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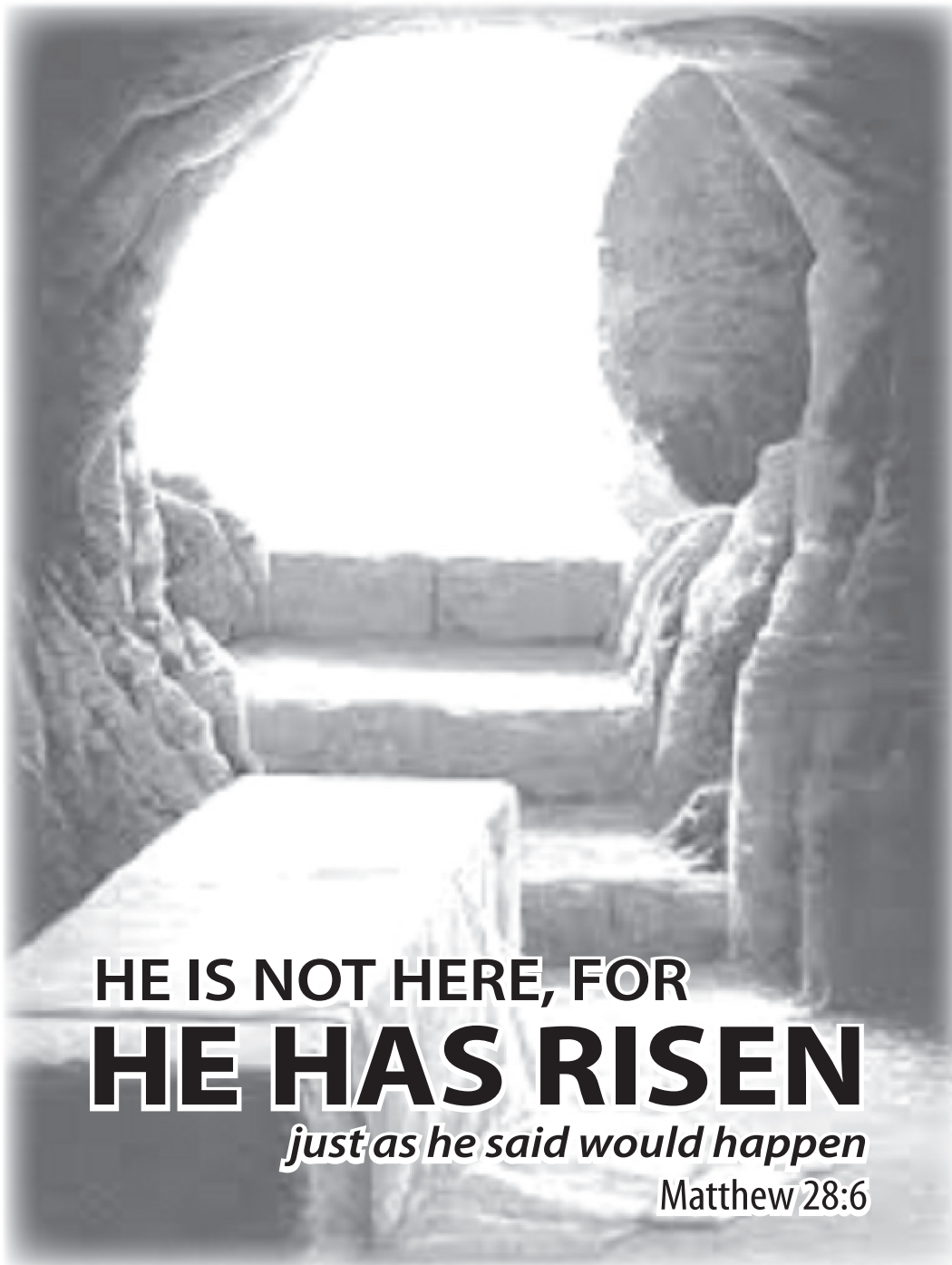
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**HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN**

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

A Word From Our Pastor:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you Easter Blessings this Sunday. Prayers and blessings to your loved ones as well.

