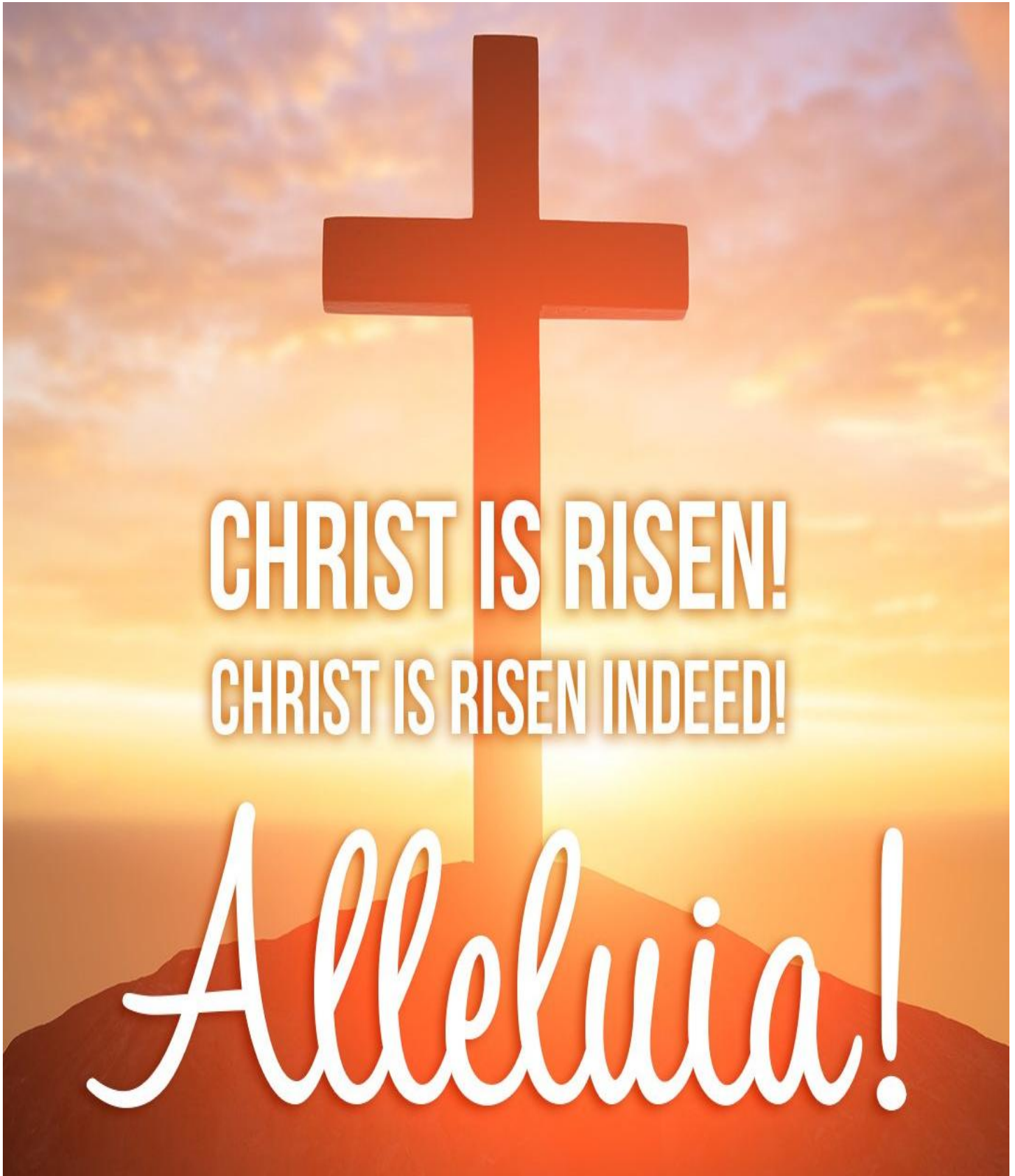


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 5, 2026 – Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

On this blessed Easter day, we rejoice in the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. The empty tomb stands as a powerful sign that God is faithful to His promises and that His love is stronger than anything we may face. No matter what burdens we carry or what struggles weigh on our hearts, the Resurrection reminds us that we are never alone and never without hope.

The Resurrection of Jesus is not only a truth we celebrate today—it is a living reality that gives direction, meaning, and hope to our daily lives. It assures us that our lives are not without purpose, that our choices matter, and that God is at work even in the ordinary moments of each day. In Christ, we find the path to follow, the strength to persevere, and the hope that carries us forward.

