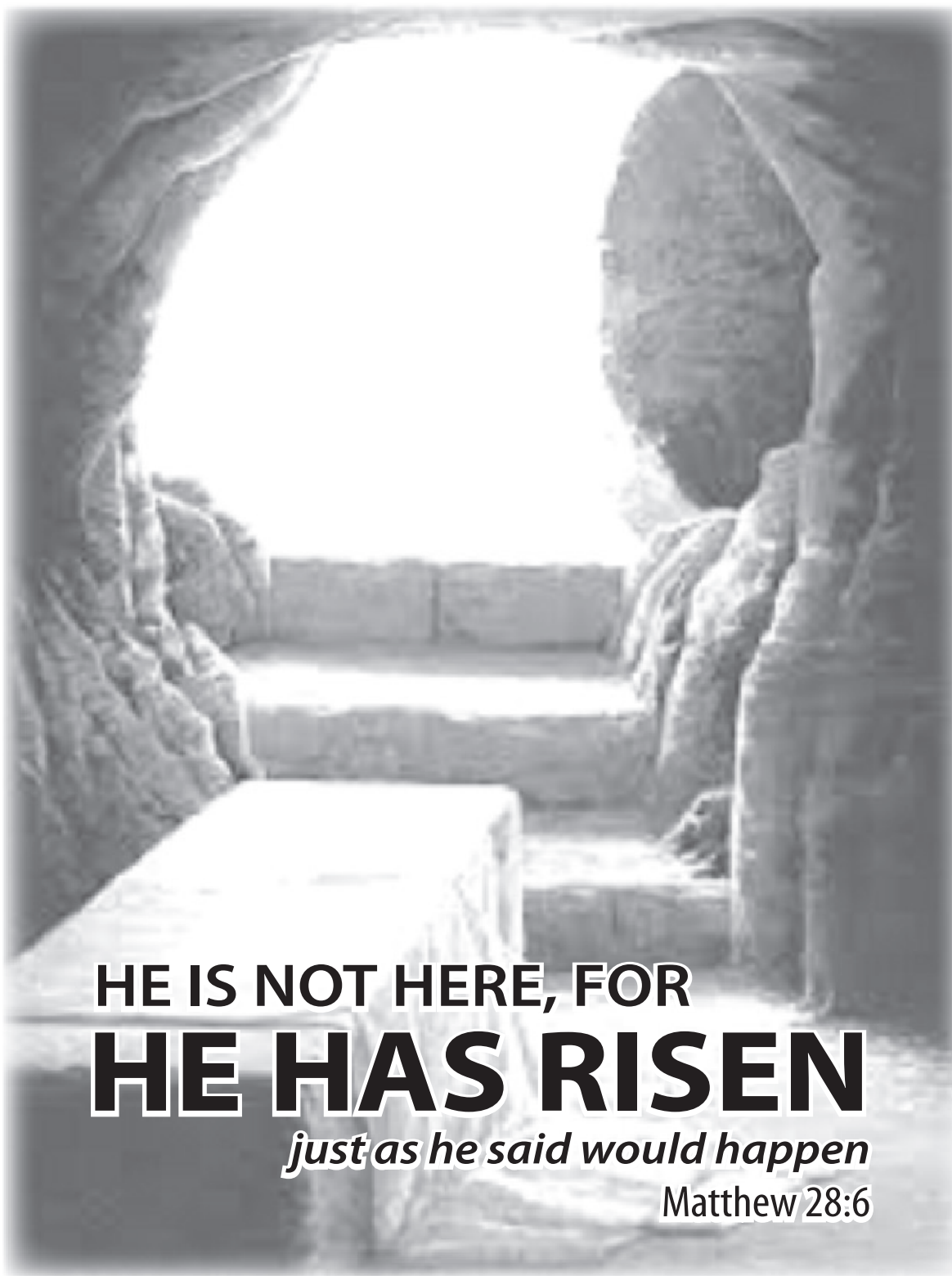


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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 1 - 7, 2024

EASTER MONDAY - April 1 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday ★ **NO MASS**

Wednesday ★ **NO MASS, NO CONFESSIONS**

Thursday (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon † Daniel McGeehan
- Int. of Duc Nguyen – *Nhuong Vu*
- Int. of the Yauder Family – *Violeta Yauder*

First Friday (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

12 Noon † Brigida De Sousa – *Maria Soares & family*

First Saturday (EASTER OCTAVE SOLEMNITY)

9:00 am † Aileen Leddy – *Karen & Brian Krigner*

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 6/7

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-21

SAT. 5:00 PM † Macedo Family – *Luiz*
† Matt Maich – *Annette Hauck*
† Nestor Sanchez – *Nick & Julie Muza*

SUN. 9:30 am † Joan Germann – *Marilyn Dufresne*
11:30 am – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Mark

Meetings & Events This Week ...



DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. April 1	8:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wed. April 3	5:45 PM	(L)	First Communion TEAM meeting
	6:30 pm	(CH)	9:30 Choir practice
Thu. April 4	6:45 pm	multi	Alpha
	7:00 pm	(CH)	5 o'clock Choir practice
Fri. April 5	7:00 pm	(H)	BCBP meeting
Sat. April 6	7:15 am	(H)	<i>That Man Is You!</i> Men's Group
Sun. April 7	9:30 am	(L)	Children's Liturgy of the Word

MEETING ROOMS: B - Basement CH - Church H - Hall J - St. John Room
L - St. Luke Boardroom M - St. Matthew Room

On **Easter Sunday** we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "Yo u have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The Gospel is from John's Gospel and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.



We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:
The Intentions of Tam Nguyen



Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Weekend, April 6/7

(Sat. 4:40 p.m., Sun. 9:10 and 11:10 a.m.)

All are invited to **come early to Mass next weekend** for a beautiful video/prayer presentation for Divine Mercy Sunday. This will begin 20 minutes before each Mass.

Diocesan Prayer Calendar ✕ This week let us pray for...

April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.	Rev. David Avila

Prayer for Vocations ... God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Please Note!

- ★ No Children's Liturgy on March 31
- ★ No Bible Study on April 5

Next Sacramental Preparation Sessions

FIRST COMMUNION: Wednesday, April 10 at 5:45 p.m.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

A NEW SCHEDULE HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS. PLEASE CHECK YOUR INBOX.

Thank You!

A very special Thank-You to the Chacon Family – Julio, Sonia and Cris – for dedicating their time

and talent in organizing the Passion Play, and also to the actors and volunteers who helped to bring Jesus' passion story to life. And another special Thank-You to ALL those who helped to prepare for, or ministered at, our Triduum liturgies – music ministers, decorators, altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, readers – your time and talent help to make our space and our liturgies beautiful. Thank you all for your dedication and service!



Weekly Offertory Report

March 23/24, 2024	General	Mortgage
Envelope offerings	\$ 2,969.10	\$ 50.00
Loose offerings	\$ 889.20	\$ ---
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,547.42	\$ 374.19
Totals	\$ 4,405.72	\$ 424.19

Diocesan Collections

Share Lent: \$180.00; Needs of the Church in the Holy Land: \$40.00



Congratulations

With congratulations and joyful hearts, St. Mark's Parish welcomes our newest members of the Catholic Church:
Vincent, Kaylie, Kali, Leah and Keanna

Annual Mass with New Catholics

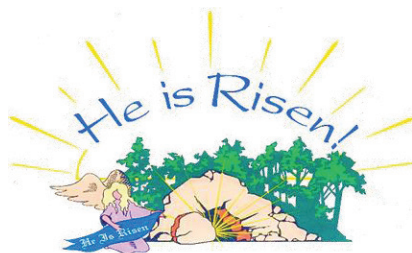
Sat. April 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

All are invited to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King along with New Catholics from Parishes across the Diocese, to attend Mass on Saturday, April 6th. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton! All newly baptized and those received into Full Communion are invited to participate in this Mass.

The resurrection of Jesus is the victory of his mission and the victory of those who faithfully followed and believed in him.

May your Easter celebrations renew and enrich your relationship with the Risen Christ.

United with you,
Fr. Roque Concepcion



C.W.L. News...

■ Any lady who has not yet joined the C.W.L. (or who has not renewed her membership) is encouraged to contact Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519 ASAP.



■ MAID for Mental Illness Legislation

The C.W.L. has cards on its table for you to fill out, requesting that Legislation allowing mental illness as a sole condition for MAiD must be REVOKED! **Please fill out the card and place it in the basket provided.** Thank you for supporting this very important cause!

MEN OF OUR PARISH!

Knights of Columbus Membership is open to you!

K of C Membership Drive – April 20/21 after all Masses. All Catholic men of St. Mark's Parish, 18 years old and older.

Why Become A Knight? Membership affords a greater opportunity to assist those in need, to serve our parish, to grow in one's faith, to access top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, and the ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone!



Did you SEE it??

St. Mark's Parish was recently featured on Salt + Light TV!

Holy moly, it's true! On Wednesday, March 20th, Salt + Light TV aired **Season 4, Episode 7** of its TV show, **Behold**, which featured your fellow parishioner, Jane Petrovich, and her St. Mark's Writer's Group. This exclusive segment featured Fr. Roque and accomplished writers, published poets and authors from our parish, including Jane (*Lector, 11:30 AM mass*); Vi De Vries (*Lector, 9:30 AM mass*); Tim Sutton (*Choir Pianist, 5:30 PM mass*); and former parishioner, Stephanie Baskerville. Witness the powerful role that faith and friendship play in becoming a published writer! TO WATCH THIS SEGMENT FOR FREE, please visit <https://slmedia.org/behold>, or scan this QR code →→→



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 26th** 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 if you require assistance). Registration is available online at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024... The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on **Wednesday, May 15th** at **Liuna Station** in Hamilton 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.

DIOCESAN CHOIR... The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD... This 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. Sessions take place Mondays from **April 7th to June 17th** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our ZOOM classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Please register: call or email Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events. For more info call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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