Like the word 'Hosanna', which we heard often last week on Passion Sunday, on Easter Sunday we hear the word 'Alleluia' during the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday masses.

Throughout Lent, we were required to omit the word 'Alleluia' from our liturgies, both in speaking and in singing. This Easter Sunday, the word is reintroduced to us as an expression of joy and as a song greeting the coming of the Lord in the Word of the Gospel.

The word 'Alleluia' is a Latin word originating from the Hebrew: 'hallelujah', which was the greatest expression of praise. 'Alleluia' became an expression of faith from the very beginning of Christianity. Not only was the word used in worship, using it was a custom in ordinary life as well. 'Alleluia' was seen as a greeting. At Easter in the early Church, one Christian would greet another saying, "Christ is risen, alleluia!" and the person being greeted would respond with "He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia!"

The Alleluia remains our greeting to God as we prepare to hear Him speak to us through the Gospel. We stand to greet God, and this greeting, the Alleluia, in the presence of God in the Sacred Word is so important, that it must be sung, not said.

The joy of this day is captured for us by denying us its use during Lent but then presenting it back to us as a gift at Easter. The purpose of our Easter celebration is to help us to connect with the joy of the first Christians as they came to believe in the Resurrection and the hope that we ourselves find the same joy of the Resurrection in our faith lives.

How can we find this incredible joy on Easter Sunday? How can we make our 'alleluias' mean something? This Sunday's Gospel of John offers us the best clue.

John's Gospel gives us the reaction of three people to the empty tomb. Mary Magdalen presumed that Jesus' body had been stolen from the tomb. John tells us that Peter saw but offers us no description of Peter's reaction, which might mean that Peter did not know what to think. It is through the 'other disciple'

that we can find the joy of Easter. The Disciple came to the tomb and "saw and he believed."

The other Disciple saw and was moved to a type of loyalty to Jesus that would not waver despite the empty tomb. His belief tells us that this disciple made a commitment to Jesus Christ that could not be shaken. It will be from this kind of commitment that we will find our joy in the Risen Christ.

This Easter Sunday, we are called to come to the joy of the Risen Christ. To believe this, we must look through the eyes of faith and profess our loyalty and thus we will come to understand what it means to sing "Alleluia".

Once again, Easter Blessings to you all.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him."

- A.W. Tozer

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

***Lisa Fuller, Madeline Ainsworth,
Corrie Derksen, Patricia Deevey,
Stephanie Lampkin,***

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



This week we pray especially for the following families:

***Stewart, Stoltz, Swain, Tanney,
Taylor, Toledo***

MARCH 31, 2024

| DAY & TIME | MASS INTENTIONS (April 1 - April 7) | REQUESTED BY: |
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| Mon 9:00 a.m. | <i>Intentions of Our Parish</i> | |
| Tues 7:00 p.m. | <i>Intentions of Geralda Savoie</i> | Janine Milton |
| Wed 9:00 a.m. | People of Ukraine | |
| Thurs. 7:00 p.m. | The Sick and the Infirm of Our Parish | |
| Fri. 9:00 a.m. | <i>Intentions of Matthew Kwiatkowski</i> | Kwiatkowski Family |
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | Francesco laizzo | Angela laizzo |
| Sun. 9:00 a.m. | Daniel Earl Haffey | Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey |
| 11:00 a.m. | Pro populo | |



Saturday April 6 5 p.m.
 Lector Patricia
 Extraordinary Minister Nancy

Sunday April 7 9 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Lector Andrew Lar
 Extraordinary Minister Jay Marcus



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

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MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops
 Tues. 7:30 p.m. (after Mass) K of C Executive
 Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing Group

FROM THE DIOCESE: WORKSHOPS

MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024 The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024,** at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and Permanent Deacons. Tickets: \$90pp. Contact: serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, April 6th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. The next Young Adults Night will take place on **May 4th** at **Holy Rosary Church** (287 Plains Road East, Burlington, Ontario). For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com





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