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# Holy Rosary Parish

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#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. John Van Hees, Pastor Fr. Vivek Trindade, Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. James Whittaker, Deacon

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Stephanie Butler, Parish Secretary/Finance Corina Thomas, Parish Secretary Dennis Herrero, Property Manager





#### Tuesday, Apr 6, 2021

8:00 a.m. **†**Kathleen Hughes

7:00 p.m. **†**Mark Maxworth; **†**Andrew John Abesamis;

**†**Les Kovacs:

#### Wednesday, Apr 7, 2021

8:00 a.m. †Elizabeth Irene Williams

7:00 p.m. **†**Noleen Connelly

#### Thursday, Apr 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. **†**Anton Xavier Anthonypillai

7:00 p.m. **†**Gordon Loeppky

#### Friday, Apr 9, 2021

8:00 a.m. **S/I** Anna & Lucas Blasiak

#### Saturday, Apr 10, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m.

†Jack Fitzmaurice; †Dec. Memb. Stutt Family; †Douglas Alleyne; †Irene Gibbs; †Martha Miranda; †Bev Slessor; †Ryan Paul Nemett; †Mary Fernandes; †Mary Holt; †Joe Strazzeri

#### Sanctuary Lamp – Week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

In Loving Memory of Joe Deoni

#### Readings for Sunday, April 11th, 2021:

Acts 4.32-35 1 John 5.1-6 John 20.19-31

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever."





## EASTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of myself and our Parish Team, I want to take this opportunity to offer you our sincere prayerful good wishes during this holy and joyful season of Easter. I am most grateful to all who helped to make our Lenten season so meaningful. We have such a wonderful group of volunteers who graciously offer their time and talents creating meaningful worship on a daily basis. Keep up the good work and again thank you one and all.

Sincerely, Fr. John and Team

### 2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven't already picked up your Sunday
Offering Envelopes, all remaining boxes are in the parish
office. Please stop by to pick them up Monday to Friday,
8:30 am to 4:30 pm or Saturday, 1 pm to 6 pm. We are very
grateful to all our parishioners who generously do their part
to support the work of the Church and our Parish.

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 REGISTRATION

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a>, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyminstry@hamitondiocese.com.

### REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE RESUMES NEXT WEEK

We will be returning to our normal weekend Mass times next Sunday. The Lord's Day Mass times are on Saturday evening at 5 pm and Sunday morning at 8:30 am, 10 am and 11:30 am.

### Happy Easter!

We at Holy Rosary are praying for your family and friends this Easter Season.

#### PRAYER INTENTION FOR VOCATIONS

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you think God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, contact the Diocese of Hamilton Vocations office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Please remember to especially pray for our priests:

Apr 5 - Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

Apr 6 – Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.

Apr 7– Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)

Apr 8 – Rev. Allen Varlaki

Apr 9 – Rev. Paul Edmondstone

Apr 10 – Rev. Jerzy Tomon

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

On February 24, 2021, 55 boxes of women, children and men's clothing and household

linens were transported from Milton to the Ottawa Airport with the final destination being the YWCA Agvvik Nunavut, Iqaluit. This was the equivalent of approximately 1,700 pounds of clothing.

This tremendous collaborative effort was the result of community engagement and generosity led by Grace Anglican Church, Milton, the Catholic Women's League at Holy



Rosary Parish, Milton and St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval. A special note of appreciation goes to members of these three communities for their dedication and commitment to improving the lives of those less fortunate.

This work was only made possible by the generosity and kindness of Vanessa Sirizzotti, General Manager at Uhaul Self Storage Milton, who graciously donated packing boxes and the use of one of their trucks; Robert and Theresa Allan who on their own time, drove the Uhaul truck full of the donated clothing boxes from Milton to the Ottawa airport; and Canadian North Airlines who once again transported the boxes free of charge from Ottawa to Iqaluit.

May God's blessings be upon those many hands and many hearts who support our neighbours to the North.

Refer to our website: <u>www.holyrosaryparish.ca</u> for additional events & information!

Easter 2021

My dear friends,

"He is not here; He has been raised!"



What a breathtaking message the young man dressed in a white robe imparted to the women who had come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus! At that moment, Jesus' teaching took on a new authority, a new power. Because of this event the followers of Jesus, at that time and throughout the past 2000+ years, have witnessed reassuring miracle upon miracle proving that He lives – and truly helps us to "live fully"!

Mary Magdalene – the Apostle of the Apostles – was the first to announce the Good News to his followers. Certainly, the lives of Peter and the closest disciples of Jesus were changed immediately. And when filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they set out to proclaim that Good News "to the ends of the earth"!

Because "He has been raised", He is still doing awesome healing works, lifting us up, freeing us, saving us! The miracle of new life is always a blessing – the promise of a future filled with hope. The dedication and commitment of healthcare workers during these pandemic days, even in the midst of suffering and death, has been inspirational – and life-giving! My brother tells me that my niece is planning to study epidemiology! I hope she does – I hope other young people are so inspired!

I am always astounded by the outreach of so many to assure the well-being of people who are challenged in many ways. The Good Shepherd Ministries, the DeMazenod Door, Wayside House, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, Catholic Family Services, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Bridge, Rygiel Supports, the Catholic Youth Organization – and there are so many other good works – all providing supports for people who reach out for a helping hand. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, they go about "lifting up", providing opportunities for a fresh start.

The pandemic has shone the spotlight on the importance of care for our senior sisters and brothers – those who have provided us with the blessings we experience in our lives. We understand that we have a responsibility to assure their well-being no matter their age. Migrant farm workers leave their homes and families to work on farms in our communities to assure that the "food chain" is safe so we can enjoy nourishing meals. They, too, must be supported by our caring outreach. His rising from the dead provides us the grace and courage to do so joyfully!

My dear friends, we are only too aware of the misery and suffering of our world – of our lives. The message of the young man at Easter assures us that "there is something happening here" which makes life worth living. That, precisely, is our HOPE – life does not end – rather it goes on; because we are His sisters and brothers, we are His heirs! Alleluia!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI (Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

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