



### Welcome To St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to  
St. Joseph Parish.

We pray that you feel at home.  
Please introduce yourself and  
consider becoming a member of  
our Family of Faith.

### Prayer Intentions

#### Tuesday, April 6

7:00pm Intentions of Tammy & Barry Leslie – Mary  
Epoch

Intentions of John Robson & Diana VanDerPryt

#### Wednesday, April 7

8:30 am Jack Karn – Anne Karn

9:00-10:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Thursday, April 8

8:30am Lee Ann Robbins – St. Joseph School Staff

#### Friday, April 9

8:30am Intentions of Anne & David Scragg – Ron &  
Audry Vollick

#### Saturday, April 10

5:00pm Joan Kelly – Catherine & Jim Dandy

Brian Fraser – Tim & Beth McCabe

Sheila Turnnidge – Michael Turnnidge

Kathleen McGee

Intentions of Dianna VanDerPryt & Family

#### Sunday, April 11

9:00 am Intentions of the Parish

11:00am Special Intentions

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

April 5	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
April 6	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
April 7	Oblates of Mary Immaculate O.M.I.
April 8	Rev. Allen Varlaki
April 9	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
April 10	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

### Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



### Easter Blessings

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Special thanks to everyone who has given of their time and talents to make this Easter celebration so special.

### First Reconciliation

Our young people have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and will be making their First Confession on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us in congratulating them on making this important step in their life of faith.

### Religious Articles

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation dates are fast approaching. If you are looking for an appropriate gift, be sure to stop in the Narthex and check out the religious articles on display and we have had requests from people looking for religious articles to purchase as gifts for their young people. Gail Brown will be setting out a display starting next week of all religious articles which would make appropriate as gifts. Please take a few minutes to review



### Bishop Crosby's Easter Message

Bishop Crosby has prepared an Easter message for all members of the Hamilton Diocese. We are pleased to share this message with you:



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Easter 2021

My dear friends,

*“He is not here; He has been raised!”*

What a breathtaking message the young man dressed in a white robe imparted to the women who had come to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus! At that moment everything changed – for them – for us! At that moment Jesus’ teaching took on a new authority, a new power. Because of this event the followers of Jesus, at that time and throughout the past 2000+ years, have witnessed reassuring miracle upon miracle proving that He lives – and truly helps us to “live fully”!

Mary Magdalene – the Apostle of the Apostles – was the first to announce the Good News to his followers. Certainly, the lives of Peter and the closest disciples of Jesus were changed immediately. And when filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they set out to proclaim that Good News “to the ends of the earth”!

Because “He has been raised”, He is still doing awesome healing works, lifting us up, freeing us, saving us! The miracle of new life is always a blessing – the promise of a future filled with hope. The dedication and commitment of healthcare workers during these pandemic days, even in the midst of suffering and death, has been inspirational – and life-giving! My brother tells me that my niece is planning to study epidemiology! I hope she does – I hope other young people are so inspired!

I am always astounded by the outreach of so many to assure the well-being of people who are challenged in many ways. The Good Shepherd Ministries, the DeMazenod Door, Wayside House, the Catholic Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton, Catholic Family Services, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Bridge, Rygiel Supports, the Catholic Youth Organization – and there are so many other good works – all providing supports for people who reach out for a helping hand. Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, they go about “lifting up”, providing opportunities for a fresh start.

The pandemic has shone the spotlight on the importance of care for our senior sisters and brothers – those who have provided us with the blessings we experience in our lives. We understand that we have a responsibility to assure their well-being no matter their age. Migrant farm workers leave their homes and families to work on farms in our communities to assure that the “food chain” is safe so we can enjoy nourishing meals. They, too, must be supported by our caring outreach. His rising from the dead provides us the grace and courage to do so joyfully!

My dear friends, we are only too aware of the misery and suffering of our world – of our lives. The message of the young man at Easter assures us that “there is something happening here” which makes life worth living. That, precisely, is our HOPE – life does not end – rather it goes on; because we are His sisters and brothers, we are His heirs! Alleluia!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+ Douglas Crosby, OMI*

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

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