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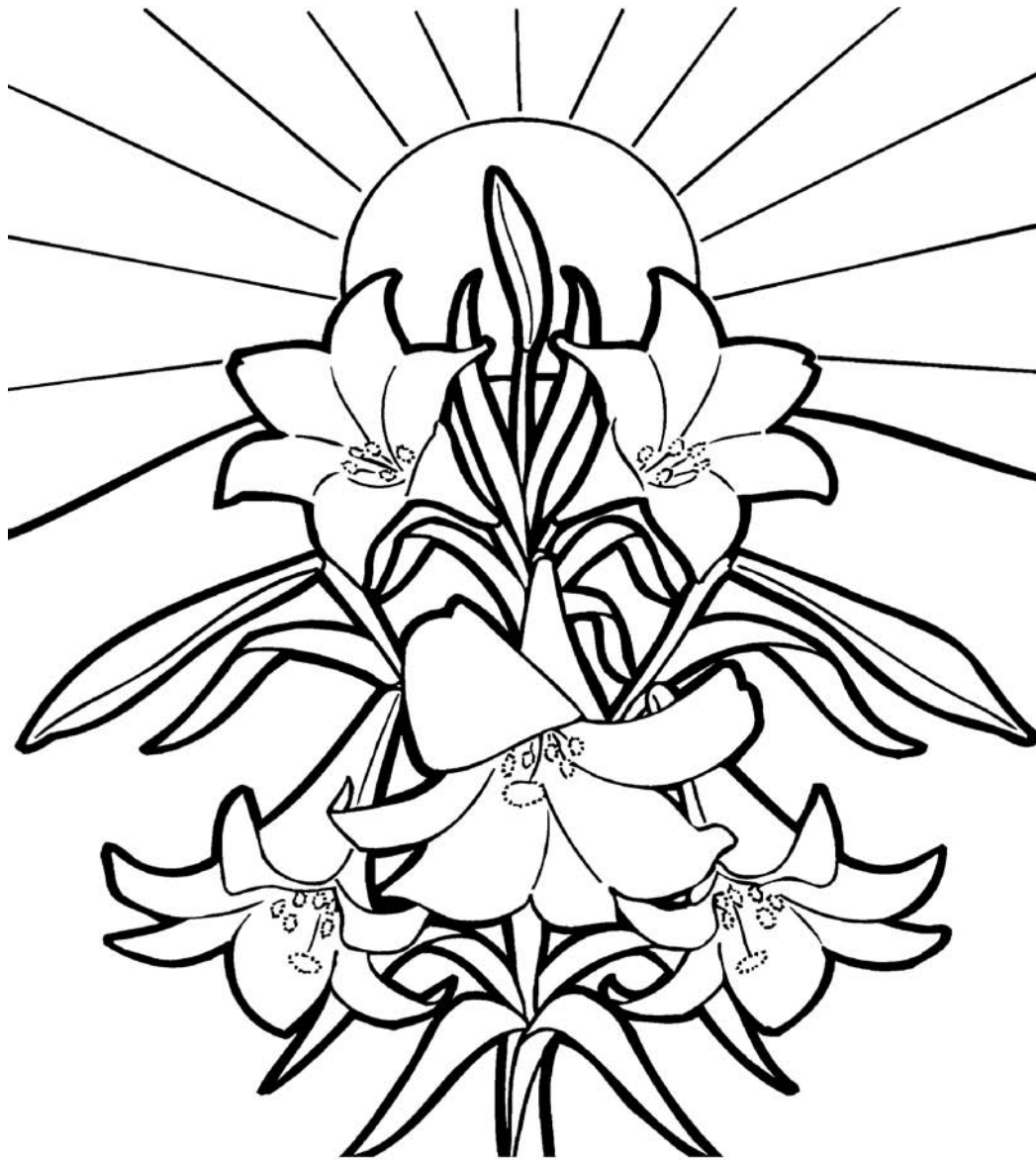
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

Today we share the Easter message from Bishop Dobrowski:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20: 19)*

*With these words, the Risen Lord greeted His disciples after His Resurrection. With these same words, He greets us today; Quietly, gently, yet with steadfast presence. Into our worries, fears, and uncertainties, Christ comes and stands among us, offering His peace.*

*This Easter is especially meaningful for me, as it is my first with you as your bishop. I give thanks to God for the gift of being your shepherd and for the grace of celebrating the Resurrection among you. It is a joy to walk with you in faith and to proclaim together that Christ is risen.*

*This year, our joy is even greater as we welcome an extraordinary number of new Catholics, men and women whom through Baptism, are born into new life in Christ. Their "yes" to the Lord is a powerful witness. It reminds us that the risen Lord is still calling people, still renewing lives, still making all things new.*

*The peace He offers is not like the peace the world gives (Jn 14:27). It is not fragile or passing, but a gift that takes root within us and transforms us, so that we may become witnesses of hope. As Saint Paul reminds us, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:17). But Christ is risen and this changes everything.*

*Easter invites us not so much to understand everything, but to trust and believe. Like the first disciples, we may not always recognize Him right away. Yet through prayer, His Word, and the Eucharist, we discover that He is already with us, calling us by name and walking beside us and slowly, His peace fills our hearts. It changes how we see others, how we respond to difficulties, and how we live each day. We become, in quiet but real ways, witnesses of His presence, bringing patience where there is tension, kindness where there is hurt, and light where there is darkness. Our world deeply needs*

*this peace: the faithful presence of those who know that Christ is alive. Each of us is called to carry this peace into our families and communities.*

*May this Easter renew in us faith that Christ is truly Risen, that He is with us, and that His love is stronger than anything we may face.*

*I Wish you a blessed and joyful Easter!*

*Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA  
Bishop of Hamilton*

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

"The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his Resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth."  
Pope Francis, Easter Vigil Homily, 2014

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### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Cecilia Tracy, Marg Davey,  
Mary Palmateer***



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

***Cordeiro, Costley, Da Silva,  
DaCruz Daleman, Darrall***

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**Bulletins** are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), vocations testimony and praise music(8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, May 2nd** at the Saint Benedict Church (300 Yates Drive, Milton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

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DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 6 - April 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Mon. 9:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Intentions of Bishop Dobrowski</i>	
Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Donald Smith	Mary Smith and Family
Wed. 9:00 a.m.	Stanislaw and Janina Borkowski	Kazi and Zorika
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	Maria and Giuseppe Querques	Querques Family
Fri. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Easter Intentions of Pope Leo XIV</i>	
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Lino Visentin	Luisetto Family
Sun. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bob Hunwicks Pro populo	Montgomery Family



**CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

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K of C: Ian Nolan: [grand.knight.8050@gmail.com](mailto:grand.knight.8050@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS**

Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive  
Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing



**Sat. Apr 11 5 p.m.**  
Lector Patricia  
Ex. Minister Chris

**Sun. Apr 12 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**  
Lector Kazi Lar  
Ex. Minister Ann Aaron

**THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027** The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41<sup>st</sup> International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en> Join us in praying for all young people discerning their participation from our Diocese.

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 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 found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.





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