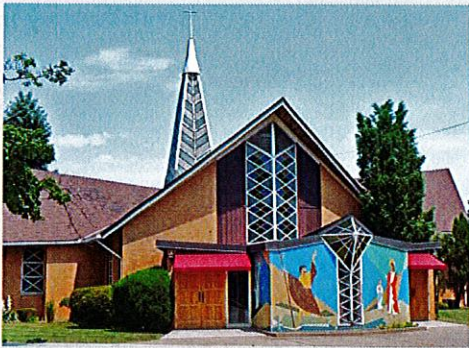


**APRIL 7 , 2024**



**WELCOME** to all who have come to worship and pray with us this weekend. We are glad you are here!

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr. Kevin Upendran, Administrator  
Fr. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba  
Lisa White, Office Administrator  
David Mclsaac, Music Director

All Masses have been cancelled until further notice. Parishioners are invited to attend St. Eugene Parish.

For information on Baptism, please contact the office.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday and Thursday  
1 pm to 5pm  
Friday 9am to 5pm

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH IS DEDICATED TO WELCOMING EVERYONE TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST, GROW IN FAITH AND SHARE OUR GIFTS.

### Sacraments and Pastoral Services

**Baptism:** Parents must fill out a Baptismal Registration Form and attend the Baptismal Preparation meeting.

**Marriage:** Contact us at least one year in advance. Marriage Preparation course must be completed.

**Car or Home blessings, Communion to the Homebound:** Priest or Minister will visit the home.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For those who will be undergoing surgery, are very ill, or are near death.

**Funeral:** Contact us as soon as possible to plan Vigil Prayers, Funeral Mass and Burial.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## St. Eugene Parish

232 Queenston Road  
(corner of Queenston and Parkdale)

## St. Eugene Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 11:00 am  
Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:30 am  
Thursday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 9:00 am

Please note that donation envelopes placed in the collection at St. Eugene will be returned to St. John for deposit.

## Confession at St. Eugene

Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm  
Tuesday 6:30 pm

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Tuesday	Rev. Edward Pierre Luc, S.J.
Wednesday	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Protectress of Canada
Thursday	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Friday	Rev. David Wilhelm
Saturday	Rev. Scott Whitfield

## PARISH HALL RENTALS

For those looking for an alternate venue when hosting events. The cost is \$300 plus insurance (we can provide a website link). Regular parishioners may be eligible to receive a discounted rate. Please contact the office.



**Marian Ignatian Shrines Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and Lourdes**  
Celebrating the Final Apparition of Fatima

Led by Fr. Kevin Upendran  
Oct 11 to Oct 23, 2024



Join us for a special information session with Fr. Upendran and Liz from Connaissance Travel and Tours on Sunday April 14 at 1:00 pm at St. Eugene Church



Thank you  
for your Support.  
God bless you!

## COLLECTIONS for April 7

Sunday Offerings	\$ 800
Easter	\$ 60
Good Friday	\$ 20
Average weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 539.40

Scan the QR code to donate through the Canada Helps website.



Amount donated in March through Canada Helps \$635.83

# Plant and Yard Sale

Perennial and Annual Plants



Yard Sale

Crafts, Baking and Draws

**St. John the Baptist Church Hall**

King & Edgemont St. 5  
Hamilton L8K 2H8  
(905) 544-2100

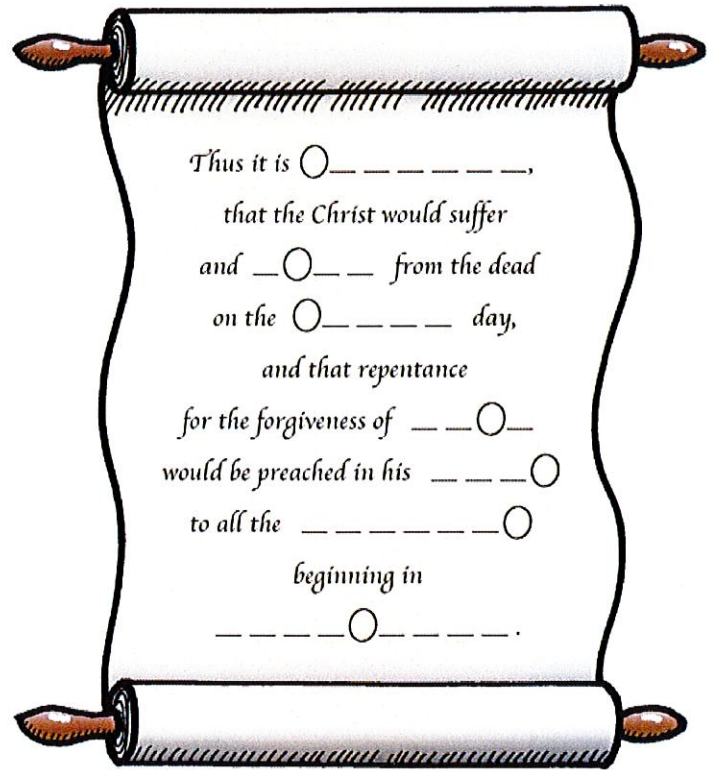
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 8pm  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 12

Proceeds to  
**WELLS OF HOPE**  
and St. John Parish

Youth Corner  
thekidsbulletin.com

## An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks.  
Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus wants you to be His

\_\_\_\_\_ to the world!

