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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD*

This Sunday's readings are dramatic. St. Luke tries to bring out the struggles of the early church in defending its faith in the Risen Christ. The main proclamation of the early church was their faith in the Paschal Mystery: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again".

This brings up the problem for the early church had in explaining a lot of mysteries which they had accepted in faith. They had to prove that though Jesus was the Son of God, and therefore divine, He was also fully human. They had to prove that Jesus truly died in His human form in order to be truly raised. Hence, His presence with them is truly in a risen form and not that of a ghost. Thus, their belief in the Risen Christ meant the belief in the historic person of Jesus, who sacrificed His own life for the salvation of the whole world. This meant a new relationship between God and all God's creation was made. And the original order of creation, which was lost due to human sin, was restored to its basic innocence.

It looks strange that even after learning that Jesus had risen and He had already appeared to Peter and many others, the disciples in today's Gospel passage find it hard to ac-

cept. They doubted the very presence of Jesus in their midst as a ghost. Every person in the scriptures who encountered the Risen Christ had difficulty, either to accept the fact of His resurrection or to recognize Him in His present form.

The evangelists have narrated these facts in a unique biblical imagery. The main thrust of this narration is that it is impossible to understand the Risen Lord through scientific verification because this reality does not belong to this world. The faith of the disciples grew slowly and gradually. Though it took, relatively, quite a bit of time to accept this reality, it is only through the Risen Christ's help and grace that they accepted His resurrection.

Do we need any proof today to believe in the Lord? The only thing we need is a little bit of grace. –



### St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Feast Day: April 17

Oh Saint Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, Your love for Jesus, so strong, so steadfast, grant that we may become like you. Your short and painful life showed us your strength and humility. Grant that we may become forever humble like you. Amen.

## PARISH LITURGIES

— THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —

**Tuesday, April 16 - St. Bernadette of Lourdes**

8:30 am + Mike Coco

**Wednesday, April 17 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:30 am Int. Rita McGill

**Thursday, April 18 - Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin**

8:30 am + Eva Di Legge

**Friday, April 19 - St. Emma**

8:30 am Int. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa OCD

— THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER —

**Saturday, April 20 - Bl. John Finch**

**4:00 - 4:30 Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm For:**

+ Rita Merrick, + Bernice Casey, + Gerry Casey, + Pereira Family, + Jose Pinheiro, + Joe & Nely Ypelaar, + Noel McNamara, + Mary D'Souza, + Victor Ghose, + Cecil Boisvenue, + Deni Boisvenue, + Stoica, Orha & Mracia Family members, Int. Gregory Paik, Int. Maria Francisca Terezia

**Sunday, April 21**

**9:00 am** For our

**11:00 am** Parishioners

*Easter Season: April 08—May 19*



**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 selection of categories.

Tickets will be on sale following each mass on the weekends of d 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.

**VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2024**

The Serra 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.

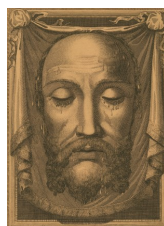
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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in Thanksgiving the Yatco 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 Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church as we pray for reverence, reparation, and a return to Christ.

**SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY**

The Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!



**THE ORDER OF HOLY GARDENERS**

It's that time of year again! Spring is here and it's time to get together to spruce up the parish grounds. We need your help this year! The first meeting of the year will be **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. We will be removing the leaves and old plant material out of the flower beds, while taking care to not disturb the new shoots. We will then meet again on the following Saturday also at 10:00 am. If you would like to help out on any of these days, please come and join us!



Volunteer hours will be given to students. We hope to see many there!

# FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Over the past few years, Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger has been leading an initiative across the diocese known as 'Forward Together in Christ'. Sessions have been held with our Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Workers, and seven deaneries. These gatherings provided an opportunity to hear the voices of close to one thousand members of the Diocese of Hamilton, sharing in conversations about priorities of how to shape the future of our Diocese.

In further effort to this initiative, St. Dominic Parish will be offering a parish-wide gathering on May 4<sup>th</sup> to further discuss different priorities of the Diocese and apostolically discern how this looks in our parish.

This event is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish family to discern and explore the apostolic callings that God has placed on our hearts and within our community. It will be a time for prayerful reflection, insightful discussion, and communal discernment as we seek to ask how we are called to serve.

Whether you are a longtime parishioner or someone who is new to our community, your presence and participation are invaluable. This event is open to all who wish to discern God's Will for our parish and to explore how we can best live out our apostolic calling together.

During the event, we will engage in various activities and discussions designed to help us identify and nurture the unique gifts and callings God has bestowed upon each of us. Together, we will discern how we can use these gifts to further God's Kingdom and bring about positive changes in our community.

For those interested in participating in this event on Saturday, May 4, please call the parish office for registration.

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak! Amen.*

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the Year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024, 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 available on line at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming Events.

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## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Marian Council Knights of Columbus have arranged a coach bus to transport people to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 9, 2024 to participate in the *Annual March for Life*. The bus will leave from Saint Dominic Church on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am sharp. The bus will stop once for a short break and arrive in Ottawa at noon. The bus will return to Saint Dominic church by 9:00 pm the same day with a short break as well. Coffee and water will be served on the bus. We encourage participants to pack a lunch. Cost is \$10 per person, however we encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity to join the March for Life regardless of being able to pay as subsidy is available. We encourage everyone interested to contact Charles Thomas as soon as possible to reserve a seat as the seats will fill quickly.

**Charles Thomas: (416) 997-2786 – [chathomas@deloitte.ca](mailto:chathomas@deloitte.ca)**

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 15	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Tuesday, April 16	Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J.
Wednesday, April 17	St Kateri Tekakwitha Protectress of Canada
Thursday, April 18	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Friday, April 19	Rev. David Wilhelm
Saturday, April 20	Rev. Scott Whitfield

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