

PARISH ANNIVERSARY
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PHOTO DIRECTORY

Let's make this a memorable 60th-65th anniversary edition. There are many new faces at church – it will be nice to be able to put a name to a face. Sign up early! You might be the winner of an early bird draw.

Photos will be taken in the parish office every 15 minutes on the following dates:

- Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 29, 2:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Photos will be taken in the parish hall every 15 minutes on the dates listed below.


There will be two cameras in action for these days.

- Monday, May 9 through Thursday, May 12, 2:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27, 2:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more information. On the weekend of April 2/3 bring your calendar and choose your photography date/time while enjoying some refreshments.

If you miss signing up next weekend, photography sign-ups will continue after all weekend Masses from now until June 1.

APRIL 2/3
**FIRST PHOTOGRAPHY SIGN-UP
 OPPORTUNITY AFTER ALL
 MASSES**
BONUS!
COFFEE WEEKEND 

 **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING – MARCH 30 AT 7:00 P.M.:** Although mental illness is still feared and misunderstood by many people, the fear disappears as people learn more about it. If you, or someone you know, has mental illness, there is good news: all mental illnesses can be treated! At this meeting, a “crisis nurse” will relay her interaction with people in our community who have various types of mental health issues. She has understanding of people in crisis, when it comes to addiction, suicide or abuse. Our second speaker is from the Alzheimer's Society of Canada who will speak about concerns around Alzheimer's and dementia. She will also provide ways for us to support our loved ones. All parishioners are welcome to this event which is a topic much in the news. Let us be more informed! Refreshments to follow.

INVITATION – COME JOIN THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXECUTIVE: Our Catholic Women's League executive invites you to consider joining us as an executive member effective May, 2016. We share faith, fun and friendship and provide events and speakers that are educational, fascinating and faith-filled for our members. What is the time commitment? Once a month we have an executive meeting and an event for ladies of the parish and their friends (excluding summer months). Full descriptions for all open positions are available: president/co-presidents (share this role with a friend), spiritual convenor, Christian family life and president-elect. Nominate yourself or a friend for one of the above executive positions via the form below. Place it in an envelope marked CWL and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office, by April 3.

Catholic Women's League Nomination Information:

Nominee's name: _____ Nominee's phone: _____
 Executive position: _____ Nominated by: _____

Each person nominated will be called, given the details of the position and invited to accept the nomination. For more information, call Rita Rittenhouse at 519-578-8239.



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| PASTOR: | Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes |
| DEACON: | Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang |
| SEMINARIAN: | Christopher Tracey |
| PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST: | Paula Rush |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: | Bette Honsinger
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. |
| SUNDAY MASSES: | Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community
Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I. |
| SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon |
| SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: | By appointment – please phone the parish office |
| BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS: | Last Sunday of each month after all Masses |
| ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: | Church door collections – last Sunday of each month |

Announced Mass intentions for the week of March 27 to April 2, 2016

- Monday.....**NO MASS**
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Marc Brault – Joan & Jack Cassidy
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m..... George Hickson – Marlene Hickson & Family
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bernadette McNamara – Rob & Theresa Donelson & Family
- Friday 8:30 a.m..... In Thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. John & Anna Miller; Agnes & Sydney Horton

WELCOME to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form either online or at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 13, 2016: \$6,083.85

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Share Lent collection 2015 total: \$18,390

Share Lent collection 2016 to date: \$10,078

WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

Easter message by Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

As Syrian refugees begin to settle into their new reality of life in Canada, stories of their journeys to this new land all have similar themes. Feeling under siege and faced with an uncertain future in the midst of war, many people were compelled to flee their land, their homes, their work, their education and all that seemed familiar in order to find new life.

We have been shocked by stories of thousands of families walking miles and miles to the borders of other countries to escape the destruction of war. We have heard of their existence in crowded refugee camps awaiting news about whether they would be accepted into other countries. We have been horrified by the suffering of young children separated from one or both of their parents because of brutality and even death.

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” This was the question asked of the women at the tomb that first Easter morning and it is something we must ask ourselves. It is a question that is perplexing because the answer seems obvious. Just as the story of Jesus’ death did not end at the tomb when the women found it empty, so too the story of the Syrian refugees does not end at the borders and in refugee camps. In fact, the story begins anew with the hope of the Resurrection.

The Apostles were skeptical of the news about what the women had discovered at the tomb. We too might question how well the refugee families are doing in their new land. Undoubtedly, they are grieving, having been stripped of the freedom to live in their own homeland and yet we see many signs that they are rebounding and making the best of their new reality.

This Easter, many refugee families are celebrating new life in their new homes. They are cared for and guided by the generosity, love and mercy of the many communities that have marshalled their resources to provide food, shelter and warm clothing for the men, women and children who have finally found a safe place to live among us. The signs of this new life are evident in the children who are playing in nearby parks and being welcomed by friends in their new schools. They are evident in the lives of the adults as they seek to learn a new language and to find meaningful employment. They are evident in the community suppers and special events that have been organized to welcome and support refugee families.

Easter calls us to look for life among the living with grateful and joyful hearts. Easter calls us to move beyond the tomb and share the good news of the Resurrection with one another. Easter calls us to courageously follow Jesus Christ, the risen one, and to boldly proclaim that out of darkness and suffering come new life.

In feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, and all the other ways by which we protect human dignity and reverence the sacredness of one another’s lives from conception to natural death, we proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus and participate in his saving redemption. We affirm our profound trust in the Father’s promise of new life. We join in the proclamation of the Good News of the Resurrection, *“He is not here, but has risen.”*

Happy Easter to you, your family and your loved ones!

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Following the Merciful Jesus

Earlier this month Bishop Gary Gordon led our parish in a three-day mission on the theme of “Walking in the Footsteps of the Merciful Jesus”. At Easter we reflect upon the Paschal Mystery that calls us to delve into questions that rise from our deepest part of our humanity: “Why are we here? Why is there evil in the world? How can we know God more fully?”

Each of us walks on our own journey exploring these questions of life but we journey neither alone nor without direction. When Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before his passion, he invited them to follow him. The apostle Thomas said: “Lord, we don’t know where you are going so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered him: “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

Our faith is not based solely on doctrine, discipline or religious practice. We follow a person. Jesus the Way – who will not lead us astray and gives us direction through our own life of prayer, scripture, joining in worship and church teaching. Jesus the Truth – who speaks clearly to our hearts and minds where there is so much deception and confusion in the world even in the basic issues of respect for human life from conception to natural death. Jesus is the Life – if we stay focused on him and give him pride of place in making decisions, we will understand the deep questions of life not as the world perceives them, but with eyes that have greater insight.

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, all are invited to spend some time to uncover where God is leading them. The empty tomb of Easter could be just that – an empty tomb – unless we dare to follow the footsteps of the Risen Christ as they lead from the tomb to transform our world and lives in hope of something beyond our sight.

Easter peace and blessings on you and your families.



Fr. Ted Hughes, Pastor

Easter Dinner Prayer

Lord,

As we gather together as family and friends
we invite you once again into our lives.

May the hope of your resurrection colour our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives.

May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

May the truth in your word guide our journeys,

And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together under your care,

we thank you for all the wonderful food that we can now enjoy,
and celebrate your glorious resurrection.

Thank you Lord.

Amen.

