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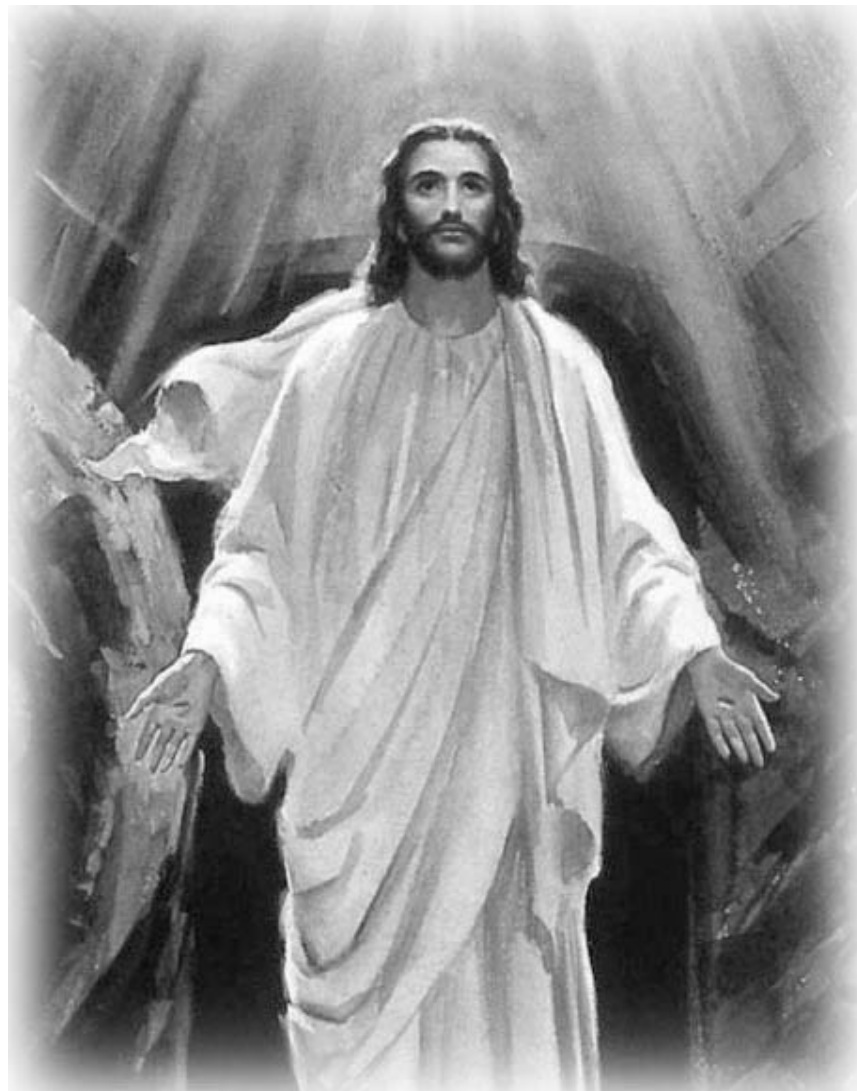
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Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 6TH

<p>Tuesday, April 7, No Mass <i>Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!</i> – St. John Damascene</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 8, No Mass <i>Once as the tree of torture known – now the bright gate to Jesus' throne.</i> – St. Peter Damian</p>
<p>Thursday, April 9, 12:05 pm +Doug Logel; John & Linda Bruder <i>God will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to him; let go of yourself. Lose yourself on the Cross and you will find yourself entirely.</i> – St. Catherine of Siena</p>
<p>Friday, April 10, 9 am – Maryhill <i>On this night of resurrection everything begins anew; creation regains its authentic meaning in the plan of salvation. It is like a new beginning of history and of the cosmos, because Christ is risen.</i> – St. John Paul II</p>
<p>Saturday, April 11, 5:00 pm Intentions of Armand Bertin; John & Linda Bruder</p>
<p>Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR April 5

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Apr 6	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Tues., Apr 7	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wed., Apr 8	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.
Thurs., Apr 9	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Fri., Apr 10	Rev. Richard Dordunu
Sat., Apr 11	Rev. Donald Sanvido