The Risen Christ comes to us with words of peace: “Do not be afraid.” He meets us in our joys and in our wounds, bringing healing, forgiveness, and new life. Whatever may seem lost or broken in our lives, God has the power to restore. Easter assures us that every Good Friday leads to new life, and that even in our darkest moments, the light of Christ is already shining.

As we celebrate this great feast, we are invited not only to rejoice but to live as people of the Resurrection. Let us carry Christ’s light into our homes, our families, and our community. Let us be signs of hope through acts of kindness, compassion, and faith. In a world that longs for peace and meaning, our lives can proclaim the joyful truth that Christ is alive.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones and fill your hearts with His peace. May He strengthen your faith, renew your spirit, and guide you always in His love.

Christ is Risen—Alleluia!

In Christ, *Fr. Francis*



8:00am Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Intentions of Gail Beda

† Loretta Santimano D’Souza

8:00am Wed, April 8, 2026

Intentions of Zdzislaw Stencel

† Antonette Mendes

8:00am Thursday, April 9, 2026

† Philomena Fernandes

† Mr. Joe Barretto

8:00am Friday, April 10, 2026

Intentions of Mary Hroncek

Intentions of the Angelus Family

5:00pm Saturday, April 11, 2026

Intentions of Mary Hroncek

† Andrea Brode

† Terrance Killen

9:00am Sunday, April 12, 2026

People of St. Thomas the Apostle

11:30am Sunday, April 12, 2026

Intentions of Wendy Bodsworth

† Yvan Touchette

† Mrs. Antonette Mendes

**The Feast
of the Divine Mercy**

will be celebrated
on Sunday, April 12th

2:30pm

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

3:00pm

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy
& Veneration of Image**

3:30pm

Holy Mass

**Confessions available throughout
Adoration. Fellowship to follow
Mass. All are welcome.**

The Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy- April 12, 2026 – Year A

Mass Intentions – April 14 – April 19, 2026		
Tuesday	8:00 am	Intentions of Paul & Juanita Malysa
Wednesday	8:00 am	Intentions of Mecheala Pienczykowski (exam) † Kelsey Goldade
Thursday	8:00pm	† Frank Murphy
Friday	8:00 am	† Anna & Frank Beda
Saturday	5:00 pm	Intentions of Carol Andree † Mary Walter † Yosida Hasim † Moira Bryson
Sunday	9:00 am	Mass for the People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	† Ralph Naccarato † Sylvia Djumlin † John Raposo

Scrap Metal Drive



The Knight of Columbus have arranged to have a large industrial bin put in back church parking lot in **MAY**. Please consider loading it up with your old metal appliances, furniture, garden equipment or anything of high metal content.

Help support our efforts with your contributions.

The CWL is hosting their 3rd annual HIGH TEA!

Sunday, May 3rd, 1:30pm
Tickets \$50/person

We've always SOLD OUT so don't wait & get your tickets! Please email:
stthomaswaterdowncwl@gmail.com



SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

Spring Social

AMAZING FOOD
Catering by Luigi's

GREAT COMPANY

LIVE MUSIC
the Centre Rd. Band,
featuring **Deacon Mark**
& Special Guest,
Nancy Bodsworth!

... tickets available by emailing the Parish.

Please support **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** Hamilton Council Annual Lottery Ticket Draw
1st Prize \$2000.00
2nd Prize \$1000.00
4 prizes of \$500.00

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
See any team member for tickets!

Prayer for Vocations

APRIL 2026

"Prayer to the Lord of the Harvest"

God, source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.	2 <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	3 <i>The Passion of the Lord</i>	4 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
5 <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	6 Rev. Andrew Quarshie	7 Rev. Ronald Voisin	8 Jesuit Fathers, S.J.	9 Rev. George Nowak, C.R.	10 Rev. Richard Dordunu	11 Rev. Donald Sanvido
12 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	13 Rev. Ross Campbell	14 Most Rev. Joseph A. Dabrowski, C.S.M.A	15 Permanent Deacons	16 Grandparents & the Elderly	17 Rev. Moices Caballero	18 Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
19 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	20 Rev. Robert Sims	21 Rev. Jason Kuntz	22 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.	23 Rev. Edward Hinsperger	24 Rev. Msgr. David Reilander	25 Rev. Matthew Durham
26 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	27 Rev. Robert Kiffman	28 Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.	29 Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A. <i>Vocations Recognition Dinner</i>	30 Rev. Alberto Ferreira		