

RESURRECTION of the LORD-April 4, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH MASSES

Tues. April 6 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller

Wed. April 7 - 9:00 a.m. Leo Cox Req'd by Corrie Pronk

Thur. April 8 - 9:00 am - Isabel Smith Req'd by Staff of the St. Mary School

Fri. April 9 - 9:00 am - Maria of Jesus Arruda and Jose Alves Req'd by Lewis Arruda

Sat. April 10- 4 pm - Michael Raftis Req'd by Anna Marie Raftis, Mildred Page req'd by Page Family

Sun. April 11 - 9:00 am - The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. April 10 -Pauline Mills

Sun. April 11- Emma Westendorp

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. April 10 - 5:30 pm - The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. April 11 - 11:00 am - Garvey & Burns Families Req'd by Estate of Bernadette Burns

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Gospel, the woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Mary simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

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Announcement:

Tuesday mass started at 7 p.m. from April to October.

Remembering the Faithful Departed

We pray especially for those who passed from January - March 2021, including: Martin William Hieber, Helen Mildred Page, Maria de Jesus Arruda, Bert Hones, and Stella Fernandes.

Jesus is alive! Jesus died on the cross for your sins. He rose again on the third day and went up to heaven.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon- Rev.L.Lenssen,C.R.S.P. Tue- Rev.F.F.Pinto,C.S.Sp.
Wed - Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Thurs -Rev. A. Varlaki Fri.- Rev. P. Edmondstone
Sat - Rev. J. Tomon

Easter Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord:

The Lord is truly risen.



~Our Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross has risen and is now alive. He rose from the dead and opened for us eternal life with God. This is the truth of Easter. This is the truth that we celebrate. This is the truth that we give witness to in our daily lives. We need to tell the world around us, Jesus is risen and he is with us. We need to show the world that we are witnesses to this truth. We are his disciples.

~My sincere appreciation to all of you for making our Lenten and Easter celebrations prayerful and beautiful. Let us continue to renew our faith in the Risen Lord as we gather weekly to celebrate God's everlasting presence among us in the Eucharist.

~My prayer is that you will know all the blessing and joy of Easter, and that the presence of our Lord Jesus will be a vibrant reality in your lives. May the risen Lord Jesus be with you and bless you.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you.

~ Fr. Joe

Those to whom Christ has given light as He has risen, to them He has appeared spiritually- He has been shown to their spiritual eyes. When this happens to us through the Spirit, He raises us up from the dead and gives us life. -St. Symeon



Mary's Meals - Love is...

A reflection for Easter Sunday

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey together and prepare to celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the incredible love that Jesus has for us.

Love has been the driving force in all our weekly reflections. We are separated from the children we serve by distance, technology, life circumstances and culture; yet our prayers and reflections over the past few weeks have drawn us closer to them.

We've learned to stretch ourselves, to challenge our minds and our hearts because of this one thing – love. When we spend time reflecting on scripture and the work that God has called us to do, we are transformed.

Maya Angelou tells us that, "love recognizes no barriers, it jumps hurdles, leaps fences, and penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."

What that destination looks like, and the journey we each take to get there, will be different for everyone.

Together, let's think about love. The love we hold for our neighbours, no matter where or who they are. And our love for the children that we may never meet, but who enjoy a daily meal in their place of education because of the way we have learned to love from our Lord.

Thank you for joining us on this Lenten journey. We are so grateful that you chose to share these moments of prayer and reflection with us.



Bishop Crosby's 2021 Easter Message

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 everything changed – for them for us! 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

Bishop of Hamilton



We draw closer to the world’s suffering as we are united with Jesus. A central part of how we accomplish this in the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network is through a daily prayer of self offering. Through this prayer we ask the Father to make us available to the mission of his Son, offering him what we are and possess.

This offering can be done in your own words or following a written prayer. We ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the needs and challenges that confront humanity and the mission of the Church, and pray for them following the Pope’s intentions for the month.

Daily Offering of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network

Father, here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day—all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess. With Mary, mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month. Amen

Alternative Daily Offering

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus’ Heart, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and of the Church, I pray especially for this month’s intentions as proposed by the Holy Father.

Traditional Daily Offering

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

A Daily Offering Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer You everything I do this day: my work, my prayers, my apostolic efforts; my time with family and friends; my hours of relaxation; my difficulties, problems, distress, which I shall try to bear with patience. Join these, my gifts, to the unique offering which Jesus Christ, Your Son, renews today in the Eucharist. Grant, I pray, that, vivified by the Holy Spirit and united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, my life this day may be of service to you and your children and help consecrate the world to you. Amen.

Children’s Daily Offering Prayer

For love of me you came to earth;
You gave your life for me.
So every day you give me now
I give back happily.

Take all my laughter, all my tears,
Each thought, each word, each deed,
And let them be my all-day prayer
To help all those in need.

St. Therese of Lisieux’s Daily Offering

Oh my God! I offer You all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to His infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them in the furnace of His merciful love.

Oh my God! I ask of You for myself and for those dear to me the grace to fulfill perfectly Your holy will, to accept for love of You the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all eternity. Amen.