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Office Closed
TUE 6:00 p.m. First Communion Retreat – Hall

MINISTRIES for April 11/12

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Mary Forcier
 9am Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter
 9am Paul Shutts & Diane Smith, John Bruder

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am Joan Coutu

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Linda Bruder

Ellen Siebel-Achenbach

Altar Servers

9am Lylah, Wesley, Divine

Children's Liturgy

Apr 12 Tessa Heffernan, Anna Jakeman

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we begin this Easter Sunday celebrating Jesus's victory over death, we pray, O Heavenly Father, that You be near to us and continue to guide us until we join in the unending celebration in heaven. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Easter Blessings to you and your families. May the Risen Lord continue to live in your hearts. I want to thank all St. Teresa staff and volunteers for all their hard work over the Lenten and Easter Season. I could not do anything here without the help from ALL OF YOU.

Father Peter

DONATED ITEMS: Many thanks to those who have been collecting **used stamps & milk bags** and dropping them off in the coat room. We have decided to **discontinue** collecting these items. There are not very many places taking the milk bags anymore and they can be recycled now. We get very few stamps to cover the cost of sending them to the Redemptorists. If you have stamps and would like to donate, you can send them directly to: The Redemptorists, 4644 Willow Creek Dr, Mississauga, ON L5V 1L1. There is still a box in the coat room where you can donate your used glasses (no cases) and a box for any hotel items you do not use (like small bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc.) that are given to the homeless. Thank you!

Chances are you know someone struggling with **MENTAL ILLNESS** — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 9th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

MADE FOR BETTER: RELATIONSHIPS, WELLNESS & THE DIVINE DESIGN on **April 11, 2026** from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Target age is 14-20 years old. Cost is \$25 which includes speakers, snacks and lunch. Speakers are Stephanie Smith, Adrian Faver and Jakki Jeffs. Stephanie Smith and Adrian Faber will focus on mental health including healthy relationships and God's design. There will be workshops and discussion will be held following the keynote session. Jakkie Jeffs will present *Wonderfully Made* and the *Good Samaritan*.

All are invited to attend a **SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR** on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**. Drop-in from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment). This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available to help. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For information contact StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com or Cecilia at 519-572-5435

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join us on **April 23, 2026** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a screening of **Deep Rising**. Narrated and executive produced by Jason Momoa, the documentary investigates the push to mine the deep seabed for rare metals, exposing geopolitical, corporate, and scientific maneuvering to control these vital elements. Through awe-inspiring footage of the deep's most dazzling creatures, **Deep Rising** reveals the need to protect the seabed as the common heritage of humankind and stresses the urgency of responsible choices for the future of sustainable energy. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

Join us for a delicious **COMMUNITY FISH FRY** on **Friday, April 24, 2026** at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Dr., Elmira. Cooked and served by Elmira Kiwanis and Gale Presbyterian. Serving time is 4:30–7:00 p.m. with Dine-in or Take-out. Menu options are: Dinner \$25 (½ lb haddock, fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage) or kid's meal (12 & under) \$15 (¼ lb haddock, fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage). Advance tickets are required and must be prepaid. For tickets call 519-669-2852, email events@galepresbyterian.com or visit the church office (Tues–Fri, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Payment Options are cash, cheque, or e-transfer to bookkeeper@galepresbyterian.com. Please include your name, phone number, number of tickets, and dine-in or take-out. Proceeds support Elmira Kiwanis and Gale Presbyterian Church. We hope you'll join us for a great meal and a wonderful community event!

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026 – The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honoured, and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the

800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

PARENTING TIP – Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – “If Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain,” says St. Paul. We believe because Christ is risen — not only as a distant event in the past, but as a living reality among us here and now. All believers are called to witness to the Risen Christ and the new life He gives; in the Congregation of the Resurrection, we live this call in a particular way, bringing His life-giving love to a world that desperately needs it. Is the Risen Lord calling you by name to share in this mission, to be a witness of the transforming power of His Resurrection in our suffering world?
Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – “He has been raised from the dead!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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