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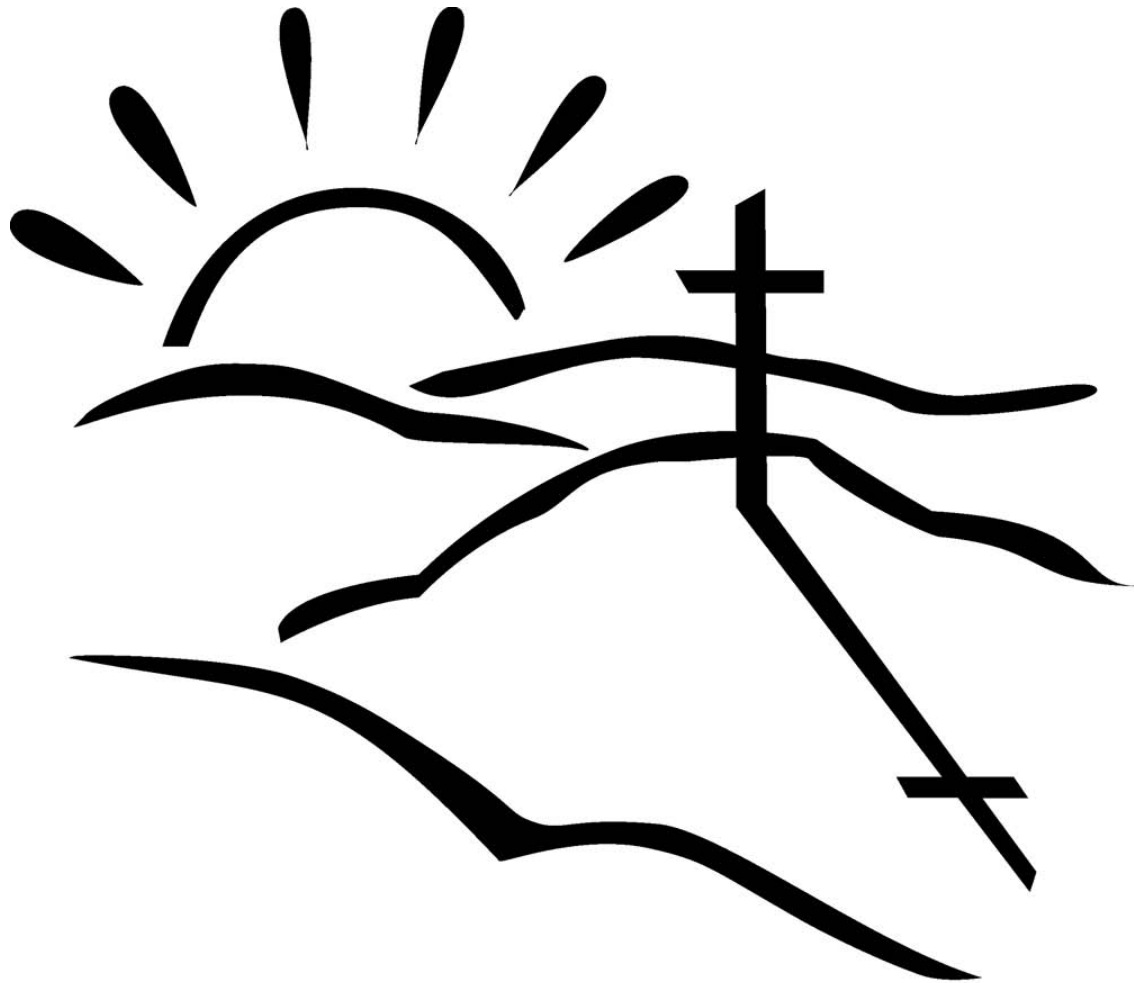
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

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| Monday, April 1 – Easter Monday - No Mass | | | |
| | 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball | Gym |
| Tuesday, April 2 | | | |
| 9:00 AM | To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church | | |
| | 9:30 AM | Book Group | L. Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Painting with Kelly | L. Hall |
| Wednesday, April 3 | | | |
| 9:00 AM | † André Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage | | |
| | 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball | Gym |
| 10:30 AM | Funeral of Donalda Prus | | |
| 7:00 PM | † Donalda Prus – CWL Mass | | |
| | 7:30 PM | CWL Meeting | L. Hall |
| Thursday, April 4 | | | |
| 9:00 AM | | | |
| Friday, April 5 | | | |
| 9:00 AM Intentions of Margaret on her BD – Malton Family | | | |
| Saturday, April 6 | | | |
| Vigil of the Divine Mercy Sunday | | | |
| 5:00 PM | † Anne Forde & Doreen Forde – Pat & Joan Forde | | |
| | † Phillis Ertel – Larry Ertel | | |
| | † Carol Schneider – J. Dankowsky | | |
| | † Michael Robson & Jeremy Kueneman – Marg Danard | | |
| Sunday, April 7 – The Divine Mercy Sunday | | | |
| 9:30 AM | † Jerome & Helen Dietrich – Paul & Carl Dietrich | | |
| | † Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel | | |
| | Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family | | |
| | † Samren, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family | | |
| | 10:30 AM | Sunday Social | L. Hall |
| 11:30 AM | People of St. Louis Parish | | |
| | 12:30 AM | Bible Study session | L. Hall |
| | 5:00 PM | OOTC Community Supper | Gym |

An Easter Sermon from St. John Chrysostom (Goldenmouth)

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; if any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.

