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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5 – Easter Monday - No Mass

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz

Thursday, April 8

9:00 AM Deceased Benefactors & Members of the Congregation of
the Resurrection

Friday, April 9

9:00 AM † Bill Lavigne – Peter & Marie Suffak & Family

Saturday, April 10

Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 PM † Anne Forde & Doreen Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† Edna Ertel – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Jack Thomas – Donna Mallard

Sunday, April 11 – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30 AM † Laura Reilly – Malton Family

† Ralph Poechman – Reta Poechman

† Raymond, Patricia & Barbara Bauer – John Wyrwal

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11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

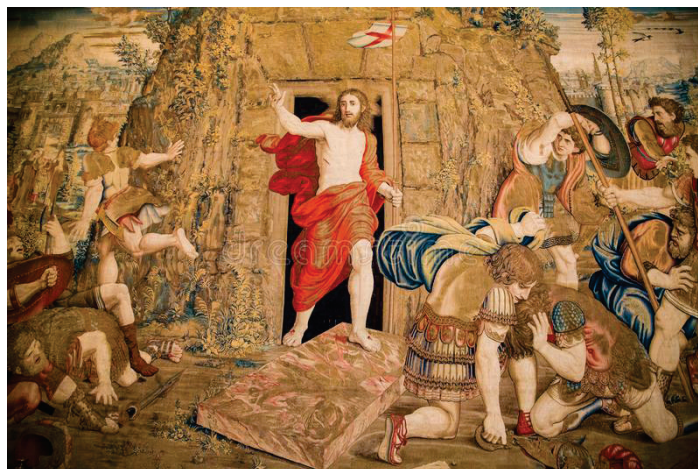
John is the only evangelist to report Mary Magdalene as the sole visitor to the tomb of Jesus, "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark." John's simplification of Mary's visit – she neither encounters an Angel nor is she invited to peer into the empty tomb – downplays Mary as a primary witness to the Lord's Resurrection. Instead, John places the emphasis on Peter "and the other disciple" who came to see and believe because of what they see at the empty tomb.

The unnamed disciple runs faster than Peter and is the first to see the burial cloths. Nevertheless, he refrains from entering the tomb. This honour belongs to Simon Peter alone. He is to be seen as the first of the Apostles who witness to the Resurrection of the Lord. Peter enters by himself and sees the burial cloths. Only after this does the other disciple enter. John reports that "he saw and believed." It has long been understood that John intended this unnamed disciple to symbolize the believing Christian in general. Therefore, while Peter is the first to "see," it is every faithful and loving Christian who is called to "believe." Because this mysterious disciple is the disciple "whom Jesus loved," the one who stood by the cross of Christ, we are also meant to see the connection of faith and love.

Although the beloved disciple believes, John makes it clear that such is not the universal experience of all of Jesus' followers. Mary Magdalene stands outside the tomb and weeps. However, her agony provides John with the opportunity to include an angelic intervention like those found in the synoptic accounts. Interestingly enough, Mary has no reaction to seeing two Angels clad in white sitting in the tomb, asking why she is weeping. In fact, she seems quite calm as she explains: "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." In response to this statement, another takes over questioning Mary, who presumes He is the gardener. "Whom are you looking for?" For John, this is the primary evangelical invitation. Mary fails to hear this invitation coming from the lips of the resurrected Lord. Instead, it takes the mention of her name to make her turn to face Jesus and to

recognize Him at last. With this first sighting of the resurrected Lord, Mary is sent with the mission to tell her good news to the other disciples: "I have seen the Lord." Mary becomes the first to truly "see and believe."

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



HE IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA!

ON THIS GREAT FEAST FR. PHIL
AND THE STAFF OF ST. LOUIS
WISH YOU ALL EASTER BLESSINGS.
MAY THE JOY OF THE
RESURRECTED CHRIST
REMAIN WITH YOU THROUGHOUT
THIS COMING YEAR!

Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10) – is a little different! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. Kelly has a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and activities. Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



St. Louis Youth Group (Gr. 6 – 12) is meeting on-line twice a month on Friday nights. Contact Kelly for more information.



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 think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vcvocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Congregation of Resurrection Vocation Director, at rcvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



The Lord descends into hell

(This ancient homily is part of the Office of the Hours for Holy Saturday. Author unknown from first millennium)

What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding His victorious weapon, His cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit.' And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise....Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. ...

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image.

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

'I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

'But arise, let us go hence. ... the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."

Prayer: Almighty, ever-living God, whose Only-begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life. We make our prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ. (From Vatican.va)



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Women ages 18-45 are invited to hear the personal stories of seven School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as they share their lived experiences responding to internationality and interculturality from the perspective of our SSND charism, life and mission. This event will take place April 6 at 8 p.m. Please register at ssnd.org/events by April 5 to receive the Zoom link. Please contact sisters@ssnd.org with any questions.



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WHY@Breakfast will be hosting another online presentation, *The Call of Hope*, on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:30 AM to noon via Zoom. Sister Eileen Power, CND has years of experience working as school chaplain, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director. For the upcoming presentation, she will be offering her insights on our call of hope at this pandemic time, leading us into a discussion, and offering practical exercises and suggestions for self-healing and for our response to that call. Registration to attend the presentation is free and available on the website <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



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Date	Sunday	Mainten.	Share Lent	Easter	Pre Author.
Mar. 28	\$ 1572.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 435.00	\$215.00	\$2675.77

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