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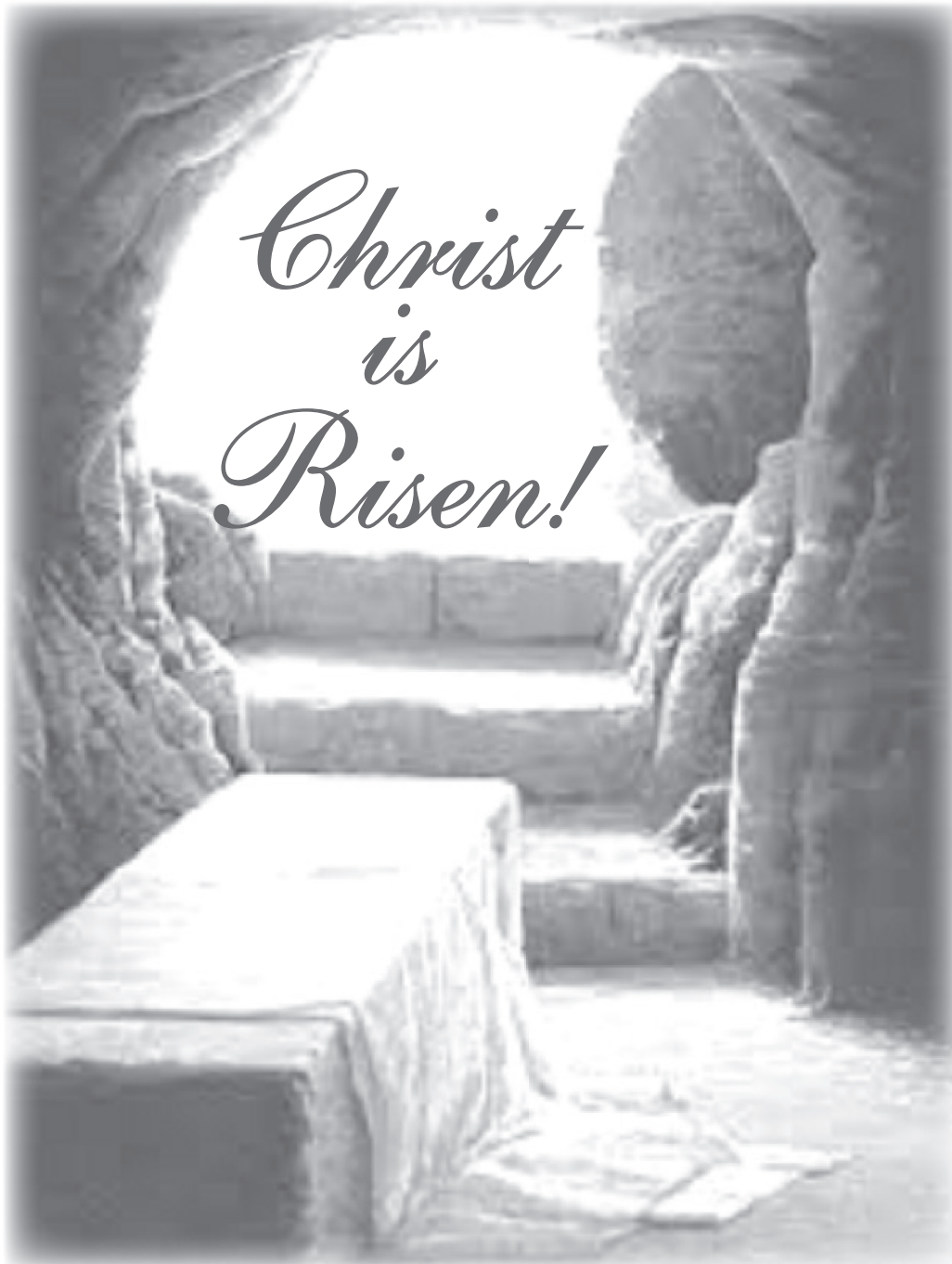
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A Word From Our Pastor:

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very blessed Easter. As your Pastor it is a great joy to celebrate the Easter Triduum with you. We must always remember that it is the central mystery of our redemption.

Easter calls us to celebrate the fact that the Light of Christ has come into the darkness of our world providing us with hope for a future greater than we dare believe. It is a reminder that Christ's victory at Easter broke all the chains of sin we have ever made for ourselves.

Many will see this day as one of joy and celebration, however, another message we need to believe is not to fear on this day. Yes, something may make us feel afraid, but we don't have to live in fear. We are afraid that a loved one has a serious illness which leads to them dying, but we do not have to fear their death. A lack of fear does not mean a lack of worry. We will still worry about a job or the economy, and we will worry about our children. We will have worries about the future, or we might be afraid to walk on a dark street at night. Yes, there are many things which worry us, but we do not have to live in fear.

This is the state of life given to us by Christ through His Resurrection. The Apostles and others like Mary Magdalen were not fully prepared for the Resurrection, even though Jesus had provided to them hints about His death and Resurrection. What they eventually learned to believe was that they would face their fear because their faith led to conviction, and their conviction was the foundation of courage.

For us, Easter has no meaning if Christ has risen from His tomb, and we are afraid to come forth and put the darkness of sin to flight by exposing ourselves to His light. We must come to see that all our hopes and happiness come through Christ's Resurrection. It announces that love is present in the world and is more powerful than the evil any individual may carry out.

On this Easter Sunday let us not be afraid to proclaim Christ's Resurrection. It is through our union with Christ in Baptism that we share in the glory of His Resurrection. Baptism means letting the Word of God dwell in our hearts by doing everything in our lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

Once again, Easter Blessings to all!

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The Gospel of Easter is very clear: we need to go back there, to see Jesus risen, and to become witnesses of his Resurrection. This is not to go back in time; it is not a kind of nostalgia. It is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire which Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all people, to the very ends of the earth." Pope Francis, Easter Vigil Homily, 2014

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Nicole McInnis, Judy Landry,
Paul Kavanagh***

Bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097>

Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices— join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com or at 905-648-0437

The Serra Club of Hamilton is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, 2023, at Liuna Station. Tickets are \$90. Please email SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

APRIL 9, 2023

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS (April 10 – April 16)	REQUESTED BY:
Easter Monday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of Our Parish</i>	
Tues 7:00 p.m.	Pat South	CWL
Wed 9:00 a.m.	Stan Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.	<i>People of Ukraine</i>	
Friday 9:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of McCabe, Mulligan, and Connolly families</i>	June McCabe
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Trinidad and Jose Garbanzos	Josie Dayao
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Annie Rea	Rea Family
11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	



Please see Eddie MacDonald if you have any questions or are interested in joining the team.



CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com

K of C: Marc MacDonald: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Eugenio, Ferlito, Fernandes,
Foster, Fowler, Fuller***

Religious Articles and Gifts for all Occasions
Please call Geralda 905-691-9082

Evenings with His Excellency – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

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