ALLELUIA!



CHRIST

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!

He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaias foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.

It was in an uproar because it is mocked.

It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.

It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.

It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God.

It took earth, and encountered Heaven.

It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting?

O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!

Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;

for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

(From www.catholicnewsagency.com)

On **Holy Saturday**, we remember that Jesus descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy. There is no Mass of the Day on Holy Saturday. Rather, we spend the day in prayer, waiting at the Tomb for the Glorious Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saturday Evening is the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In keeping with the ancient Hebrew understanding, the Vigil, sundown, begins the new day.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Catholic Church. It is divided into four parts: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.



- **Service of Light** - The atmosphere in the church is different: the holy water fonts are drained, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the church. A new fire is lit and blessed. The paschal candle, representing Christ, is brought to the priest, who cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross, saying: *Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Him and all the ages. To Him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.*

Then the priest inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying: *By His holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. Amen.*

The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying: *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

The Pascal Candle is brought into the church and all light their tapers from it. The Easter Proclamation - *Exsultet* is sung. It tells of humanity's sin, of God's mercy, and of the great love of the Redeemer for mankind, admonishing us in turn to thank the Trinity for all the graces that have been lavished upon us.



- **Liturgy of the Word** - During the Easter vigil, nine readings are provided: seven Old Testament and two New Testament. Not all are required to be read, but at least three OT readings must be read, including Exodus 14. These readings help us meditate on the wonderful works of God for His people since the beginning of time. The readings are: The story of creation, *Gen 1:1-2:2*; Abraham and Isaac, *Gen 22:1-18*; Crossing of the Red Sea, *Exodus 14:15-31;15:20*; The Love of God, *Isaiah 54:5-14*; The Everlasting Covenant, *Isaiah 55:1-11*; Wisdom, the Prerogative of Israel, *Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4*; Oracle of New Heart *Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28*; Baptism in Christ, *Romans 6:3-11*; and *Gospel of Luke 24:1-12*. The Gloria is sung, then the reading of the Epistle of the Romans. Alleluia is sung before the Gospel.

- **Liturgy of Baptism** - The Easter water is blessed. New members are brought into the Church through baptism, part of the liturgy includes the Litany of the Saints. Those who were baptized, but haven't received the other sacraments of initiation are confirmed and will later receive the Holy Eucharist. Afterwards the faithful are blessed with water and all renew their baptismal promises.



- **Liturgy of Eucharist** - The Mass continues, with the special prayers inserted during the Eucharist Prayer. The whole church is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through His death and resurrection. After

Communion the Mass concludes with the Solemn Blessing: *May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in His compassion, defend you from every assault of sin. R. Amen. And may He, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of His Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality. R. Amen. Now that*

the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

R. Amen. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R. Amen. and closes with the glorious dismissal: *Go in peace, Alleluia, Alleluia. R. Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.* (From *Catholicculture.org*)



Please join us on Sunday, April 14th for our 100th Anniversary Celebration! Following the 11:30 AM Mass concelebrated with Bishop Crosby, a catered, sit down, set menu lunch will be held in the gym. Our key note speaker will be Shari Guinta, CWL National President. ALL adults are welcome and tickets for the lunch are \$30. The last day to buy a ticket will be April 3rd at our General Meeting. No tickets at the door. Cash, cheque or e-transfer. Contact Patti Pagett @ (519) 744-7705 or dpac@golden.net regarding tickets. A cash wine bar will be available. We hope you will join us in this joyous celebration!



Attention Ladies- our next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning with Mass at 7PM. In lieu of a guest speaker, our CWL Historical Society will showcase photos, newspaper articles and other interesting documents from the past 100 years. We will have an extended time for socializing. Join us and bring a friend! All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to our General Meetings.



Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under, on Easter Sunday after both Masses.

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To

Mars and Beyond – July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. Please register soon, the camp will fill up fast.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Upcoming Retreats - If you are volunteering, or would like to volunteer as a Minister of the Word, or Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion you might be interested in two retreats that are coming up: For Ministers of the Word on Saturday, April 13 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM and for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Please register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - What it means to “set out” is going to look different for each one of us based on what is going on in our life right now and the choices we face. It won't be something we can control or predict. But if we are willing to set out, we will meet the Risen Jesus, just like the disciples, and we will become part of the Easter story today. Fr. Raphael Ma CR, Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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