

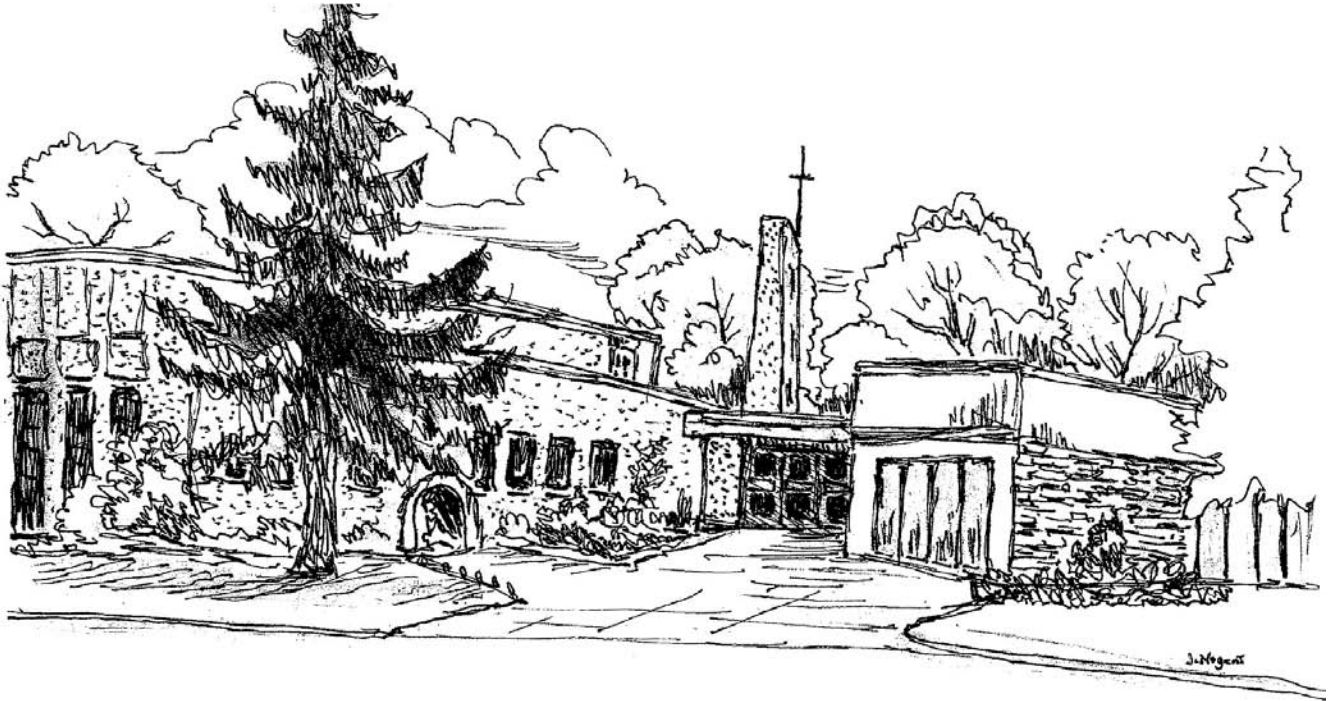


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Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-5:00 pm.

July & August: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.
Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptism:

 Celebrated by appointment only.

Participation in a Baptismal Preparation Session is required. Please contact the parish office (905-388-2200) well in advance.

Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry should contact the parish office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: If you or someone you know is in need of a visit in home or hospital please call the parish office.

New to the Parish: Please register by completing a registration form (available online and in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 12, 2026

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

The Third Sunday of Easter is:

Luke 24.13-35

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

April 5th, 2026 Collection

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| Regular Sunday Env. | \$ 4,657.00 |
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| Easter | \$ 6,898.00 |

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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Copies of the April Diocesan Prayer Calendar are available in the Narthex. They will now be made available every two months for you to take home and place in a prominent place.

Please note: we are happy to accept Mass intentions for Mass during the week and for the Saturday evening Mass at 5.00 pm. We no longer accept Mass intentions for Mass on Sunday morning at 9.00 or 11.00 Both of these Masses are reserved "for the people", a term from the Code of Canon Law which requires the pastor or the presiding priest to offer the "**Missa pro populo**", Mass for the "spiritual and temporal well-being of their parishioners every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation." (Canon 534) Please contact the office well ahead when you require a Mass intention for a specific date. Intentions for a date that falls on a Sunday can be transferred to the Saturday at 5.00 pm.



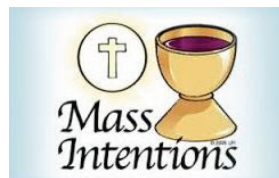
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us in prayer as we come together to pray for the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** tomorrow **Sunday, April 12th**, immediately following the **9:00 AM** and **11:00 AM Masses** (approximately 10 minutes). During this brief time of prayer, we pause to reflect and entrust ourselves to God's mercy. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful devotion. We hope you can join us!



FIRE SAFETY PLANS

The new **FIRE SAFETY PLAN** for the Church, meeting rooms and rectory will be presented to staff, group leaders and volunteers who have responsibility for meetings and guiding people into and out of the buildings this coming **Tuesday evening, April 14th at 7.30 pm**. Everyone will hear about the report and procedures that need to be in place so that we are in compliance with the regulations of the Fire Department, City of Hamilton and the Diocese.



Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday – Friday

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| Tues., April 14 7:00 pm. | †All Souls in Purgatory †Teddie Faddies †Samuel Agapay |
| Wed., April 15 9:00 am | Intentions of Elma Naguit †Robert Carson |
| Thurs., April 16 9:00 am | †Pasqualino Delsordo |
| Fri., April 17 9:00 am | Intentions of Edna Moreno Intentions of Bronson Benito |
| Sat., April 18 5:00 pm | Intentions of Rodlyn Hernandez †Victor Carvalho †Peter Fioravanti |

Thank you...thank you...It truly takes a village to bring the beauty and solemnity of Holy Week and Easter to life, and our parish is abundantly blessed by the many hands and hearts that make it possible. We extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy, often behind the scenes early in the morning and late into the night, preparing for and tidying up after each sacred liturgy.

To our musicians and singers who lifted our prayer in song, to our sacristans and altar servers who ensured each celebration flowed with reverence and care, to our decorators who transformed our worship space with such beauty, and to those brave souls unafraid of ladders who helped make it all happen, we thank you. We are also grateful for our ushers, readers, and ministers of Holy Communion, whose service helped create a welcoming and prayerful experience for all who gathered. Your dedication reflects a living faith and a spirit of service that strengthens our entire community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being such a vital part of these holy celebrations. We are truly grateful.

MEDITATION 2 FOR THE EASTER SEASON: Henri Nouwen's words in his book, *The Inner Voice of Love* offer a deeply consoling vision of the Christian life, one that is both honest about suffering and unwavering in hope. Writing out of his own profound interior struggles, Nouwen reminds us that our lives are not random or defined by darkness but are rooted in a divine calling that precedes even our awareness. "Jesus has called you from the moment you were knitted together in your mother's womb."

This truth situates our identity not in our wounds, fears, or failures, but in God's loving initiative. We are created for a purpose: to receive love and to give it. Yet Nouwen does not romanticize this vocation. He speaks plainly about "the forces of death" that have marked our lives from the beginning—experiences of rejection, fear, sin, loneliness,

and despair. These forces are not abstract; they take shape in the concrete struggles we carry: the inner voice that tells us we are not enough, the wounds from past relationships, the anxieties about the future, or the habits of sin that seem difficult to break. For many, these experiences can feel overwhelming, even defining.

And yet, Nouwen insists on a deeper truth: despite these forces, we have remained faithful, even if imperfectly, to our vocation of love. This is a striking claim. It suggests that every time we have chosen kindness over bitterness, trust over fear, or forgiveness over resentment, even in small ways, we have already been participating in God's life within us. Grace has been at work all along, often quietly, often unnoticed.

The heart of the passage, however, lies in its proclamation of victory. "These dark forces will have no final power over you... the victory is already won." This is the Easter message. One week after celebrating the Resurrection, the Church invites us not only to rejoice but to reflect, to allow this truth to penetrate our lived experience. The Resurrection is not merely an event of the past; it is a present reality that redefines our struggles. Jesus has already overcome sin and death. Therefore, the darkness we experience, while real, is not ultimate.

This leads to the question Nouwen implicitly places before us: where in our lives are we being invited to trust this victory? For many, this invitation arises precisely in the places of greatest vulnerability. It may be in a persistent anxiety that we cannot control, a relationship that feels broken, or a sense of inadequacy that shadows our efforts. In these places, the temptation is to believe that darkness has the final word, to define ourselves by our fears or failures. But Nouwen calls us to a different posture: trust.

To trust Christ's victory does not mean denying the reality of our pain. Rather, it means holding that pain within a larger truth, that we are loved, called, and redeemed. It means choosing, sometimes daily and even moment by moment, to believe that God's grace is more powerful than whatever threatens to overwhelm us. It is an act of faith to say: "This darkness is not the end of my story."

Ultimately, Nouwen's reflection is an invitation to live in freedom, the freedom of those who know they are claimed by Christ. This freedom does not eliminate struggle, but it transforms it. It allows us to move forward not as people defeated by darkness, but as people who belong to the light, trusting that the victory of Jesus is already at work within us, leading us gently but surely into love.

THE FORWARD TOGETHER WITH CHRIST series continues with its final sessions each Wednesday in April at 7:00 PM in the Hearth Room. The topics for this series focus on the moral life and finding meaning in our daily walk with Christ.

PORKETTA ON A BUN

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Porketta on a Bun after all Masses on April 25/26. Prices are 1 for \$6.00 or 3 for \$15.00. Pre order sheets can be found in the narthex of the church. Last day to order will be Tuesday April 21.



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 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 found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The final Teaching Mass for children preparing for First Communion will be at **11:00 AM (only) next Sunday, April 19th**.

Reconciliation for Grade 2: Children are invited to celebrate First Reconciliation on **any Saturday during April from 4.00 to 4.45 PM.** Thank you for your cooperation.



CRAFT TABLE DONATIONS

We are hoping for donations of: 100% cotton fabric, bias-tape-double folded extra wide - white, heavier cotton/canvas fabric (solid colors), fusible light/medium weight interfacing, 100% natural cotton batting, Bernat blanket yarn, loops and threads sweet snuggles yarn, loops and threads sweet snuggles lite yarn, classic cotton yarn. Tulle, wreath frames, Christmas bulbs. Gift certificates for Michael's or Fabric land would also be appreciated. All donations can be left in the hearth room in the box labelled "craft donations".

I would like to thank you all for your generosity! If you would like to join our crafters team or you need to contact me, my contact info is: Jan Tratnyek 905-921-2047.

THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this to be the "Year of St. Francis of Assisi," a special Jubilee in celebration of the 800th year since the holy death of St. Francis. The Diocese of Hamilton has put together a special webpage in celebration of this moment of faith. Join us in prayer and contemplation as we turn our hearts towards this saint of simplicity, peace, and joyful discipleship. All resources for adults and young people can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/year-of-st-francis-of-assisi/>.

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