EASTER SUNDAY March 31st, 2024

The reading from Acts is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarises the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in His death. But it didn't end there! God raised Him to life, allowing Him to be seen by certain witnesses, Peter among them. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the One all the prophets spoke about – the Messiah. And all who believe in Him will have their sins forgiven. The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord. Many readings in the Easter cycle instruct the newly baptised on the Christian way of life. Today's Second Reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus, the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptised members of Christ's Body.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31 st Easter Sunday	9 am 11 am	Missa Pro Populo Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)	
Monday, April 1 st Easter Octave	-	-	-
Tuesday, April 2 nd Easter Octave	10:30 am	+ Klara Blattman	By Bob & Linda Myers
Wednesday, April 3 rd Easter Octave	12 pm 4 pm	+ Bill & Bruce Lehmann Strength for our priests (Linwood)	By the Lehmanns By the Barrett family
Thursday, April 4 th <i>Easter Octave</i>	8 am	+ Jerome & Rosella Fischer	By Bill & Donna Lang
Friday, April 5 th Easter Octave	6 pm 7:45 pm	Adoration & Confession Intentions of Anthony Vollmer	By Bob & Linda Myers
Saturday, April 6 th Easter Octave	5 pm	+ Anna Miller + Mary M ^c Cam	By Tom Miller By Diane Dietrich
Sunday, April 7 th Divine Mercy Sunday	9 am 11 am 3 pm	Missa Pro Populo Missa Pro Populo (Linwood) Divine Mercy Holy Hour	-

History of the Catholic Church (#26) – Happy Easter!!!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING - Week of March 30th & 31st - Tomato Sauce or Tomato Paste (NO GLASS)

<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u> – Join us for our 7th First Friday Devotion this Friday, and Divine Mercy Holy Hour this Sunday.

<u>PRAISE & WORSHIP</u> – We would like to invite everyone to "Harbour"- a night of praise & worship with music led by Steadfast. Steadfast is a music ministry base in Toronto, Canada, whose mission is to worship straight from the heart, leading from a place of deep, personal relationship with Jesus and propelled by devotion to his church. "Harbour" is a shelter for God's beloved from the storms of life, a place to cry out for help, and to experience the stillness we seek. Please join us in worship and prayer on April 6 - Doors Open 6:30pm at St Joseph Catholic Church, Stratford, ON. Please register through online through Eventbrite at www.2024HARBOUR2.EVENTBRITE.COM

<u>CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE</u> - The Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar will take place on Friday, June 21st in-person and virtually at Conrad Grebel University College. Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts presents "From Problems to Possibilities: Faith Communities enabling those in the third third of life to flourish." This seminar challenges the narratives about elders in communities, churches, and society at large; exploring the role churches can play in empowering older adults. Visit <u>www.grebel.ca/spirituality</u> for registration information. Professionals, practitioners, and all interested are welcome.

<u>PRAYER VIGIL</u> – Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

<u>DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR</u> – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C., Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D., Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.), Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P., Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P., & Rev. David Avila.

<u>VOCATION SEEDS</u> – 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, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com/Website: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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