



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 1, 2018

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Intentions this week

April 1 to April 8th.

Friday 12: noon †Edith Noonan and deceased Family members

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Saturday 5:00 pm †Harley Taimre, Paula Morency, Fernando Dicresce, Esterina Tamilya and sons.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$3,853.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 839.00
Average Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering	\$5,177.00
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

REFLECTION - Resurrection of the Lord

Reading today's Gospel, on this most holy day, I marvel at Mary Magdalene's tenacity in seeking Jesus and her transformation when she sees his promise fulfilled.

As you hear the Gospel proclaimed, imagine her blinding grief. She watched her beloved Rabbi being tortured, witnessed his crucifixion and now finds his tomb empty. Notice how Mary comes so early in the morning that it is still dark and she is the only one there. How greatly must she love him to go to the tomb alone, unafraid when all the others were?

Her faith is a wondrous thing. Even in grief and bewilderment, Mary stays by the empty tomb in the hope of finding out what happened to Jesus. Jesus appears to her first, to announce his resurrection before he has even fully ascended.

Don't we all encounter these moments in our life, moments when we need God but do not feel his presence? Mary Magdalene's unwavering faith teaches us discipleship, that if we seek him with love and faith, we will find him. Mary's faith transforms her grief to joy when she is the first to meet Jesus, eventually becoming an apostle to the apostles.

This Easter, remember we are here to rejoice in a promise fulfilled and in the transformative power of God who draws us close to him in love.

Saskia Sivananthan, Vancouver, BC
Novalis, Living with Christ



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions of Paula Morency (Spencer) and repose of her soul. Requests may be made by putting an envelope with a \$10.00 donation in memory of your loved one in the collection basket.

THANK YOU!

A special thank-you to all who worked so hard in all the parish Ministries: Sacristans, Music, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Commentators, Servers, Ushers, C.W.L., Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul and all those who do so many things behind the scenes. Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 2	Rev. David Weise
Tuesday, April 3	Rev. Ross Campbell
Wednesday, April 4	Students
Thursday, April 5	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Friday, April 6	Rev. Pablito Labado
Saturday, April 7	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Retreat day is Saturday May 5th – 2 – 4:45 p.m.

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on *Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

RETREAT:

Your child's First Communion prayer and practice will be *Saturday, April 21 or Saturday April 28th*, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m., in the Church.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

Easter Sunday

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 giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Contact Fr. Michael King, vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246, e-mail vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES . . .

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves by April 1st to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are cordially invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on *Sunday, June 10, 2018* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the church for more info or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE – *May 10, 2018. Mass at 5:00 a.m. here at St. Basil Church, bus leaving St. Basil Church at 5:30 a.m.* for Ottawa, return by midnight. Please call Joe Bissonnette at 226-387-4527.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

RUMMAGE SALE – Please drop off your items at the parish hall on *FRIDAY* between 9 am & 6 pm. Sale is Saturday 8 am – 11 am.

All ladies are invited. CWL communion luncheon, **Sunday April 22.** One luncheon for the Brant Region hosted by St. Mary's Council. Guest speaker, Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for Hamilton Diocese – presentation: Recipe for Faith.

Tickets on sale next weekend, **April 7 & 8** at all Masses for **\$20** or phone 519-752-1331 to reserve your ticket.

Parish Coffee, Sunday April 15th immediately following the 9:30 Mass. Come and meet some of your parish family.

Treats will be supplied by the CWL.

Knights of Columbus

St Basil Council #13442

Meeting Tuesday April 10, 2018

in the Rectory at 7:00 PM after

Mass at 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker- Joyce Young

Grand Knight, Bill Kane

Tel # 519-756-2111

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JOB OPENING

Cal Bombay Ministries, a Canadian Christian charity located in Brantford, is soliciting Resumés for a Media Specialist and Assistant to the Executive Director. For further information, please call 519-753-7380 or email rick@calbombayministries.org.

MURDER MYSTERY Dinner Theatre. Death stalks the ACS Stage! On **Thursday, April 19th, 6p.m.,** Assumption will host "**Irritation to a Murder**". The gr. 11 drama class has been hard at work rehearsing for this fun event. Dinner will be provided and catered by the school's culinary arts classes. Audience members will have an opportunity to interact with the cast, ask questions and do some detective work of their own! **Call Mrs. Naomi Ratelband at (519) 751-2030 (ext. 445) to obtain advanced tickets! Proceeds to Drama Department. Tickets are only \$15 for dinner and show. Ticket booth closes by Monday, April 16th.**

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter!