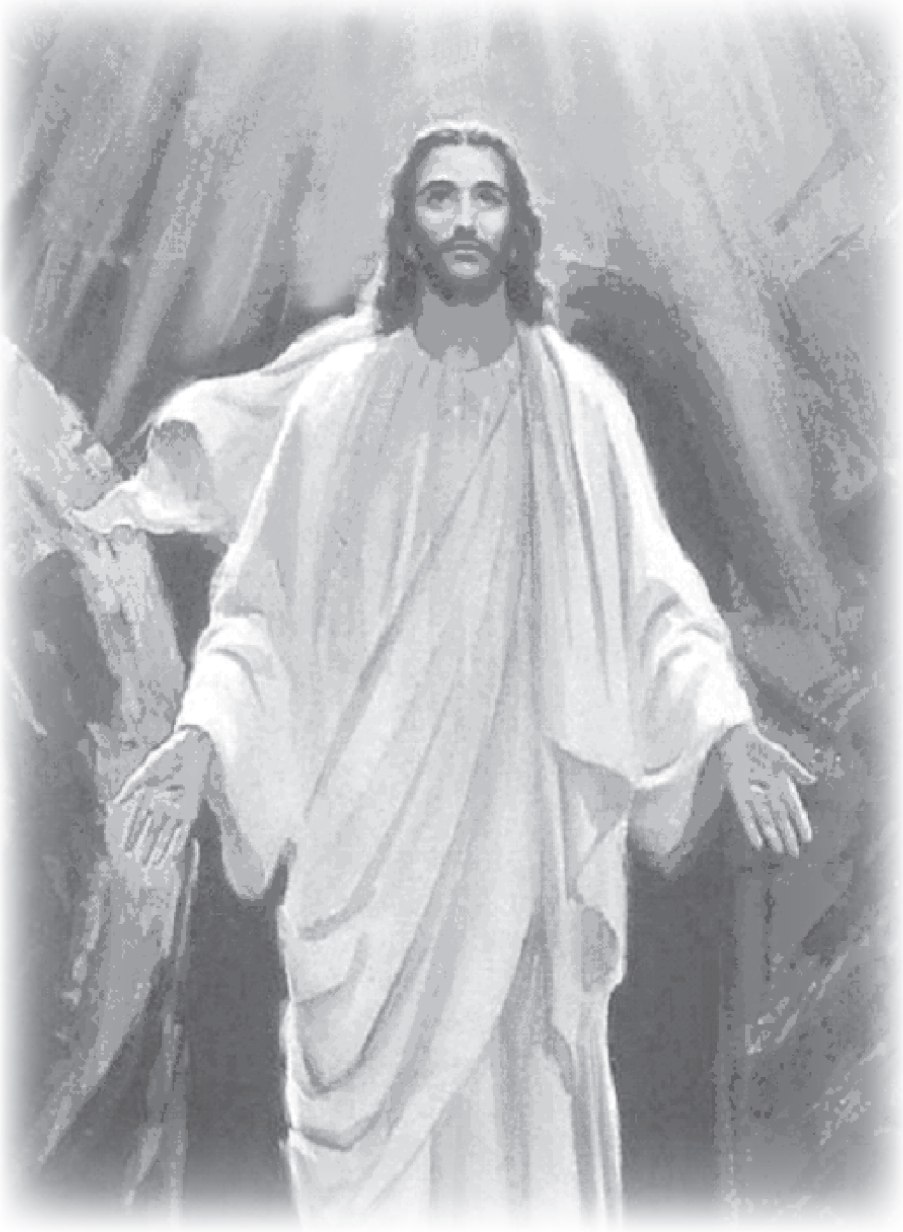

Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

There's plenty to love about decorated eggs, bunnies and chocolates, but this is the secular side of Easter. Our Christian Easter Sunday holds a much deeper meaning. On Easter, we remember the love Christ showed humankind when He gave the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have reason to celebrate!

How We Can Honour Christ's Sacrifice Every Day

While Easter calls our attention to Christ's remarkable sacrifice, we should never lose sight of His willingness to give His life for our sake. While it is important to honour Him on Easter, our efforts should continue throughout the year. We can do so by regularly reading the Bible, gathering with other Christians for fellowship and showing gratitude for the many of blessings in our lives.

Show compassion and grace for others.

Jesus loves us, even though we continue to sin — and through His love and forgiveness, we are transformed. While it's impossible for any humans to achieve this level of unconditional love, we can do our best to emulate His example, even when this proves challenging.

