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—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

—Fr. Deepak Tauro, OCD

Eight days after the resurrection of the Lord, at the end of the Easter Octave, we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy, a precious opportunity to rediscover, contemplate, and savor God's infinite mercy. The Gospel says that on this day Jesus breathed his spirit on the apostles. This is what God did when he created man out of dust, in order to bring him to life. But, are not these apostles alive?

When everything seems over and nothing seems to make sense anymore, when darkness falls around us, then inevitably the tendency is to lock the door and withdraw into our own world. That evening, at the end of turbulent days in which the Master, who spoke of the Kingdom and had instilled joy in many and raised hopes for an imminent liberation from the Roman oppressors, is seen hanging on the Cross like a criminal among criminals, and the apostles are overcome with sadness and hide away for fear of the Jews.

Once again, however, it is Jesus himself who surprises us by instilling courage in us. Do not be afraid, says Christ to the apostles. It is always moving to know that it is Jesus him-

self who seeks us out and passes through our closed doors. The Messiah seeks us out even before we seek him, and therefore we can do nothing but let ourselves be found. It is also striking that Christ himself seeks out those who betrayed him.

On this Sunday when we contemplate the Divine Mercy, this Gospel passage allows us to experience firsthand how Jesus himself made it a reality and rekindled the hope of the distraught apostles. We always think of the traitor par excellence, Judas Iscariot, but the Good Friday icon highlights that in the end, only John and Mary remain at the foot of the Cross. Peter denies him while the others flee. Yet they are sought out and the journey is resumed. Jesus searches for them all, and Thomas, who was not present, is reached a few days later. That apostle is also comforted, and faced with that initial mistrust, he is urged to entrust himself too, and to do so, he is invited to place his hands in the pierced side and touch the wounds.

From this Sunday, mercy and joyful witness become the path we must follow to attract people to Jesus. With mercy, we show the world that God is love; with joyful witness, we show the people of our time the source of true happiness. —

PARISH LITURGIES

—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Tuesday April 14 - *St. Lydwine*

8:30 am Int. Liz Khosla

Wednesday April 15 - *St. Paternus*

8:30 am + Tom Kingry

Thursday April 16 - *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*

8:30 am Int. Gamble Family

Friday April 17 - *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

8:30 am + Vitorio Di Blasio

Saturday April 18 - *Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin*

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm

For:

+ John Duggan, + Joan Beaudette, + Stan Beaudette, + Kent Beaudette, + Merrick Family, + Ernest Aubut, + Joseph Lia

—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—

Sunday April 19

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Easter Octave – April 05—12

Easter Season – April 13—May 24



AN INVITATION FROM THE CWL & THE YOUNG VINCENTIANS – BABY SHOWER



Please join us on Saturday, May 3rd, at 12:00 noon as the CWL, together with the Young Vincentians, co-host our annual Baby Shower in support of the young Mothers and babies of Shifra Homes. A complimentary luncheon will be provided and the “price” of admission is an unwrapped baby gift.

This special gathering with Shifra Homes Director Nancy Romic, along with the Mothers and their babies, has become a cherished annual tradition and we are grateful for your continued generosity and support.

To assist us in preparing the luncheon, complimentary tickets will be available in the Narthex and at the other two entrances after each Mass on the weekends of April 18/19 and 25/26. If you are unable to attend but still would like to contribute, gifts or donations may be placed at the display table in the Narthex beginning next weekend.

Suggested donation items: for babies: diapers (size 4-6), baby clothes, (size 0-36 months, 4 boys and 6 girls this year), baby soap and shampoo, Aveeno baby products, diaper bags, Vaseline and Enfamil (ready to feed). For Moms: baby wash, shaving cream, hair mousse, hair masks, slippers (sizes 7-10) and PJs (S-XL). Household needs include: regular cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper and new bath towels.

We hope you can join us for this meaningful and joyful occasion!

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2026. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit:

www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

SANCTUARY LAMP



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and for the Magnus Family*

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 required and found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from April 06 – June 09 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. The cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

*“You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me;
blessed are those who have not seen,
and yet believe”*

FOSTERING A CULTURE OF CARE—SAVE THE DATES

Everyday, it seems, we encounter a person, or hear a story, that reminds us how much our world would benefit from greater love for neighbour as modelled by Our Lord. To reflect on how we can better accompany our family, friends, and community members, St. Andrew's invites all interested to three evening talks (from 7:00 – 8:30 pm). Hosted in the church, the Catholic guest speakers will include a doctor, care advocate, lawyers, and of course, our priest. On the third night, we welcome Amanda Achtman of Canadian Physicians for Life.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – Faith-based Health Advocacy: Advocacy for Our Health and That of Our Loved Ones as Based on Our Theological Tradition – Practical advice for Catholics navigating our contemporary medical system, with its shortage of family doctors and other challenges, from the point of view of Parishioner Dr. Tom McCann, former hospital administrator, family practitioner, and devoted caregiver.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Occasions For Joy: Intergenerational Sacramental & Legal Planning for Life's Second Chapter, with Fr. Michael & Catholic Lawyers – Inspiration from the Catholic Bishops, our Associate pastor, and Catholic lawyers for people of all ages who want to make individual and family plans long before any crisis might arise.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Fostering a Culture of Care – Amanda Achtman, pro-life advocate and renowned speaker, will share her hopes for Canada and beyond through her project, Dying to Meet You. The evening will focus reflection on the importance of fostering a Culture of Care in our Parishes through using our charisms to take action.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

The young people of the world have begun their preparations to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV at the 41st International Celebration of World Youth Day, Seoul, South Korea. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith, visit: <https://wydseoul.org/en>.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 13	Rev. Ross Campbell
Tuesday, April 14	Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Wednesday, April 15	Permanent Deacons
Thursday, April 16	Grandparents & the Elderly
Friday, April 17	Rev. Moices Caballero
Saturday, April 18	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

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RETREATS 2025



ACTS *Canada*

Queen of the Apostle Renewal Centre is offering retreats for both men and women. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. The date of the Women's Retreat is April 16-19, 2026 and the date of the Men's Retreat is May 21-24, 2026. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.actscanada.org

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026

The Serra Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone anniversaries will be honoured and we will hear the inspiring faith journeys of this years' ordinandi and candidates. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events>

This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

*"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever."*

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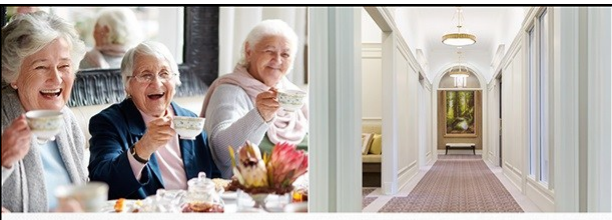
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