

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

238 Main St. N., Rockwood, On N0B 2K0 Phone: 519-856-4711 FAX 519-856-2331
Parish Office Email: office@sacredheartrockwood.ca
Website: sacredheartrockwood.ca

The Resurrection of the Lord: EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

Mass Times

Saturday 6:00 pm St. Peter's Mission
Sunday 9:00 am Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Sacred Heart School

DAILY: Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Thurs. No Mass
Friday 8:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 5:30pm to 5:45pm (St. Peter's)
Sunday 8:30am to 8:45am
and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 pm to Friday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

(APRIL 18th TO APRIL 23th)

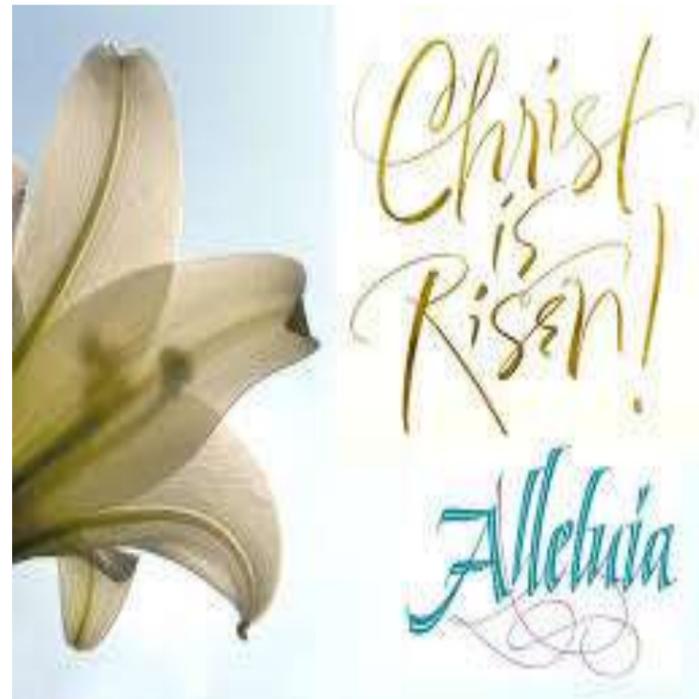
Tuesday 7:00 pm Intention of Donor
Wednesday 9:15 am at Sacred Heart School
Friday 8:00 am Intention of Donor

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9:00 am † Luigi Muia: Muia Family
11:00 am For the People

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Mark Morley
pastor@sacredheartrockwood.ca



Gospel Quotation:

**"I have risen,
and I am with you
still."**

2017 Easter message

by the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.,

Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the light of Christ which we carry, filled with hope, into a world of darkness and uncertainty. In the shadow of the Sainte-Foy massacre this past February, with tensions escalating between nuclear powers and refugees on the move, the invocation of hope seems premature to some and dangerously naïve to others. More personally, the spirits of some may be dampened this Easter by illness, bereavement, family breakdown, addiction, and unemployment. When hope begins to slip away, fear takes its place and we are robbed of peace.

Easter is meant to leave us with a very different sense of the present and the future. It offers a reality that is full of joy. Easter proclaims that fear and terror and death are not the end of the story. Indeed, the prayers of the Easter Vigil are unequivocal in the assurance they convey: "If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God." (Roman Missal: The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle)

When life has let us down or when old struggles are succeeded by new ones, we may find it challenging to trust in the victory of God. This is the reality for many people, even those who have unremittingly devoted themselves to the love of God and neighbour. Saint Mother Teresa offers a sobering reminder of this in her private writings. The loss of hope for some can even lead to a sense of bitterness or a feeling of God's betrayal.

As with the sudden blast of a trumpet, Easter interrupts this downward spiral with the unexpected: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24.5). This paradoxical question was posed to the three women who arrived at the empty tomb at early dawn on the first day of the week. What they eventually discovered could not be predicted from life's natural cycles; for just as old age is not followed by youth, so Jesus' death could not naturally be followed by life.

But there is nothing natural about the Resurrection. It is an event in which time and nature are themselves turned upside down and inside out. Only as an act of God is the Resurrection possible; and like all acts of God, it is a wakeup call to each of us, that God who raises the dead is more real, more powerful than any crisis or setback we can ever encounter.

