



**EASTER SUNDAY of the  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

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## MASS INTENTIONS April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	Int. Elizabeth Pritchard & George – Anne Pritchard +Czeslaw & Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family
<b>Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	+Joseph Hachey – Eileen & Mary Longo
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	+Gerry Balm – Jane Brenner
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	Int. Anne Charters-Klaver- Cathy Vanzielegghem
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 5:00 p.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	+Andre Vanzielegghem – Lucille Vanzielegghem & Family +Alan Grundy – Grace, Kevin & Grundy Family +Joan & Bill Haid – The Haid Family Int. Maria Ferreira & Family
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	For Parishioners of St. Francis
11:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	+Philip Chow – Angela Chow & Family

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### **Monday**

*Office Closed for Easter Monday*

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

CGS Level II 4:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Seniors Gentle Exercise 2:30 pm

CGS Level 1 4:00 pm

#### **Thursday**

CGS Level 1 4:00 pm

### OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> for Easter Monday.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 23/24	\$5,365.05
<b>2024 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$65,167.40</b>
<b>2024 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$313,500.00</b>

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

- Mon. Apr. 1: **Rev. Piort Machnacki, S.A.C.**
- Tues. Apr. 2: **Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D**
- Wed. Apr. 3: **Oblates of Mary Immaculate O.M.I**
- Thu. Apr. 4: **Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P**
- Fri. Apr. 5: **Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.**
- Sat. Apr. 6: **Rev. David Avila**

### Note regarding the Passion Sunday and Good Friday Gospels

Every year during the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we hear references to “the Jews”. It is important for us as Christians to remember and to honour the close connections that we have with the Jewish people.

Jesus was a Jew, as were Mary and Joseph. The words we hear must not lead us to hatred, persecution or anti-Semitism directed against Jews. As *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council’s Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, teaches, “neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during Christ's passion.”

Let us repent our sins and recommit ourselves to opposing any and all forms of anti-Semitism.

# Happy Easter to all our Parishioners!

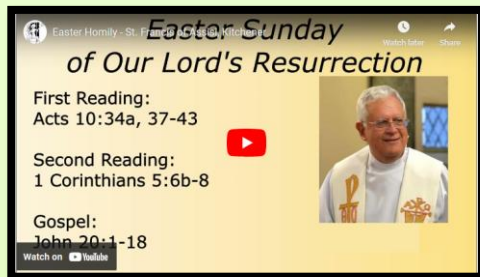
As we celebrate the completion of the Lord's Passion and the glory of His Resurrection, the parish team would like to wish all our parishioners, those who are joining us in person and those at home, a blessed, peaceful and hope-filled Easter!

May this Easter Season bring new life to us all!

**"We are a Christ-centered faith community, seeking to be instruments of God's peace."**

## **Easter Homily**

Click this picture for Fr. Paul's Easter homily.



## **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm

## **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am and 11:00 am  
Kerala Community Mass, 4:00 pm

## **Holy Week Online**

If you missed any of the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week you can go back and listen to Fr. Paul and Fr. Murray's homilies, as well as Ruthann's reflection on our website, [by clicking here.](#)

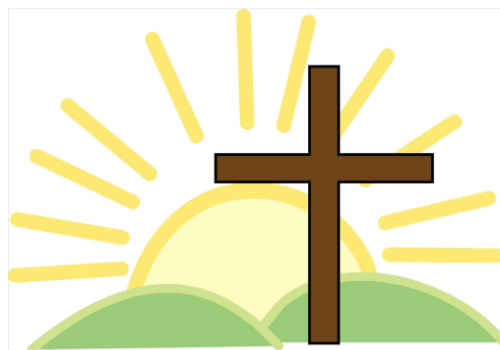
## **Congratulations and Welcome!**



We would like to extend a warm welcome and big congratulations to **Demitrik Gorasso!** This Easter, he was Confirmed into the Catholic Church and will now join us at the Table of the Lord!

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for the wonderful work they have done during the Easter season, from the music ministers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers, to those who decorated our church and helped to serve refreshments after the Easter Vigil. We cannot function as a community without volunteer help and we greatly appreciate all your efforts. Thank you!



## Holy Oil Presentation

At the Chrism Mass last Monday at the Cathedral of Christ the King, the Holy Oils used for the sacraments throughout the year are blessed by the Bishop and presented to each parish. On Holy Thursday, these oils will be presented to our pastor and kept in the Ambry until they are needed. Each oil has a special purpose. This year we will have volunteers with ties to one of the oils present them. The Oil of the Sick, used for anointing those who are ill, will be presented by **Bill Jeffrey**, who trains Eucharistic Ministers for ministry at St. Mary's Hospital and our homebound.

The Oil of Catechumens, used in the sacrament of Baptism, will be presented by **Molly Moyana** who was received into the church last May.

And the Oil of Chrism, used in the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders, will be presented by **Chase Wood**, a candidate from this year's Confirmation class.

## Mark your Calendars!

### Upcoming Events for the Laudato Si Team

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth day! In honour of this day, come and join our Laudato Si committee at Lakeside Park at 10 AM on April 13<sup>th</sup> to help cleanup. Meet near the swings and bring gloves. Garbage bags will be provided, and pizza will be available around noon.
- During the Season of Creation, September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>, we are thrilled to welcome a special guest speaker here at St. Francis. Leah Ressor-Keller will be here on Sunday September 15 at 2PM. More information will be printed in future bulletins. She is an exceptional speaker and we are pleased to have her come.

### Resurrectionist Vocation Minute

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

What it means to “set out” is going to look different for each one of us based on what is going on in our life right now and the choices we face. It won't be something we can control or predict. But if we are willing to set out, we will meet the Risen Jesus, just like the disciples, and we will become part of the Easter story today.

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## AROUND TOWN

**Looking for a House Cleaner** - St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes in Kitchener are looking for a part time House Cleaner (10 hours/week). Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position requires a commitment to work the required hours with some flexibility when needed. Primary responsibilities include cleaning of the Rectories, washrooms, and office spaces, and any additional duties that may be assigned by the Pastor from time to time. Please visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities/) for more information.

**Retirement Living** - Are you looking to retire in a Catholic environment this Spring? Then come and visit the Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, owned and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. For more information please email [info@marianresidence.ca](mailto:info@marianresidence.ca) and also watch our new video: <https://tinyurl.com/ek26rw9n>.

**Parenting Tip of the Month** - Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. Even in the teen years, when peers become so important, parents are still influencing their children in almost every way. As their role model, it is important to ask yourself if what your children are seeing and hearing from you is how you would like them to act and speak. Do you speak kindly to family, friends and strangers? Do you limit the amount of time you engage on your phone and/or tablet/computer? Do you show them that you rely on God through prayer, attending Mass and talking about times God has helped you through? Your children are watching you to know how to act and behave, so look inward at how you act and speak and be sure you are the person you want your child to become.

**Marriage Tip of the Month** - When we marry, we gain a spouse and his or her family. It is essential that we agree to ensure that we, as a couple, have the most important connection and that we remain united as a family unit when stresses with extended family arise. This means coming to agreement with each other on items such as how to celebrate holidays and traditions, the raising of children and other areas that directly impact us as a couple, even when family wants to have input. Our families can provide wonderful support to our marriage, but we must remember that the essential relationship is between our spouse and ourselves.