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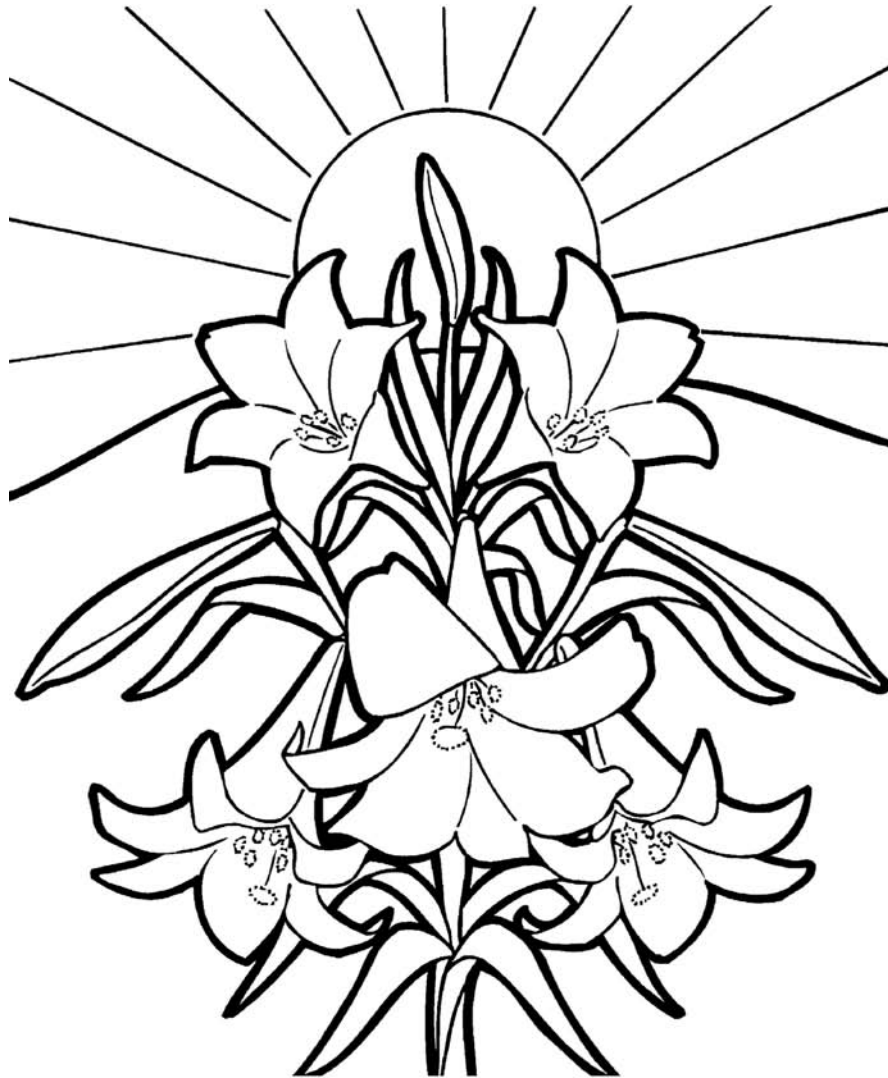
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**The Lord has Risen,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## EASTER SUNDAY



From the desk of:

**FATHER PAUL EDMONDSTONE**

“Do not be alarmed” this Jesus who you are looking for is not here, He has been raised from the dead. These words of the young man at the empty tomb in Saint Mark’s account of the Lord’s resurrection are words that can be directed to us today some 2000 years later. We live in a world that gives us much to be alarmed about, much to be afraid of. The meaning of the young man’s message is not to tell us to ignore those things that alarm us or make us afraid, but that in Jesus’ rising from the dead, we have been given cause for hope, for joy, for peace instead of being alarmed and afraid because we know that sin and death have no hold over us. As Christians, we are called to bring this message of hope, this message of peace to a world that seems to be increasingly alarmed and afraid.

As I mark my first Easter as a priest, I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support and encouragement during the last few months. Thanks to you and to our great team of staff here at the parish, a challenging time has been made joyful and rewarding. I would like to thank all who have helped make our Holy Week celebrations happen. First, thank you to our parish staff for all of their efforts in making this Triduum safe and dignified and for making sure that this rookie knew what he was doing. Thank you to Bishop-elect Lobsinger for joining us and helping us celebrate these Holy Days. I particularly want to thank Linda Dayler for organizing registration (twice). Please God this will be the last time we have to register for Christmas or Easter. Thank you to all who helped decorate our beautiful church, to the lectors, to the altar servers, to Philip Sarabura and our music ministry, to Kevin Dunn and Thomas Alexandre for helping with livestreaming our liturgies and especially to our ministers of hospitality, for making sure that these celebrations have gone smoothly and safely.

