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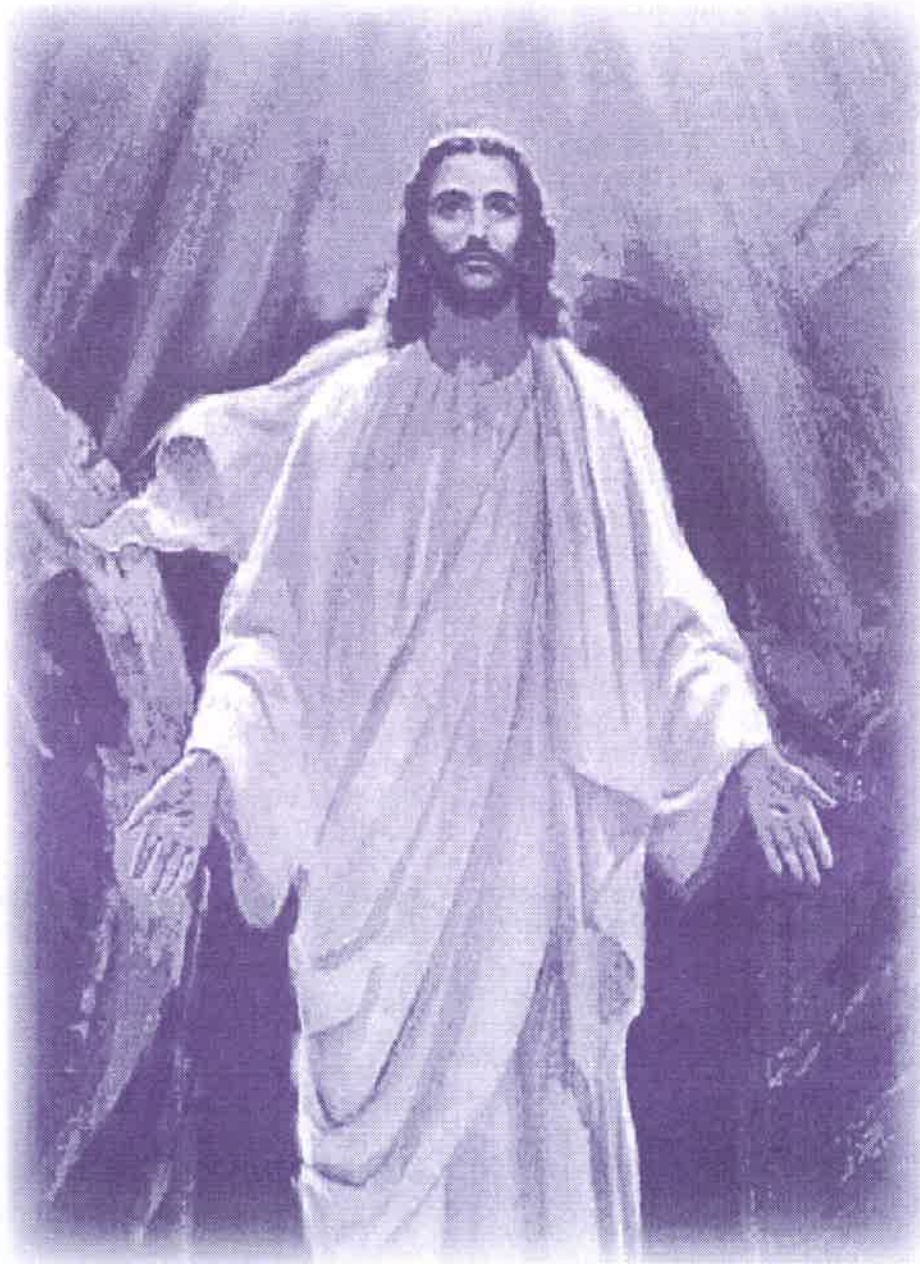
PASTOR: Fr. Robert Héту, P.P.

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Trevor Klein

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Christ is Risen!

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Hétu



A blessed Easter to one and all. This Easter Weekend is a time of gratitude and celebration remembering with gladness the Resurrection our Saviour Jesus Christ and his atonement for the sins for all humankind. We worship Jesus, grateful for our freedom and the gift of new life.

Today and forevermore God's grace is available to all whose hearts are broken and whose spirits are contrite. At Easter, we celebrate the most long-awaited and glorious event in the history of the world. It is the day that changed everything. On that day, my life changed. On that day, your life changed. On that day, the destiny of all God's children changed.

