

Palm Sunday

Today, as we celebrate Love Incarnate who came to live, and work, and dance among us, perhaps we are the borrowed colt. Perhaps we need to lay down our coats to line the way. The story continues, and we have prepared our feet to follow its path with a hope that is stronger than despair, a light that is stronger than darkness, and a love that is stronger than death. This is a day both of triumph and tragedy.

There is the joy of Jesus entering Jerusalem and getting an enthusiastic welcome from the crowds. "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Words we continue to sing during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. But the picture very soon changes to darkness, to suffering and death.

Holy Week

It is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with **Palm Sunday**, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion by three readers.

Easter Triduum

Especially important for Catholics is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On **Holy Thursday**, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. At the Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve men, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. This is because, at the Last Supper, Jesus not only instituted the Mass (Eucharist) but also the ministerial priesthood.

On **Good Friday**, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have the veneration of the Cross. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (the hour He is believed to have died) and another later in the evening. We go forward and kiss the Cross in order to show honor and respect for Christ's sacrifice for our sake. There is no consecration of the Eucharist on this day, and the Communion we receive will be from the night before, which has been reserved in the tabernacle.

Holy Saturday is a vigil. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Savior. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed and no one could go there because of the original sin of Adam. Jesus changed all that. By paying the price for our sins on the Cross, He gained for us our eternal salvation, and heaven was opened once more. Also on this night, persons who have spent months of preparation will be received through

Baptism and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion.

Easter Sunday

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 16: 7:00 p.m.

Intention of Betty Julien – *Ken Skinner*

Wednesday, April 17: 8:30 a.m.

Intention of Roland Levesque – *Rosemary Mussar*

Thursday, April 18:

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Vocations & Religious Life

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, April 19:

2:30 p.m. - Divine Mercy Devotion

3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 p.m. - Station of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20:

11:00 a.m. - Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21:

10:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Monday, April 22: 10:00 a.m.

Easter Octave

St. Teresa of Avila

A soul which gives itself to prayer, either lots or a little, should on no account be kept within narrow bounds.

Vocations

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, consecrated virgin, religious brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to be a priest,, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Offertory Procession

Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Saturday & Sunday:

April 21st – 10 a.m. Inara Walker & Family

Stewardship Report

March 31, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$2,014.00
Loose.....	162.50
Bldg. and Maint. Special Collection.....	1,580.40

Share Lent.....	40.00
Votive Candles.....	83.50
Sue's Calorie Counters – Hall Rental.....	80.00

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, April 15 – Rev. Paul Hrynczyszyn

Tuesday, April 16 – Rev. Adam Wroblewicz

Wednesday, April 17 – Diaconate Formation Candidates

Thursday, April 18 – Holy Thursday

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday

Saturday, April 20 – Rev. John Redmond

Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday

Special Collection on Good Friday, April 19th

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.

Resurrection Choir Practice will take place on

Thursday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Mini Retreat and Grocery Shower

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone

to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower

(No Meat) being held on **Saturday April 27th**

from 10:45 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. at the Monastery.

Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary.

Guest speaker: Very Reverend Michael King. If you have

any questions, call 519-743-6069

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. by the

Agatha Christian Communities, hosted at St Agatha

Catholic Church, 1839 Notre Dame Drive (corner of Erb's

Road), St. Agatha. We look forward to praying together for

continued peace and reconciliation, unity and harmony in

the Church and in this world. Call: 519-747-1212 for

further information.

Good Friday Fish Fry, April 19th at Waterloo Knights of

Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo.

Seating's at 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30,

7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Take out available from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00

p.m. Tickets available at Bar, 1 pc fish dinner \$13.00, 2 pc

fish dinners \$15.50 (all taxes in). Price includes Coffee or

Tea and Dessert.

April Afternoon Bridge and Card Party

St. Anthony Daniel Parish CWL is hosting their annual card

party on **Wednesday, April 24th** in the Parish Life Centre.

Tickets are now available. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with

lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which

includes lunch, refreshments and prizes and lots of fun

playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. For

tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960.

Grief Support Group at the Waterloo Knights of

Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo will have a guest

speaker, Kathie Shaw of St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo on

Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. giving a talk on how to handle those events which cause sadness. All are welcome.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! "Grief Relief" – is a six week educational and support series dealing with grief, offered on **Wednesdays, April 24 to May 29th** at the Chancery Office, Hamilton, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Karen Hulley, RP. Cost is \$35. You are free to attend all sessions, or any one or more as you are able. To register call the Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Maryhill Knights of Columbus Vegas Night – Saturday

April 27th at the Bridgeport Rod & Gun, 1229 Beitz Road,

R.R #1, Breslau. Doors open at 7 p.m., fun begins at 8 p.m.

Free Admission. Fast Food available. Many generous prizes

to be won at the "Big Wheel" – grocery hampers, meat boxes,

cash prizes and others. Penny Table, other games of chance. A

light lunch will be served at the end of the evening. Arrive

early to get a good seat. ALL proceeds are given to charity to

be announced that night. Contact Mike Runstedler 519-648-

3394 or Doug Zinger 519-648-2939.

A Cursillo Weekend is taking place in May at the St Ignatius

Deemerton Retreat Centre near Mildmay. (Transportation to

the Centre is provided A 3 day Cursillo weekend is a short

review of Christianity. through a series of talks by lay people

and clergy, and the sacraments, and take a closer look at

yourself, God, and others.. If you are over 18 years old, and

open to a closer relationship with God. For more information

contact Sandy Levesque at: 519-744-0841 or email at:

sandralevesque45@gmail.com

Women's Weekend: May 2 – 5, 2019

Men's Weekend: Oct. 17 – 20, 2019

Parenting Tip - Adults have experienced the growth and

ultimate explosion of the internet/social media world, but for

children it is the world in which they have grown. While it

contributes to learning, we cannot be oblivious to its real

dangers. Experts agree that most children have their first view

of pornography between the ages of 8 and 11 yrs. of age; they

usually stumble on it by accident on the internet. It is

recommend that, in order to protect them, children under the

age of 16 should not have unsupervised access to the internet -

this includes on any computer, tablet, phone, TV, or gaming

system. Being naïve about what your children are seeing will

hurt them, so protect them. Talk about what is good and what

is not and why. Give them the tools they need so that they will

not be negatively impacted by the media world. (Family

Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



Euchre

Next game night will be **Friday, April 26th** at 7:00 p.m.



Bingo
Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, May 11th** at the
Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener