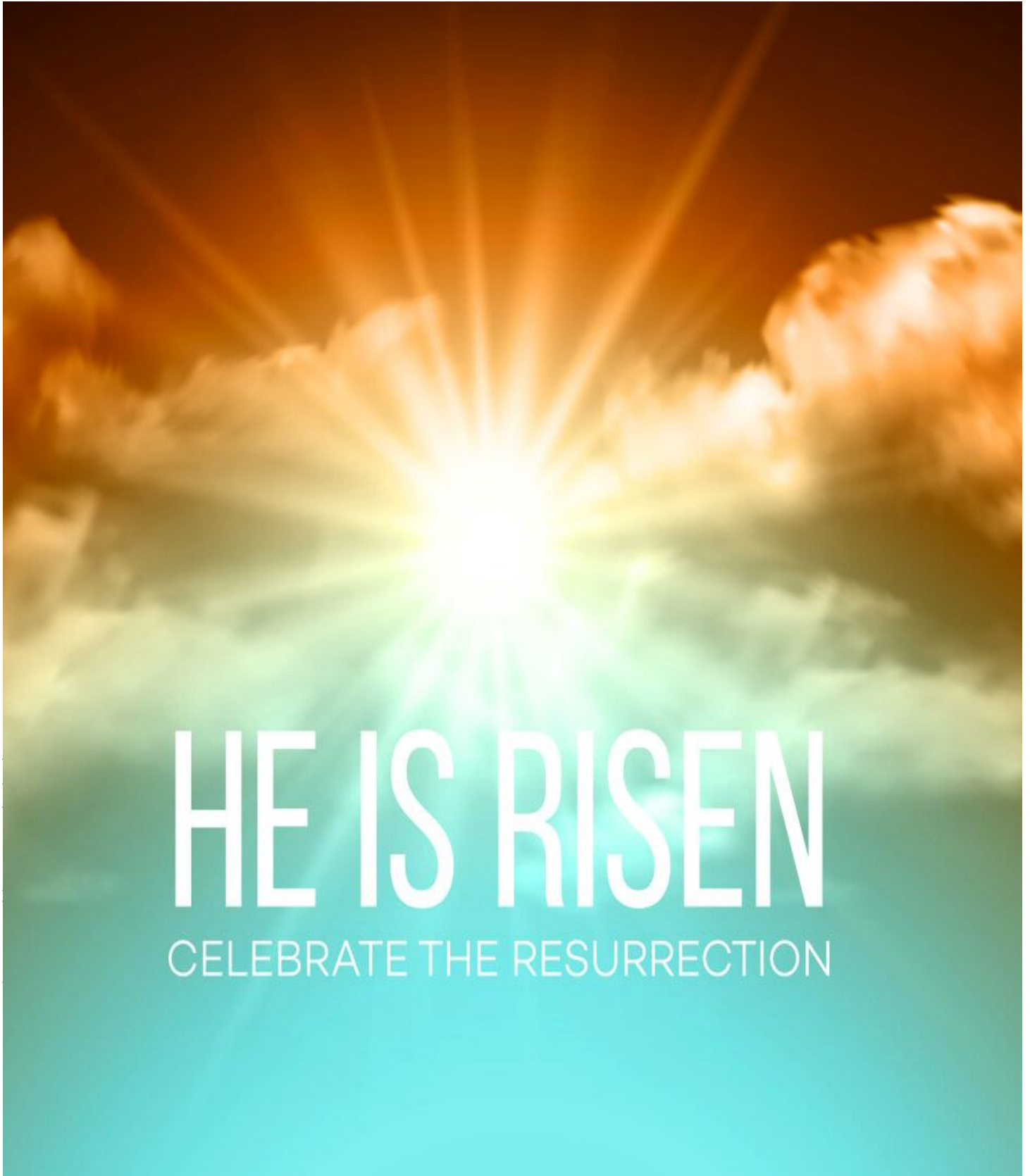


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Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



HE IS RISEN

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Easter Sunday



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**HAPPY EASTER FROM
COUNCIL 4916**

He is Risen!

