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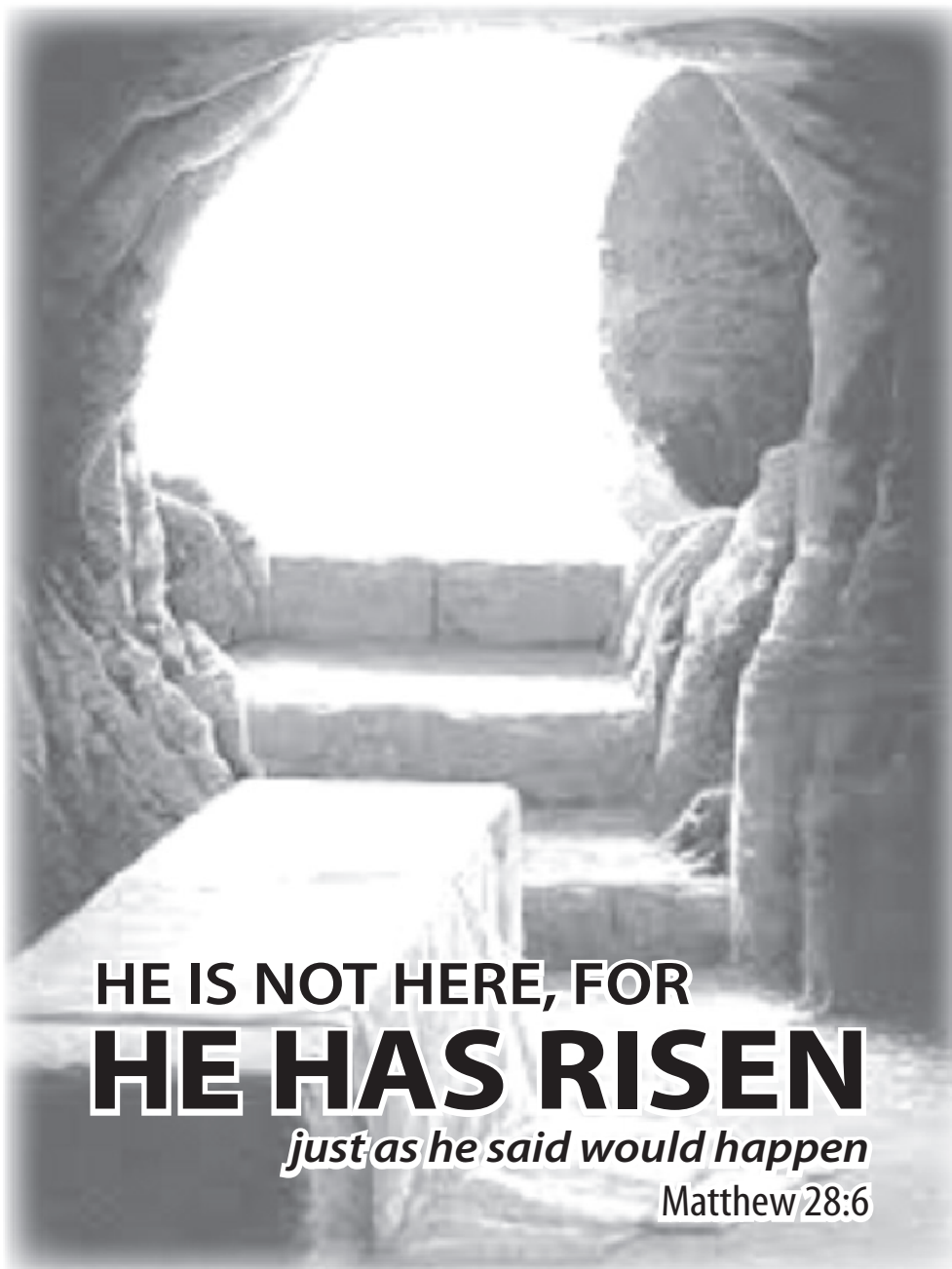
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	+ Jean Chute Intentions of Aubrey James Sepulveda Intentions of Estella Rosa Irías Girón	Catholic Women's League Estella Rosa Irías Girón Estella Rosa Irías Girón
Wednesday, April 3	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Agnes Doyle	Judy Doyle
Thursday, April 4	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Anna Altomare	Lisette Caron
Friday, April 5	8:00 a.m.	+ Ed Teixeira	Chris O'Neill
Saturday, April 6	5:00 p.m.	+ Joan Crichton + Grant Schilling Intentions of Lucinda Oliveira	Len Crichton Sherri Norris Lucinda Oliveira



EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Today we celebrate the greatest of the Church's liturgical feasts; Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus has conquered the grave; the tomb in which he was laid is now empty.

