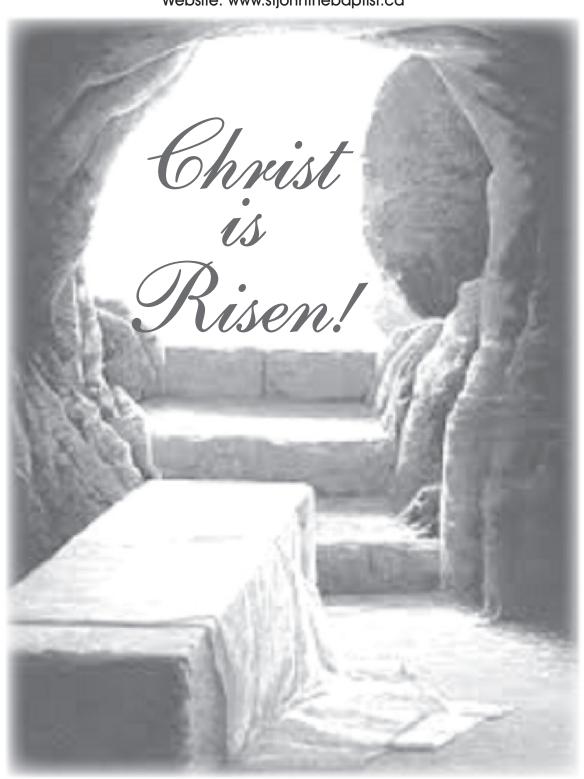
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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday: Closed

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

### BAPTISMS

Please phone the parish office.

### **MARRIAGES**

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance



# Mass Intentions

"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning...and saw the stone removed..."

# Monday April 10

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

9 AM – Intentions of Anne Steadman

### Tuesday April 11

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

9 AM - Dr. Blair Costin

7 PM – Intentions of Chima Enyinna

# Wednesday April 12

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

9 AM – Don Carroll

Thursday April 13 Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

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9 AM - Intentions of Alice Avery

7 PM - Barry Kelly

Friday April 14

Acts 4:1-2; John 21:1-14

9 AM – Toni Mitterling

Saturday April 15

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

5 PM - Bedour Shasha

Sunday April 16 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

9 AM – Mike Hribljan

11 AM – Pro Populo





# Our Parish

Monday April 10

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday April 11

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - WR

Wednesday April 12

Women's AA Group - 6:15 PM - Hall

Friday April 14

AA Meeting - 8 PM - Hall

Saturday April 15

Choir Practice – 4 PM – Church

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday. The staff wishes you all a Happy Easter.

**C.W.L. Message:** We wish all parishioners and families a Blessed Easter and springtime. May he who gave us Easter, bless you. Our meeting will take place on Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the church hall with a presentation (by National) concerning declining membership and participation.

Our **Children's Liturgy** group invites all parents to take home a children's bulletin on the stand near the Brant Street doors. These bulletins have colouring and activities related to each Sunday gospel. Please email <a href="mailto:childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com">childrensliturgystjohns@gmail.com</a> or phone Anne Marie at 905-317-3539 for information about our Children's Liturgy program.



We would love to have you join our weekly **Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** immediately before the Tuesday evening Mass. We start at 7 p.m. and all are most welcome.

## **Share Lent 2023**

The Share Lent collection will remain open for a short time. Please be as generous as you are able. This collection goes a long way in aiding the helpless, the poor and the common good of our brothers and sisters striving for peace and justice.



Our wonderful custodian, Victor, needs help with recementing the ceiling of the accessible walkway that leads into the parish hall. If you happen to have expertise in this area and would be willing to donate your time to the project in early April, please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954. Thank you!

Please leave your donations of packaged and canned food items in the cupboard near the Brant Street doors if you are able to help with the food collection. Thank you so much for helping our neighbours in need. The Food Bank is extremely grateful.

# IN THE DIOCESE

# A Note about the Good Friday collection

The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. Those who are unable to attend the Good Friday service, or who prefer to contribute online through Canada Helps, please visit <a href="https://www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us">www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us</a>.

PARENTING TIP – As spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for his creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew just as nature does each spring.

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Classes are on the second Friday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. They are also available by live stream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. There is no cost, no homework; just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE TIP – 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 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.

# **RESTART:** refresh, renew & revive

These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the second and third Fridays of each month, you can join in person at the Chancery Office or by Zoom. No registration necessary, but for the Zoom link, contact Sarah at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email her at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. **Project Rachel** offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Phone 905-526-1999.

# **Grief Relief**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. from April 13 to May 18 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, visit <a href="www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> and look for April 13th under upcoming events. To find out more, get in touch with Teresa at 905-528-7988, ext. 2250.

# **Young Adults Night**

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (20s and early 30's) of our Diocese to attend a **Young Adults Night**. Arrival and Holy Hour, 6:30-7:30 pm., social with food, 7:30-8:30 p.m., praise night & vocation testimony, 8-9 p.m. and Compline at 9 p.m. All on Saturday, May 6 at Canadian Martyrs Church, 1349 Main St. W., Hamilton. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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