



**COMMENT ON READINGS**

Today's liturgy of the word fills us with Easter joy. Reading from the Acts of the Apostles cites St. Peter's speech to the Jews, which is a joyful testimony of Jesus' resurrection. In his First Letter, Saint John invites us to change our lives so that we do not waste God's grace, which we have been endowed with the Sacrifice of Christ. The Gospel contains Luke's description of the meeting between the disciples and the resurrected Jesus. He explains everything to them so that they can bear witness to what they are witnessing.

**PASTORAL MESSAGES**

1. We are a pilgrim Church on the way to our heavenly homeland. Jesus Christ gathers us for the Eucharistic feast, explains the scriptures to us, in sacramental signs he becomes food himself, so that we do not stop on our way. In the beginning of Biblical Week, let us ask God, especially, to allow us to love and understand the Scriptures even more. Let's spend a little more time this week on reading the Bible.

- 2. This week's patron is:  
– On Friday 23 April – St. Wojciech (956-997), Bishop and Martyr, Chief Patron of Poland.
- 3. We wish all those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week an abundance of God's graces and the care of the Blessed Mother for every day. Have a nice and blessed Sunday.

**IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS**

- Monday 04-19** - Rev. Christopher Tracey
- Tuesday 04-20** - Rev. Mark Morley
- Wednesday 04-21** - Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
- Thursday 04-22** - Rev. George Nowak, C. R. .
- Friday 04-23** - Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
- Saturday 04-24** - Rev. Charles Galea

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 18, 2021**

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. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

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**Sunday 04-18**

- 10:00a.m. +Siegfred Severino
- 12:00 p.m. +Edmund Sienkowski & zmarli z rodziny Sienkowski
- 7:00 p.m. God's blessings & all necessary graces for Teresa

**Monday 04-19**

- 8:15a.m. +Lucia Gobbi
- 8:15a.m. James Mandl, God's blessings

**Tuesday 04-20**

- 7:00p.m. Zawada Family, God's blessings
- 7:00p.m. +Jerzy Jozefczuk

**Wednesday 04-21**

- 8:15a.m. 1.) Peter Mandl, God's blessings
- 2.) +George Luccisano

**Thursday 04-22**

- 7:00p.m. 1.) +Alicja Nadstawna
- 2.) God's blessings for Holly & her parents

**Friday 04-23**

- 8:15a.m. Feast of St. Georgio
- 7:00p.m. +Stanislaw Konopka

**Saturday 04-24**

- 8:15a.m. +Genoveffa Conte
- 7:00p.m. Iole & Olivio Cazzola- 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday 04-25**

- 10:00a.m. +Angelo Bolzon
- 12:00 p.m. +Czeslaw Przestrzelski
- 7:00 p.m. +Frank Fantin

**LITURGICAL SERVERS**

- Saturday 04-17 7:00 p.m. –altar servers**  
-Lector: D.Seitz  
- E.O.M: T.Heffernen
- Sunday 04-18 10:00 a.m. - altar servers:**  
-lector: C.Maiocco  
- E. O. M.: A.M.Maiocco
- Sunday 04-18 12:00p.m. – ministranci**  
- Lektor: J.Zylkowska  
- Kolektorzy: M.Babol, G.Ruksc
- Sunday 04-18 7:00p.m. – altar servers:**  
- lector: A.Percic  
- E.O.M.: A. Marchione-Faragher

**APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sunday 18** - Third Sunday of Easter  
- St. George Memorial Mass at 10:00 am
- Wednesday 21** - 21. Anselm, Opt. Mem.
- Friday 23** - Feast of Saint George; St. Adalbert ,Opt. Mem
- Saturday 24** - St. Fidelis ,Opt. Mem.
- Sunday 25** - Fourth Sunday of Easter
- Thursday 29** - Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna
- Friday 30** - Saint Pius V, Pope

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 2,966.80</b>
<b>Easter Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Needs of Canadian Church:</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Share Lent:</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 1,893.00</b>

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS**

**FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE – APRIL 23**



Veneration of St. George comes from the east, probably from Palestine where he was held in high honor as a martyr. Regarded as the patron of Christian armies, he is venerated under this title by the Latins as well as by the Greeks. In England this feast is a solemnity. When the celebration falls in the Easter Triduum, on a Sunday of Easter, or in the Easter Octave it is transferred to the next available day — generally the Monday of the Second Week of Easter.

