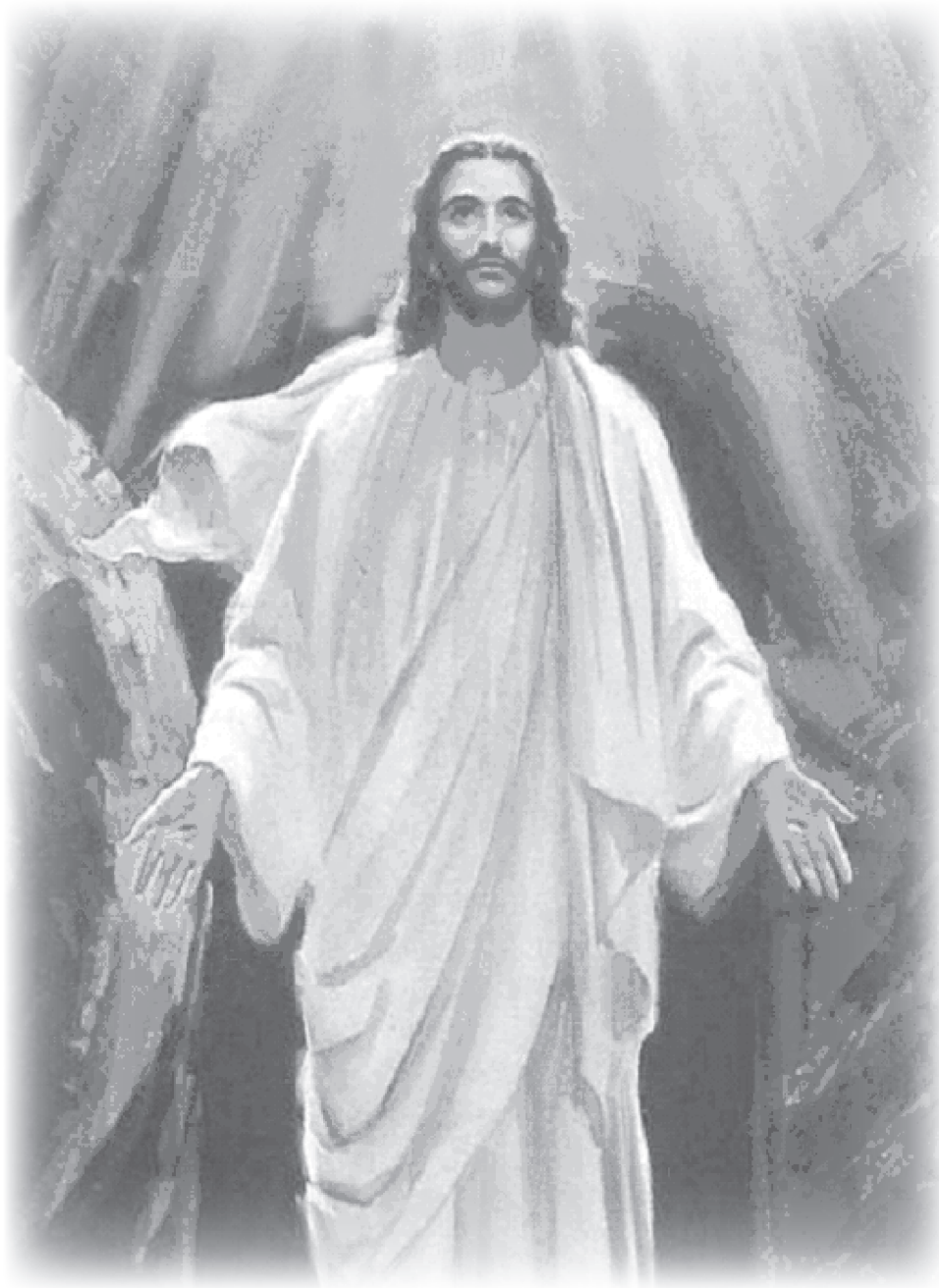


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Christ is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



MONDAY, April 1st

9:00am + Gerrit Kistemaker

TUESDAY, April 2

8:00am + Josef Michal
+ Felix Matellano

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd

8:00am + Mary Finoro
8:30-11:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Intentions of Entice Family
In Thanksgiving to St Jude Thaddeus
+ Tom Cuthbert
+ Theresa D'Souza and Deceased
Family Members

THURSDAY, April 4th

8:00am + Giuseppe and Veneranda Favero

FRIDAY, April 5th

8:00am Intentions of Conor and Courtney
7:00pm Intentions of Ramon Quintano

SATURDAY, April 6th

9:00am + Anthony and John Baptist Tran
5:00pm Intentions of Therese Tran

SUNDAY, April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30am All Parishioners
10:15am + Arthur and Josephine Scicluna
12noon + Anthony Tran
2:00pm Holy Hour and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, AND those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

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 feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton** at **905-528-7988** or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of March 31, 2024

Candle #1 – + ANTHONY TRAN

Candle #2 – INTS of NANCY LITWAK

Please use the envelopes provided or one of your own to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle. The requested offering is \$10 each. You may place the envelope in the collection or drop it in the Parish Office.



COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering for Sunday March 23/24 will be posted at later dates due to deadlines for submissions of our bulletin. Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"The light of Christ...Thanks be to God" is sung as the Paschal candle enters the darkened Church. Its light breaks through the darkness of the Church. After the third signing of the verse, all the people's candles receive the flame from this candle, and the Church is dark no more, lit up by all holding the light of Christ in their hands. This is one of my favorite parts of the Easter vigil Mass; the light from all the candles held up by the people of God shows how when we all accept the light of the Risen in our lives, we can overcome the darkness of division, sin, self-centeredness, suffering and illness that plagues the world. It is through our embracing of the life of the Risen Lord, which was poured into our souls at baptism, that we can live out Jesus' life in our own life. The uniting of our life to the light of the Risen Lord will allow us to live in unity, not division; to overcome temptation and sin by receiving the grace and strength of Jesus; to move away from self and care for others. When we rejoice in the risen Lord, our Easter faith allows us to see the graces God offers us in our daily lives, giving us joy in knowing that we have been given eternal life through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. On behalf of Tracy, Zofia, Kevin, and Fr. Don, may you all have a Blessed and grace-filled Easter.

"If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: 'I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity." — St. John Paul II, 2004

ATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS: CWL ANNUAL BANQUET

The CWL annual banquet will be held at the Ariss Valley Golf & Country Club on **April 9th, 2024**. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm. Tickets will be available for purchase from Tracy at the Parish office, from Wendy Synnott at (519) 222-2848. Tickets are \$42 each. **Please by your tickets by April 2**. Come join us as we honour our long-standing members for their amazing years of dedicated service.

CWL SPRING MARKET

The Spring Market is on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9am – 2pm** in our church hall. Come out and enjoy the Vendors, Silent Auction, refreshments and a hot lunch.

CWL – OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

We will be celebrating Our Lady of Good Counsel on **Friday April 26 at the 7pm Mass**, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus St Joseph Church will be holding a Charity Bottle Drive on **April 6, 2024, from 9.00 am. to 3.00 pm.** Drop off your empty beer cans & bottles, wine & liquor bottles to St. Joseph Church parking lot. Home pickup is also available if needed. You can cash in your bottles & cans before April 6 and drop the donation off at the Church office in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive or drop the envelope in the church collection basket. If you wish to e-transfer your donation you can visit the St Joseph Knights of Columbus website www.kofcguelph.com and follow the directions under Donate. For more information, you may contact Ray at 519-261-1850 raymondbolton402@yahoo.com or Jim at 548 988-6294 jgouin1210@hotmail.com

FUN FAMILY BINGO!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631- Saturday evening **April 6, 2024**, in our church hall. Opens at 6pm. Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please bring your own snacks, drinks and Bingo dabbers. Entrance Fee \$3. This is a no cash prize Bingo. So bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

SPRING FOOD DRIVE –April 6/7, 2024

We are once again supporting the Silvercreek Community Market in conjunction with All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. Please bring items after all Masses **this weekend of April 6/7, 2024** in the bins provided at the back of the church.

Items that are needed include: Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter, Pasta (not KD please!), Pasta sauce, Canned fruit, vegetables and chickpeas. Rice and Red Lentils. Also needed is **1L bottles** of vegetable oil. **Please check each item for the “best before” date as we cannot give out food that is stale dated.** Thank you for supporting this endeavour.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The BLD-GVO St. Joseph Guelph District-In-Process (DIP), is sponsoring a **Marriage Encounter weekend** retreat on **June 8 and 9, 2024 at St. Peter Catholic School, #150 Westwood St., Guelph.** The weekend retreat is a positive and personal experience for married couples. It is an opportunity to look carefully and deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It teaches couples a technique of loving communication that can last for the rest of their lives; allowing them to share their feelings, hopes, fears, joys and frustrations in a trusting and private environment. It is open to every married couple of any race or age. Cost of the Weekend Retreat is \$ 100.00 per couple, which includes meals and materials for the weekend. For more information about this exciting get-away, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following: **Robert & Evelyn Crosby**, (519) 760-5304 **Romy & Debbie Pascua**, (519) 820-3819, **Ed & Susan Reyes**, (519) 821-7555, **Tracy Bolzon** at St. Joseph Parish Office, 519-822-4614. Space is limited, so please register now. **Deadline for registration is May 1st, 2024.**

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

Everything that Belongs to Jesus is Given for Us to Receive



Our lives are destined to become like the life of Jesus. The whole purpose of Jesus' ministry is to bring us to the house of his Father. Not only did Jesus come to free us from the bonds of sin and death; he also came to lead us into the intimacy of his divine life. It is difficult for us to imagine what this means. We tend to emphasize the distance between Jesus and ourselves. We see Jesus as the all-knowing and all-powerful Son of God who is unreachable for us sinful, broken human beings. But in thinking this way, we forget that Jesus came to give us his own life. He came to lift us up into loving community with the Father. Only when we recognize the radical purpose of Jesus' ministry will we be able to understand the meaning of the spiritual life. Everything that belongs to Jesus is given for us to receive. All that Jesus does we may also do. **"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."** JOHN 15:11 (NIV)

GUELPH SPIRITAN GROUP – HEALING MASS

The Spiritan Group celebrates a Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph on **Wednesday, April 10th** starting with the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7pm celebrated by Father Bill Trusz. All are welcome to attend.

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY

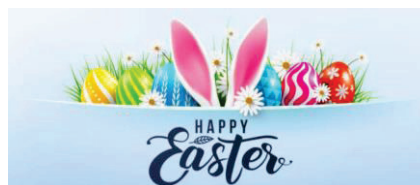
Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. TIME: 9:15AM - 3:30PM. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). DATE: **Saturday, April 20, 2024.** Register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD

Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will take place on Mondays from April 7th to June 17th from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

PILGRIMAGE TRIP to GREECE and TURKEY

Join Fr Jeff Bergsma on a pilgrimage trip "In the footsteps of St Paul" – featuring a cruise aboard the Miray M/V Gemini Ship. Information session will be held **Tuesday May 7th at 7pm** in the church hall. All are welcome to attend to find out more.





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