On that blessed day, the Saviour of humankind, who had taken upon himself the chains of sin and death that held us captive, burst those chains and set us free. Through the sacrifice of our beloved Redeemer Jesus, death has no sting, the grave has no victory. Satan has no lasting power over us. As Pope St. Leo the Great reminds us: "[Jesus] did away with the everlasting character of death so as to make death a thing of time, not of eternity."

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3) Truly, the Apostle Paul was correct when he said we can "encourage one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:18) We are to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the Resurrected Jesus in all the events of our lives. As an 'Easter people,' let us live in the glory and joy of that first Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." ~ Psalm 23:6

LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL: Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate, he started eating straight away. "Ernie, wait until we pray grace," demanded his father. "I don't have to," the five-year old replied. "Of course you do, Ernest," his mother insisted rather forcefully. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Ernie explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

We extend a warm welcome to all.
We pray that you feel at home.
Please introduce yourself and
Consider becoming a member of
Our family of faith.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00pm **Deceased Parents of Michael & Julie Reidy** –
The Reidy Family
Special Intentions

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:30am **Thérèse Hétu** – The Hétu Family

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:30am **Intentions of Sister Maria Francis Heirana** –
Dolores Schmidt

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30am **Larry Cyr & the Kowalchuk Family**

9:20am **St. Joseph School Mass**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

5:00pm **Souls in Purgatory**
Bob Landoni – Mary Waterman
Mary Kleingebbinck – Catholic Women's League
Intentions of Dennis & Jerri Anaka

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish**

11:00am **Bob Landoni** – Grace Robinson

Monday, April 8, 2024

7:00pm **Annunciation of the Lord**

Parish Offerings

Your contributions for March 23 & 24, 2024:

Regular Offerings	\$ 2,215.75
Seminary Appeal	\$ 20.00
Share Lent	\$ 4,133.50
Easter Floral Tribute	\$ 350.00
Easter Offering	\$ 170.00
Indigenous Reconciliation	\$ 25.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 155.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,191.55

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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 deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



First Communion Weekends

In the coming weeks some of our young people will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in small groups of no more than 10, during Mass. The following are the dates: Saturday, April 13 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, April 14 @ 11:00am
Sunday, April 21 @ 11:00am
Saturday, April 27 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, April 28 @ 11:00am

Please keep the children and t families in your prayers.

Mini Retreat with Deacon Trevor

Deacon Trevor has kindly agreed to hold a mini retreat for our next CWL meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome. The theme of the retreat is Our Lady of Good Counsel. Deacon Trevor is also providing chaplet kits for all ladies attending and will need to know numbers to ensure he will have sufficient kits. Please contact Rose Anne Sander @ wrs.sander@gmail.com by April 3, so she can pass this information on to Deacon Trevor.

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 are \$90 per person. Please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets and more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

The Fine Art Of Being Happily Married - In his poem, The Art of Marriage, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, "A good marriage must be created" and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on **Saturday, June 1st from 9:30 – 3:00 pm** at Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

Sister Faustina, a young, uneducated nun in Poland received revelations from our Lord Jesus in the 1930s. He asked her to record these messages which she compiled into notebooks, which are now known as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina*. The words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

The Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, March 29 and is completed on Divine Mercy Sunday April 7. The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

A generous parishioner has ordered copies of the booklet "*Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet*" and they can be found in the Narthex, free, while quantities last. Please be sure to pick up your copy.

Save The Date:

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a "**Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea Party**" on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 in the Parish Hall. More details coming soon!

Eucharistic Procession 2024

The Knights of Columbus (Guelph) are having the following planning meetings in anticipation of a May 30th Eucharistic Procession; meetings are in the Newstead Room, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, for those interested in being part of the planning committee:

7 pm, April 2

7 pm, April 9

For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofc.ca

Upcoming Parish Events

April 1	Easter Monday Office Closed
April 8	Office Closed at 1:00pm
April 8	Annunciation of the Lord Mass 7:00pm
April 9	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg 7:30pm
April 10	Caressant Care Mass 2pm
April 15	CWL Executive Meeting 10am
April 24	CWL General Meeting & Mini Retreat with Deacon Trevor Klein
May 11	Mothers, Daughters and Friends Tea 1pm

The Lord Is Risen

(Inspired by Romans 10: 8b-10)

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord is risen
May the Word be near us
On our lips and in our hearts
The Word of faith that is witnessed
And preached through the Apostles

For if we confess with our lips
That Jesus is Lord
And believe in our hearts
That the Father raised
Jesus from the dead
We will be saved

Faith in the heart
Leads to justification
Confession on the lips
To the grace of salvation
The Lord is risen
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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