Msgr. Paul J. Meyer

Council 4916 wishes all our fellow parishioners and their families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

Holy Thursday, April 2 Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 pm + Joan McGinnis
For the healing of Amanda Rose
For Conversion of Hearts

9pm—11pm—Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist

Good Friday, April 3

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

2:00 pm Passion of the Lord - Fr. Higgins

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross - Deacon Neil

Holy Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil

Msgr. Noon, Fr. Khalid, Deacon Neil

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

12:00 noon Blessing of Easter Foods

7:00 pm + Mary Oberle
Int. of Margarita Molina
Int. Celina Goncalves
For the Healing of Amanda Rose

Easter Sunday April 5

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

10:00 am Int. of all Parishioners

Monday, April 6

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday, April 7

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 pm + Joan McGinnis
+ Antonio, Virginia, Emilia and Maria Reis
+ David Whitehead
+ Zephrah Silverthorn
Int. of Wayne Whitehead & Family

Wednesday, April 8—through Friday, April 10th

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

NO MASSES — Wednesday Thursday or Friday

Saturday, April 11

9:00 am Divine Mercy Novena

5:00 pm + Ralph Bendus
+ Antonio Pereira
+ Rosanna Morretti
+ Joan McGinnis
+ Maria Vollmer & Family
+ Tommaso, Deodata & Bruno Sicuro

Sunday, April 12

10:00am Int. of all Parishioners

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Feast

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

The Serra Mass on Thursday, April 9th will be at 9:00 AM. There will be no Holy Hour. St. Agnes Eritrean Community will be using the facilities all day to celebrate Holy Thursday.

Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 pm.

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Disposing of Palms: We are to treat all items that are blessed with reverence. This includes: palms, bibles, rosaries, medals, statues, images, icons, and liturgical items.

The practice of the Church has been to dispose of these items in a reverent way when necessary. This can be done in one of two ways. 1) burn the item completely (palms can be brought to the church for disposal if needed) 2) bury items reverently in the ground in a place which will be undisturbed.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - **Thursday, April 9, from 10:00am to 11:00am** 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. Contact Cathy at: cmlamers@rogers.com

Pope Leo XIV prays for leaders of wars to 'abandon projects of death' in peace prayer video at www.catholicregister.org

April 5, 2026



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“Let us ask, then, for the grace to recognize His humble and gentle presence, not to demand a life without trials, but to discover that every sorrow, if inhabited by love, can become a place of communion.”

Pope Leo XIV, October 2025 General Audience

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

Join us for our March screening of **Living on One Dollar**. Four college students from the United States travelled to rural Guatemala to live on just \$1 a day for two months. They battled hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers to solving extreme poverty. Yet, the generosity and strength of their neighbours left them a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? Watch the film any time once you receive the link on **March 26th**. Registration required. View our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

To Whomever took the two white baskets: Please return them. These baskets are used for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. We miss them. Please return!!

Easter—the victory of life over death and hope over despair. I like to call the gospel passage from John as the **“running Gospel.”** Mary Magdalene runs to tell the disciples, and then Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb. There is urgency, confusion, and longing. But each one is **seeking something different**—Mary thinks the body is taken, Peter is trying to understand, and the beloved disciple is quietly searching for meaning. When they enter the tomb, they notice a strange detail: the burial cloths are lying there, and the face cloth is folded separately. This is deeply significant. If someone had stolen the body, they would not have taken time to arrange the cloths. These signs point to something extraordinary—Jesus has not been taken; **He has risen**. Death has been left behind, neatly folded, with no power over Him anymore. Then comes the turning point: the beloved disciple **saw and believed.** He does not yet understand everything, but he takes a step of faith. This is the beginning of Easter—faith born not from complete clarity, but from trust in what God is doing. Easter is a journey. Like the disciples, we run with questions, doubts, and different expectations. Sometimes we are like Mary—confused; sometimes like Peter—searching; and sometimes we are invited to be like the beloved disciple—to see and believe. The empty tomb is not just a sign of absence, but of new life. It calls us to move from fear to faith. Not just the celebration of an empty tomb—it is the announcement that nothing in our lives is ever truly “finished” in God’s hands.

It tells us that God can take our worst moments—failure, suffering, even death—and quietly turn them into new beginnings.

Easter is the courage to believe that hope is still alive, even when everything around us seems lost.

As we celebrate Easter, let us not stop at the empty tomb, but move forward as witnesses of the risen Lord. **Today, take one step—choose hope over fear, love over indifference, and be a light in someone’s darkness. Easter is not a standing still faith—it is a running faith.** The tomb is empty... now it is our turn to run and share the Good News. May God bless us all.

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