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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

# Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

I have risen, and am with you still!



## REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy) is:

John 20.19 31

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD April 13<sup>th</sup> Collection

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We thank you for your continued dedicated and regular financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. April 21	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues. April 22	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Wed. April 23	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.
Thurs. April 24	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Fri. April 25	Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I.
Sat. April 26	Rev. Ross Campbell

## ANNUAL SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Annual Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will occur on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 26</u>, <u>at 11:00 am</u>. The celebrant will be the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

#### **COMMUNAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Our parish will discuss the **Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation** *Dei Verbum* this Monday, *April 21<sup>st,</sup> at 7:00 pm* in the parish center. It is the session that we missed due to the snowstorm. All are welcome. If interested, please contact Vicky at <a href="mailto:siuming.chen@gmail.com">siuming.chen@gmail.com</a> for links from the Hamilton Diocese.

#### **Mass Intentions**



(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us in praying for the Rosary for Vocations before Mass.

#### The rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.

Tues., April 22	No Mass
Wed., April 23	No Mass
Thurs., April 24	No Mass
Fri., April 25	No Mass
Sat., April 26	†Anibal Sousa †Maria Helena Moniz
-	†Bob Sloan †Nicolas Collins
	†Dominic Chuck & Megan Chuck

#### 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, **on Friday, May 2**<sup>nd</sup>, beginning after 8:00 A.M. Mass and continuing through to 8:00 P.M., in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

Sign-up will be available soon in the entranceway to schedule yourself for a time of personal prayer during that day. Donations to the excellent work of the Carpenter Hospice will be gratefully accepted. More information to come. It is well documented that more effective, available palliative care significantly reduces the felt need to seek Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD). Our Diocesan website has an entire section on the meaning and value of palliative care. Check it out at: https://hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT FOR DIOCESAN AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Several years ago, pre-authorized debiting was offered to parishioners for our regular Sunday collection. Eighty people, including your pastor, contribute to the parish using this method. We have now set up PAD so parishioners can contribute regularly on a weekly or monthly basis and to Diocesan and Special Collections, including the Building Maintenance fund, through the Pre-Authorized Debiting system. A new form has been placed in the main entrance for this purpose. If existing PAD users wish to change their contributions or add amounts for Special Collections, they should use the new forms. For those who use PAD, we will continue issuing envelopes for those who request them, or they may use a visitor's envelope to place in the collection. Contributors may change or top up their contributions at any time by contacting the parish office.

We find that people are increasingly not carrying cash. In consultation with the Finance Advisory Council, we are investigating ways to make it convenient for people to contribute to the parish by tapping their credit or debit card, or using Apple Pay and other electronic payment means. These methods are increasingly being offered in our parishes. This method will work for people who wish to donate but do not wish to receive a tax receipt. We will also provide a terminal for people in the office to use for mass intentions, sacramental preparation fees, hall rentals and insurance, making it convenient for those who do not use cash. We are finding the most economical, reliable, and straightforward method for the parish and will soon provide more information once a solution is decided upon.

# RESTORED PROCEDURES FOR BRINGING COMMUNION TO THE SICK EFFECTIVE MAY 10-11. 2025

All persons bringing communion to parishioners other than immediate family members need to complete Vulnerable Sector Volunteer Screening. This involves a police check for new ministers or an attestation of no offences for those who submitted a police check at an earlier screening.

Those who bring communion to a family member must complete a simple form and submit it to our Volunteer Screening Coordinator. These are the polices of the Diocese of Hamilton and must be followed.

All persons bringing communion to the sick are respectfully requested to carry the Eucharist in a pyx within a burse around their neck and not in pocket or purse. In a time when many Catholics do not believe in the real presence in the Eucharist, we must show appropriate reverence for Christ, whom we carry sacramentally. For this purpose, we are issuing burses containing the name of the Eucharistic minister or the Lifecare Centre where they bring communion. These will be issued by the Volunteer Screening Coordinator when the screening is complete.

Effective on the weekend of May 10-11, 2025, we will discontinue placing pyxes on the altar before Mass and removing them from the altar following Mass. If you have not met with our volunteer screener, Dianne Taylor, please arrange to see her as soon as possible. Pyxes and burses are to be prepared as explained to the ministers. This involves placing the required number of unconsecrated hosts in the pyx and inserting the pyx partly into the burse, as illustrated and putting them on the silver tray on the offertory table. These will be brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory time. It is essential that a Burse is used with the minister's name, so the presider knows which burse belongs to each minister.

These hosts will be consecrated and presented to all ministers following the prayer after communion at the front of the church (as you have seen with some of our ministers to the sick). Those carrying communion should leave immediately to bring communion to the communicant(s). Under no circumstances should the Eucharist be kept at home at any time.

## MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED OUR TRIDUUM SERVICES TO BE SO INSPIRING AND BEAUTIFUL!

We are very grateful to the many people who have worked behind the scenes to make our Easter Triduum celebrations prayerful and joyous. Thanks to our organists, choirs, servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. To those who graciously had their feet washed on Holy Thursday, those who carried the Cross on Good Friday, and the many people who participated in these Liturgies, many thanks!

Thank you also to Janet James and Mary Edmonston for overseeing the decoration of the Church, with special thanks to Mary Edmonston for her invaluable help in

making sure everything was set up and organized for each Liturgy, and thanks also to Dianne Taylor for her dedicated support. Thanks also to Deacon Stephane Zara for his ministry during this holy season. Well done, good and faithful servants of God!.

#### **MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK**

During Easter week, I will attend the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome. I am grateful for this opportunity and for some holiday time after Easter. On the weekend of April 26 and 27, Fr. Ed Hampson, known to many of you, has graciously consented to celebrate the weekend Lord's Day masses. I am grateful to him for his generosity in accepting this request.

I have tried to get priests to celebrate at least a couple of weekday masses here during Easter week, but have been unsuccessful. Unfortunately, I have no choice but to cancel weekday Masses here during Easter Week. Intentions scheduled initially for those masses will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Several parishes in the area with more than one priest offer weekday Masses during Easter week. St. Raphael's has Mass Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 a.m., and St. Gabriel's has Mass in English on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

I will offer my daily masses in Rome for all our parishioners this coming Easter Week. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and please pray for me.

#### **OUT-4-LUNCH HAS RESUMED!**

The revived Out-4-Lunch program had a successful launch this past Monday! It will be offered on one Monday each month---next gatherings on May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at Noon. Supported by all Aldershot churches and hosted at Saint Matthew's Anglican Church, 126 Plains Road East. Enter off the rear parking lot. Especially for Seniors, but open to everyone. Cash donations gratefully accepted. Thanks to all the volunteers whose hard work in planning and preparation made this community event possible again!

#### A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTER TO ALL!

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Easter is such a hopeful and blessed season, reminding us that Christ the Risen Lord is present to us constantly, particularly through the Church's sacramental life. It is also a time to be grateful for God's many enduring gifts.

Along with our staff, I wish to express our prayers and gratitude to all our parishioners for your faithfulness, ongoing support and kindness. May this holy season be a blessing for all, as we recognize the Risen Christ in each other and celebrate His ongoing presence through our faithful love for our parish community.



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