May the joy of Easter and the love and peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your families.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Paul



### VOCATIONS

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, The Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2222. [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Monday, April 5

8:00a.m. No Morning Mass

### Tuesday, April 6

7:00p.m. † Domenica Marazia

† Benina Miscione

† Elvira Tedesco

Intentions of Elva Godin

### Wednesday, April 7

8:00a.m. † Abigayle Lobsinger

### Thursday, April 8

8:00a.m. Danilo Trevisan

### Friday, March April 9

8:00a.m. Rodrigo & Rosalina Osting

### Saturday, April 10

9:00a.m. Intentions of Rita and Josie

5:00p.m. † Catherine Cassidy

† Angelina Muraca

† Dolorosa Rapp

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

#### Week of the April 4, 2021

#### *This week we especially pray for:*

Monday	Rev. Louis Lensen
Tuesday	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wednesday	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thursday	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Friday	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Saturday	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do

### LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS

We have Living With Christ Daily Missals available each month. They are available for \$3.00 in the Church entrance or you can call the office at 905-648-6874.

## Donations to St. Ann Parish

- ✚ Pre-Authorized Giving is a great way to provide your regular offering to our Parish. To register for EFT, call the Parish Office and we will email you the necessary forms.
- ✚ Drop off your envelope by putting it through the mail slot in the Parish Office door.
- ✚ You can make a donation online through the CanadaHelps site which can be reached by going to <http://www.canadahelps.ca/>
- ✚ You can also e-transfer donations through your Financial Institution using our email address [stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannancaster@hamiltondiocese.com). There is no need to use a password or phrase.

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## THANK YOU FOR SHARING LOVE THIS LENTEN SEASON!

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign called you to share love, and you opened your hearts. Our parish raised \$1,276.00 for Development and Peace! This money will help sustain programs and projects that serve some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South! **Thank you for your generosity. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).**

## BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

Though we cannot gather in the Church for the best smelling liturgy this year, those who wish to observe the tradition of the Blessing of Easter Foods may find the following simple formula helpful:



1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Read Deuteronomy 16:1-8
3. Respond with Psalm 42
4. Pray the Lord's Prayer
5. Conclude with a Prayer of Blessing

God of Glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's Table, continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OUR EASTER CELEBRATION HAS BEGUN!

Happy Easter!



*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118*

In many parts of the world, Easter comes in spring. It's the time of year when nature itself brings forth the beginnings of new life. The tulips begin to rise from the cold and dormant earth, the leaves begin to bud on the trees transforming the forest into a sea of green, and the Sun begins to shine with a new radiance, sending warmth at its rising each morning. Creation itself reflects the glory and splendor of the Resurrection of Christ in many ways.

The death of winter reflects the death of Christ and the silence of the tomb experienced on Holy Saturday. Everything goes dormant. Vegetation appears to die and even the animals and insects retreat into various forms of hibernation and immobility. However, at the appointed time, as the warmth of the Sun rises anew, nature itself is called forth from the death of winter into the new life of spring.

Allow the beauty of creation to be a sign to you of a reality that is infinitely greater. Allow yourself to be drawn into the newness of life that is bestowed upon you by your sharing in the Resurrection of Christ. To rise with Him means you are to become a new creation.

Reflect, today, upon the above line from the Responsorial Psalm for today's Mass. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in." The "day" we rejoice in is the new life God wants to bestow upon your soul here and now. It's a new day, a glorious one, a transformed one, a resurrected one. New life must begin now and must become continually new and glorious as we journey deeper and deeper into the glory of the Resurrection. Ponder this "new day" and allow our Lord to bestow it upon you through the power of His glorious Resurrection from the dead.

*My resurrected Lord, my hope is in You! Alleluia, You are alive and You have conquered all sin, all death, all evil. You bring forth new life to all who turn to You in their need. My Jesus, I do turn to You and abandon myself to You in Your death so that I may rise with You in Your Resurrection to new life. Breathe into me this gift of new life and allow me to begin anew. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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