For all of us standing at the empty tomb – whatever the circumstances – there is unfathomable hope. There is hope for those on the peripheries of society; hope for governments and leaders; hope for the Church in this time of purification and renewal, hope for you and for me striving to lead a holy life (cf. Jeremiah 29.11).

This Easter, with our hearts lit by the unquenchable fire of God's love, we are asked to entrust ourselves to Christ's care as we hope in the divine power that "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty." (Roman Missal, Longer Form of the Easter Proclamation)

To each of you, I wish to extend my prayers and blessings for a hope-filled Easter Season.

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI

PARISH UPDATES

TRANSFER OF ST. PETER'S MISSION: This past Monday, Bishop Crosby announced that St. Peter's Mission in Oustic will be transferred to St. John Brebeuf Parish in Erin on June 28th with Fr. Don Sanvido as the new pastor. I spoke with the Bishop before the Chrism Mass and he assured me that Fr. Don plans to celebrate Mass at St. Peter's on Sunday, rather than the current Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Fr. Don is a native of Guelph. He is coming from St. Mark's Parish in Kitchener. I know him well from my time as a pastor in Kitchener. Our parishes bordered each other. I look forward to working with him again. I'm sure he will serve St. Peter's very well. More information will be published as it becomes available.

Fr. Mark Morley

CHAPLAIN TO CAMP BREBEUF: On Monday, Bishop Crosby announced that I have been assigned as Chaplain to Camp Brebeuf. From the time I arrived in the parish I have enjoyed collaborating with the staff on occasion. I look forward working with them and serving the youth of our Diocese. This was something I envisioned possibly happening down the road if and when a new church were to be built on the hill that would serve both the parish and the youth at the camp. In God's providence, it happened sooner than I expected. Please pray for me as I begin this new ministry in addition to being pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Chaplain to the University of Guelph.

Fr. Mark Morley

UPDATED - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Reminder, the church is open continuously from Tuesday evening 7:00 pm mass until Friday morning 8:00 am Mass, for our scheduled hours of Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and of course for anyone wishing to spend some time that suits them. We are presently in need to have regular participants for the hours of 11-12 midnight on Tuesday's and 1-3 am on Fridays.

Call Jane Hosdil for further information at 519-856-2398. Thank you.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TO OTTAWA: The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a bus to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday May 11 for the annual March for Life. Join over 25,000 people who have the courage to stand up in front of our Canadian Government and protest the annual loss of over 200,000 unborn Canadian children.

Tickets are \$ 20 on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information and/or to reserve your seat. Call, David Bell: at 519-856-0716 OR Charles Vince: at 519-856-4219.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON 2017 YOUTH RALLY: Registration is now OPEN! Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to participate in the Youth Rally taking place at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood on Saturday June 3rd, 2017. The day will focus on our theme "All are Welcome". The day will consist of a keynote address, workshops, Celebration of the Eucharist, fellowship and fun! Registration is \$20.00 per person. Please visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally/> for more details. Registration will close May 1st, 2017.

This Week's Events
April
17 Rosary for Peace - Sacred Heart 7:00pm
18 Tuesday MASS - 7:00pm
19 Mass Sacred Heart School 9:15am
Euchre Matinee: (1:00 pm Coulson Hall)
21 Seniors' Program at Rockwood Library (11:30am to 1:30pm)
Next Catechism Class Date
May 3 at Coulson Hall - 6:45pm

EASTER BLESSINGS
Jesus Christ is Risen! I would like to thank all the ministers, including music ministers, altar servers and volunteers from both faith communities who contributed to our Triduum Liturgies and Easter Sunday Masses. Both churches were beautifully decorated and well attended. I would also like to thank of all you who participated in our celebrations, especially the young person who was baptized at the Easter Vigil. I have been blessed by our Easter celebrations and pray in turn that the Season of Easter may continue to be a blessing for you and your families.
Fr. Mark Morley

PLAYPEN FOR LIFE DRIVE
I would like to thank all who participated in the Playpen For Life Drive on behalf of Michael House. A small token means so much to those who are in need. May God bless your generosity.
Mary Spiteri

Prayer Calendar for Priests
Every day, in our diocese we are invited to pray for a priest serving in our parishes
Mon. - Rev. Mark Morley
Tues. - Rev. Adrian Lee
Wed. - Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thurs. - Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Fri. - Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R.
Sat. - Rev. J. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.