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## EASTER SUNDAY

### *Why This Night?*

Rev. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

“Mah nishtanah, ha-laylah ha-zeh, mi-kol ha-leylot”. Which is translated from Hebrew as “*Why is this night different from all the other nights?*” On the eve of the Passover feast, the youngest in the family would ask this question. In fact, there are a series of four questions commonly known as ‘Mah Nishtanah’; practically asking why everything is different on this special night. As a response to those questions, the paterfamilias would narrate the story of the exodus in its entirety.

For Christians and Jews, the basic answer to the above question is the same. It is all about Pascha (Pesach). It is about freedom. It is about passing over from death to life. The Feast of Passover is the feast of renewing the covenant with God.

Jews renewed the covenant with Yahweh by sacrificing the lamb. The blood of the lamb saved them from the angel of death and destruction. This sacrifice commemorated their renewal in the covenant with God who, as promised, would save them. The terms of the covenant were simple, “*I am your God and you are my people – if you keep my commandments, I will protect you.*” It is also a sacrifice of thanksgiving in ad-

vance for the victory that would be won by God. It takes almost 40 long years to complete the victory.

For Christians, Jesus becomes the new lamb of the sacrifice who is slaughtered, once and for all, for the salvation of all humanity. The Blood of Jesus would now protect all humanity from every form of evil. As Christians, we renew the covenant through the blood of Christ. Here in Christ, we become the children of God. Hence, as God’s children, we have the right to our inheritance – the resurrection and eternal life with God.

**Why is this day different from all other days?** It is on this day that Jesus completed His mission on earth and became our way to heaven. It is on this day that we realize God’s steadfast love for all humanity. This day is different because Jesus is risen from the dead and He will live with us forever.

Easter, therefore, is the feast of our salvation. It is the feast of the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, goodness over evil....



## PARISH LITURGIES

— EASTER, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD!—

### Tuesday, April 02

8:30 am + Frank Flynn

### Wednesday, April 03

8:30 am Int. Cetera Family

### Thursday, April 04

8:30 am Int. Lis Family

### Friday, April 05

8:30 am + Gerald McGraw

—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER —  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### Saturday, April 06

4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ John Thornton, + Patti Hebert, + Angeles De Vera Adriano, + Marie Latchman, + Francisco Macedo, + Ken Richards, + Alice Anne Lemay, + Annette Welch + Elizabeth Gemmell, Int. Stefania Stoica

### Sunday, April 07

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

*Easter Octave – March 31 – April 07*  
*April 08 – Solemnity of the Annunciation*



*On behalf of Fr. Ranjan and the parish staff,  
may you have a very happy and blessed Easter!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR  
CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION**

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm - St. Nicholas School

On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm - St. Dominic School

*We pray that confirmandi may open their hearts and minds for the  
gifts of the Holy Spirit and make witness to the gospel.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR  
FIRST COMMUNION**

The dates for First Communion will be during regular Sunday  
Masses beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>.

*We pray that communicants will open their hearts to receive Jesus  
with joy and continue to receive Jesus regularly.*



**TRIVIA NIGHT 2024**

It's time to show off your trivia skills!  
Our annual Trivia Night is happening  
Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The start  
time is 6:15 pm in the parish centre.

Join the fun, as our Trivia Master, Marco DeMuzio, challenges  
the teams gathered with a variety of questions from a wide se-  
lection of categories.

Tickets will be on sale following each mass on the weekends of  
April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, you can join us  
as an individual, a couple, or build your own team of 8 players.

The cost to attend is \$10 and includes pizza.

**MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE YOUNG VINCENTIANS**

During Lent, we had a large glass jar on the sanctuary in front of  
the ambo to collect any spare change from parishioners that  
would be donated to the Young Vincentians. Our goal was to  
completely fill the glass jar with money. We succeeded in getting  
it filled to the brim. Thank you to everyone who contributed  
their spare change to this jar.



**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week  
In Memory of Isabelo & Laquesta Family*

**MONTHLY HOLY FACE DEVOTION**



Please join our St. Dominic's Conversatio Christo  
Choir at our monthly Holy Face Devotion Vespers –  
contemplative evening prayer including the Divine  
Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and Gregorian Chant hymns  
– on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the  
Church as we pray for reverence, reparation, and a  
return to Christ.

**CWL UPDATE**

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of these least brothers of mine,  
you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

You did it! A huge thank you to our amazing  
generous parishioners who came through and  
donated 9 carloads of food and self-care  
items to Fare Share Food Bank. Despite the  
tough economic times we all are experienc-  
ing, you demonstrated compassion and kindness to the less fortu-  
nate among us. The members of the CWL are so very grateful for  
your enthusiastic support and participation in everything that we do.  
We could not do it without you.



**YOUNG ADULTS' NIGHT**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our  
diocese to celebrate the Easter Season with an evening of Adoration,  
fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young  
Adult Night includes a Holy Hour, social with food, vocation testimo-  
ny, and Compline on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of Our Lady  
Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph) from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. For  
more information please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP 2024

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites all parish ministers, youth ministry leaders to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at new VBS kits, available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 10, 2024 from 7:00-8:30pm. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: [bit.ly/DoHVBS2024](http://bit.ly/DoHVBS2024)

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

The Office of Youth Ministry has invited the Development and Peace Youth programming teams to share information about initiatives that parishes can implement with young people. Join us on April 9th on Zoom to learn about their programs and opportunities for young people. Registration and additional information is available on the Diocesan website: [tinyurl.com/dandpyouth](http://tinyurl.com/dandpyouth)

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON., 9:30am to 3:00pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming/Events/Workshops.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, April 20, 2024, St John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON., 9:30am to 3:00pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming/Events/Workshops

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION WORKSHOPS 2024

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a new Confirmation Preparation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton. We invite all those involved in Sacramental Preparation to take part in this new formation workshop in the early spring with dates available in multiple locations of the Diocese. To learn more about these offerings, register here: [bit.ly/ConfirmationPrep2024](http://bit.ly/ConfirmationPrep2024)

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 01	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Tuesday, April 02	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.
Wednesday, April 03	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Thursday, April 04	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Friday, April 05	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
Saturday, April 06	Rev. David Avila

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## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

As Catholic Christians we are called to love and protect each person from conception to natural death, so please join us for the biggest pro-life gathering in Canada, the National March for Life in Ottawa on Parliament Hill, Thursday May 9th at 12:30 pm.

There are many events over pro-life week including: Songs for Life Coffee House, Candlelight Vigil, Masses for Life & Prayer Services, the Rally and March, Rose Dinner Gala & the Youth Summit. Abby Johnson is the keynote speaker this year. She was a director at Planned Parenthood and the movie, *Unplanned*, is her story.

For more information and tickets to the Rose Dinner Gala go to [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca) or call Campaign Life Coalition (613)729-0379 or email [Debbie@clife.ca](mailto:Debbie@clife.ca)

## VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024

The Sierra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15th, 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 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. Please contact: [serrahamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:serrahamilton1965@gmail.com) for tickets or more information. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

*"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!"*

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(Closed from noon to 1:00 pm).

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