Commit to regular prayer.

Think of Easter as your faith-based New Year's resolution. This is your opportunity to fully embrace the power of prayer. Strive to incorporate prayer into your daily life. Short prayers throughout the day will keep you grounded in your faith as you establish a closer connection with God.

Read relevant Bible passages.

The story of Christ's triumph should play a central role in our biblical study and reflections throughout the year. Not sure where to start? Check out Luke 24:1-8, John 21: 13-17 and Mark 16:1-8. If you feel inspired, take notes in the margins of your Bible or record your reflections in a dedicated journal.

Continue to testify.

In addition to rereading passages about Christ's resurrection, take time to examine verses about the apostles' ongoing efforts to spread the word about this miracle. Let passages such as Acts 4:33 inspire you: "*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.*"

Attend church or participate in a Bible study group.

How much time do you set aside for fellowship? Unfortunately, some people who think of themselves as Christian only bother to show up at church for Easter Sunday and Christmas. Easter should not serve as a minimum threshold. You will find far greater benefit in gathering with fellow Christians on a regular basis by attending weekly Mass. Also, our parish offers a Ladies' Group twice a month, and a Men's Group every Saturday morning.

This Easter, go beyond the eggs and candy to find a deeper, more meaningful experience. You can find great hope and fulfillment in Christ's remarkable examples on Easter Sunday and throughout the year.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, April 2
8:00 am – In thanksgiving from Paul and Myra
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 3
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome.
Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ LEONIDES & MARCELINA FRANCISCO
+ JOSE & MARIA TEIXEIRA – Laudalina
+ HENRY & ELFRIEDE BERGMAN – Barb Andrade
+ ANTONIO HIGINO GONÇALVES – Libiano
+ MARCELINA SILVEIRA – Zelia B.
+ JOSE MONTEIRO & FAMILY
+ BRUNA COCCO – her family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, April 4
8:00 am + ANA BRAGA and MARIE BRAGA – their family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, April 5
8:00 am + ANA FIGUEIREDO - Filomena
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, April 6 – First Saturday
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass +DOREEN & SHAWN – Margaret
+ LUCY PINHEIRO – Suzy
+ BILL NORMORE – Margie Gagne
+ MARIA USSEL HINERMAN – Bill & Annette McLean
+ ESTEVAN & MERCEDES ESPINOZA – their family

Sunday, April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 am + ED & OPHELIA GROZELLE – Doreen & Tony
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If so, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is required and available online at website **hamiltondiocese.com**

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!

Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps". The link to this portal can be found on our parish website.

The St. Ambrose High School Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, April 9 and 23, from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall. Young people in Grades 9-12 are invited! Hope to see you there!

"Daughters of the King" - St. Ambrose Ladies' group will meet on Tuesday April 2nd and April 16th at 7pm in the Church Hall. Join us for prayer, discussion and friendship. You're welcome to bring a friend, too.

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2024 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all to gather on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Tickets are $90 per person. Please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton

The Parish Office is closed on Easter Monday, April 1st.

Divine Mercy Hour: Sunday, April 7

3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Church. Join us for music and praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone welcome!

A WARM WELCOME to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. Please contact the parish office to register as a new parishioner. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

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Sacrament of First Reconciliation

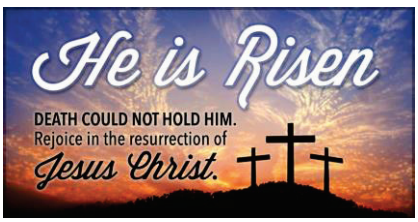
Over the next two weeks the children of our parish schools and catechism class will be receiving, for the first time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

We pray that they will be open to our Lord's forgiveness and be cleansed of their sins with an open heart.

All sacraments are held in the Church:
St. Anne students – Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm
Holy Spirit students – Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul students – Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

High School Students Invited - Guest speaker

The St. Ambrose high school youth group will host Keturah Dumaine from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform to give a presentation on Pro-Life Apologetics 101. Students in Grades 9-12 are invited to come learn how to effectively communicate the pro-life position with clarity and compassion! Join us on Tuesday, April 9th from 6:30-8pm in the church hall. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sarah Kwiecinski at **youth@stambrosecambridge.ca** This is a free event, and we will be grateful to accept donations to support our youth ministry.



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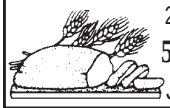

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