Today is however only the first day of Easter. Lent is 40 days but Easter is 50 days long and will conclude with Pentecost as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. For those who were received into the Church, who received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, the 50 days of Easter is meant to be a time to reflect on the mysteries of the faith in which they have been received. Above all, it is a time to reflect on the gift of the Sacraments that they received on that Easter night. All of us can participate in this time of reflection. Through the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, through the grace of the Sacraments we have received God's very life. *May these Easter days lead us to a deeper appreciation and a deeper love for the gifts that we have received.*
Father Ed

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

1:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter foods

8:00 p.m. - Solemn Easter Vigil

(There is no 5 p.m. Mass or Confessions)

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



CONFIRMATION 2024

The following Confirmation Liturgies will take place on **Saturday, April 6, 2024** with Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

- *St. Elizabeth*: 11:00 a.m.
- *St. Gabriel*: 1:00 p.m.
- *Our Lady of Fatima*: 3:00 p.m.

Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration...May our Adoration never cease." - *Saint John Paul II*. If you would like to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel please call: Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414.

Reminder: The adoration chapel will remain closed until after the 11:00 am Mass Easter Sunday morning.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The program will resume on **Sunday, April 7th**.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: On March 25th (9 months before Christmas) we celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation of our Lord. This feast marks the moment when Mary said yes to the Angel Gabriel and became the mother of our Saviour. In those years when March 25th falls during Holy Week the feast is moved to the Monday *after* Easter week. This year the feast will be celebrated on **Monday, April 8th**. Join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m. on this day.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

We pray for our young children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 20 and April 27.

See our parish website for details:

<https://www.stmaryhespeler.ca/first-communion>

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your contributions towards the Easter flowers. Flowers have been placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

MARCH 31, 2024

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: *The Last Days* - The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ movingly recreates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry through His crucifixion and death. Visit formed.org.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the parish office is closed on Monday, April 1st.



CWL LADIES RETREAT: All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend a retreat on **Saturday, April 20th**. The retreat is given by Teresa Harnett, the Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese. Topic: "*Bloom Where You Are Planted*." The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., a presentation of CWL recognition pins, followed by a catered hot breakfast. The cost to attend is \$25. Please put your name and money in an envelope marked 'CWL Retreat' and place it in the collection baskets at one of the weekend masses. The registration deadline is April 14th. We look forward to seeing you there!



MEETING NOTICE: The next CWL monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. We have a guest speaker, Wayne Paddock, Executive Director of Cambridge Bridges Shelter coming to speak about the Homelessness situation in Cambridge. The meeting will start immediately after the 7 p.m. Mass. Come and bring a friend to this very informative evening.



HAPPY EASTER FROM COUNCIL 4916
He is Risen! Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council 4916 wishes all our fellow parishioners and their families a Blessed and Joyous Easter. Our monthly meeting is on **Thursday, April 11** at 7:00 p.m. at St Clement Church. Enter via the Westminster Drive door.

COFFEE SUNDAY: On the weekend of **April 13/14** we will continue our Easter celebration with coffee and treats after ALL Masses. See you there!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION: We thank you so very much for your contribution towards this weekend's collection as well as monetary donations towards the parish food drive and movie which totalled \$2,238.60. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for hosting the 'Mother Teresa' movie screening and asking for food donations to help restock our pantry. We received a very generous amount of non-perishable items from the movie as well as the parish food drive. *May you and your families have a Blessed and Holy Easter.*

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, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets: \$90/person. Contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

PARISH OFFERINGS

March 23/24, 2024

Sunday Envelopes (132):	\$3,029.00
Loose Offerings	\$1,045.00
Share Lent (14):	\$1,005.00
Good Friday (3)	\$80.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.



MARIAN RESIDENCE: Are you looking to retire in a Catholic environment this Spring? Then come and visit the Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. For more information: info@marianresidence.ca and also watch our new video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KORCnSkIElQ>

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: "*Surrender: Knowing God's Will.*" **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford, Ontario. The retreat leader is *Fr. Larry Richards*, a renowned speaker and author. Buy tickets online at catholicmen.ca. Tickets: \$30.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE: "*If we had a minute of silence for each of the 4.5 million children killed by abortion in Canada between 1969 and 2020 we would be standing in silence for 8.5 years*". Let us pray for an end to abortion.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

- Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (*Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest*). Registration is available on line at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

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