**Saint George and the dragon**

The best known form of the legend of St. George and the Dragon is that made popular by the "Legenda Aurea", and translated into English by Caxton. According to this, a terrible dragon had ravaged all the country round a city of Libya, called Selena, making its lair in a marshy swamp. Its breath caused pestilence whenever it approached the town, so the people gave the monster two sheep every day to satisfy its hunger, but, when the sheep failed, a human victim was necessary and lots were drawn to determine the victim. On one occasion the lot fell to the king's little daughter. The king offered all his wealth to purchase a substitute, but the people had pledged themselves that no

substitutes should be allowed, and so the maiden, dressed as a bride, was led to the marsh. There St. George chanced to ride by, and asked the maiden what she did, but she bade him leave her lest he also might perish. The good knight stayed, however, and, when the dragon appeared, St. George, making the sign of the cross, bravely attacked it and transfixing it with his lance. Then asking the maiden for her girdle (an incident in the story which may possibly have something to do with St. George's selection as patron of the Order of the Garter), he bound it round the neck of the monster, and thereupon the princess was able to lead it like a lamb. They then returned to the city, where St. George bade the people have no fear but only be baptized, after which he cut off the dragon's head and the townsfolk were all converted. The king would have given George half his kingdom, but the saint replied that he must ride on, bidding the king meanwhile take good care of God's churches, honour the clergy, and have pity on the poor. The earliest reference to any such episode in art is probably to be found in an old Roman tombstone at Conisborough in Yorkshire, considered to belong to the first half of the twelfth century. Here the princess is depicted as already in the dragon's clutches, while an abbot stands by and blesses the rescuer.

**LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH**

<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>	<b>Christ, have mercy.</b>
<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>

**Christ, hear us.** **Christ, graciously hear us.**

<b>God the Father of Heaven</b>	<b>have mercy on us.</b>
<b>God the Son, Redeemer of the World</b>	<b>have mercy on us.</b>
<b>God the Holy Spirit</b>	<b>have mercy on us.</b>
<b>Holy Trinity, One God</b>	<b>have mercy on us.</b>

<b>Holy Mary</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Saint Joseph</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Noble Offspring of David</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Light of Patriarchs</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Spouse of the Mother of God</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Chaste Guardian of the Virgin</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Foster-Father of the Son of God</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Zealous Defender of Christ</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Head of the Holy Family</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Just</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Chaste</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Prudent</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Courageous</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Obedient</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Joseph Most Faithful</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Mirror Of Patience</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Lover Of Poverty</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Model Of Workmen</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Glory Of Domestic Life</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Guardian Of Virgins</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Pillar Of Families</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Comfort Of The Afflicted</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Hope Of The Sick</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Patron Of The Dying</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Terror Of Demons</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>
<b>Protector Of The Holy Church</b>	<b>pray for us.</b>

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Lord.**

**V. He made him the lord of his household**

**R. And prince over all his possessions.**

**Let us pray.** O God, who, in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother; grant us the favour of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You, who live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.** **Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

**ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN**

Wow, what a week for Sacred Heart -- seven new gifts/pledges totaling \$58,000! That means our overall totals have leaped to 45 gifts and \$142,290. That's 63% of our minimum goal of \$225,000 and 59% of our higher goal of \$240,000. And that's with just a 15% participation rate. Please help the parish reach the goal and earn that \$45,000 in matching money from the campaign. **Thank you** to all who have made a contribution.