

Reflection on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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Mass Intentions
April 15, 2024 – April 21, 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Group Intentions
+ **Guy Bergeron** – *Ann & Mike Onn*
+ **Berny Tenbult** – *Ann & Mike Onn*

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Delmar Ferreira** – *Citelia Ferreira*

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Friday, April 19, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Frank and Rose Lehmann**

Saturday, April 20, 2024
9:00 a.m. – + **Ludwig Ceh** – *Family*
5:00 p.m. – + **Maria Porco** – *Dora Vizza*

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

April 15 – Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
April 16 – Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J.
April 17 – **St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada**
April 18 – Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
April 19 – Rev. David Wilhelm
April 20 – Rev. Scott Whitfield
April 21 – **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vocations
Third Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who wish to plan First Communion for public school students, please contact the parish office to schedule the First Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Stefano Lee.

Coffee Sunday

Coffee Sunday will take place on this Sunday, April 14th after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us and meet fellow parishioners, old and new!

Baptisms

On Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:
Makenna Kreis,
daughter of
Nolan Kreis and Kimberly Kreis

Congratulations on your Baptism, Makenna!

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On Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m., through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome:
Lucas Joseph Martins,
son of
Jonathan Martins and Zena Martins

Congratulations on your Baptism, Lucas Joseph!

First Communion Interviews with Families

First Communion interviews with First Communion students and their families will take place in April and May. A letter to parents has been sent out shortly with more details. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Confirmation – May 15th, 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Very Reverend Monsignor Murry Kreotsch, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton will preside at the celebration. Prior to Confirmation, **there will a retreat and rehearsal on May 8th, 2024** in the church of St. Teresa of Avila at 7:00 PM. It is necessary to attend these events before Confirmation. For any questions, please contact the parish office.

St. Teresa Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Teresa's prayer shawl ministry has been active for almost 15 years. The pastor-blessed prayer shawls made by a group of women who knitted and crocheted the prayer shawls. We pray for the person who will receive the prayer shawl as we make the shawls at home and at a monthly meeting where we prayed the rosary and socialized. We give prayer shawls to anyone who might want one, to shut-ins we visit, to those who are sick. If you know anyone who would like a prayer shawl, please contact us at (519) 578-2019 and leave a message. We also give a prayer blanket when a baby is baptised.

Stewardship Report – April 7th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$3,000.05
Votives.....	\$ 30.90
Flowers.....	\$ 100.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 205.00
Easter.....	\$ 770.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 35.00
Share Lent.....	\$ 20.00
Pope's Pastoral Works.....	\$ 5.00

DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Clergy Appointments

The 2024 clergy pastoral appointments have been published by the Hamilton Diocese. Please see the bulletin board at the back of the church for the list.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Hamilton Diocese Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1:30 PM. Please see the Hamilton Diocese website for details and to register. You will also be able to register at the parish.

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, CanadaHelps and Interac e-Transfer.

Pre-Authorized Giving – A digital copy of the form can be found on our parish website or call the parish office. Simply print the form, complete it and return it to the Parish Office.

E-Transfer – To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:
stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps – To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit canadahelps.org You can access our parish directly by following this link:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>
Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Wisdom of the Saints

“If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light.”
-- *St. John XXIII*

“They who trust in themselves are lost. They who trust in God can do all things.”
-- *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
April 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the role of women during the month of April.