JERUSALEM    THIRD    NAME  
WRITTEN    NATIONS    SINS    RISE



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Hamilton/Hamilton West Councils

**Do you want to help people in need?  
Do you want to put your Faith into Action?**

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul  
needs your support!

**Lottery Tickets are now being sold** after Mass at the  
Church entrances, or from John van der Zalm  
or the St. John Parish Office.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Top prize is \$2000! Additional prizes totalling \$3000!

**Dinner Dance taking place Friday May 31**

from 5:30 to 11 pm at Michelangelo Banquet Centre  
(1555 Upper Ottawa St)

Tickets are \$80 each and can be purchased online or  
through your Parish Representative.

<https://ssvphamiltonpc.org/>



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES  
of the Diocese of Hamilton

**The Spring Memorial Mass  
at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

in Burlington will take place  
on Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 am.

The principal celebrant will be  
Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI,  
Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

## Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday April 14 1:00 pm	Information Session on Pilgrimage to Portugal <b>at St. Eugene Church</b>
Thurs. April 18 6:30 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting St. John Parish Hall
Sat. April 20 9 - 1 pm	Craft Group St. John Parish Hall
Fri. April 26	St John Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul at DeMazenod Door
Fri. April 26 6:30 pm	Movie Night St. John Parish Hall
Fri. April 26 7:00 pm	SJB Confirmation <b>at St Eugene Church</b>
Sun. April 28 3:00 pm	TENTATIVE Kaleidoscope Singers

A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WILL MARK THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of



Quebec. The pilgrimage from the Diocese of Hamilton will take place from July 13 to July 17, 2024. It will include a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica in Quebec City and the Holy Door and visits to the sites made famous by the sainted founders of the Canadian Church. Visits are also planned to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois Rivieres, and Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 30th. For more information please see the Diocesan website or contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Tel. 905-528-7988, x 2339, or email: [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)

## SJB Annual Plant and Yard Sale



Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 8pm  
Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm

Now being held in the  
St. John Parish Hall

If you have a garden and would like to donate plants, we can provide pots, soil and help.

Call the Parish office

or John van der Zalm at 905-920-2117.

Gently used items for Attic Treasures are now being accepted during office hours or by contacting the office. Ask your friends and family – everyone has something to donate! We accept toys, books, décor, and garden and household items!

**VOLUNTEERS are needed for Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.**

## \*\*TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE\*\*

Join us on **\*Saturday, May 11, 2024\*** to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of other pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. *For more information or to register a bus go to [\\*torontomarchforlife.ca](http://*torontomarchforlife.ca)\**

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# Soul Food: Your Weekend Takeout

April 10, A.D. 2024

No. 2024-B/10

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter; Feast of S. Ezekiel the Old Testament Prophet.

I have a binder of compiled Soul Food. I must say the last full issue was February 14! That was about two months ago! My, my! I have been neglecting you! Many good opportunities were lost during this time for catechesis during Lent. My Bad! Hopefully, there will be no further interruptions. There were also other mitigating circumstances. I am not making excuses (actually I am!), but it is what it is! I hope you have missed Miss Katy Kism. I have politely stayed away from her wrath. She can get mouthy when she is not given her platform, don't you know!

I hope all of you had a delightful Easter. Please remember folks! Easter is not a day; it is a season, a season of 40 days. Therefore, do not stop wishing each other a Happy Easter! We proclaim: **Christ is Risen! Truly He has Risen!**

## The Month of the Eucharist.

If you have been wondering why we do not have the signs up indicating what the month of April is dedicated to, then you have been paying attention. The reason the signs are not there is because this year we are giving precedence to Easter. Hence the monthly shrine is dedicated to the glorious mystery of the Resurrection, the central mystery of our faith. However, April is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist. It is of course intimately tied to the Resurrection of Jesus. For when we receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we are receiving Him Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity which is what we know, glorify, and adore in the Risen Lord Jesus. The Eucharist, as the Second Vatican Council declared in its Dogmatic Constitution of the Church *Lumen Gentium*, is "...the source and summit of the Christian Life..." Our lives as Catholics must be centered on the Eucharist. When properly received, the Eucharist, with its infinite graces, has the power to transform us, and to make us more and more into the image of Christ. It has the power to convert us and give us a true spiritual vision and outlook. As the sun gives us the ability to see things clearly, the Eucharist has the power to not only see things clearly but to assign them their proper places in our lives. In other ways, we will be able to prioritize the spiritual while attending to the concerns of our worldly affairs.

This is however NOT automatic. One has to develop a relationship with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. The very same Lord who is confined to the prison of the Tabernacle, where He awaits us with longing heart to spend some time with Him in silent adoration. This is the beginning. This will usher in the change of heart, the conversion that has formed many if not all the saints, and it is an invitation that is given to ALL OF US! Are we ready to accept the invitation?

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## *Mass Communication.*

Where I left off the last time was the vestments. We finished discussing that. So let us now talk about the procession. Everyone, servers, Deacons, and Priest line up in the sacristy and solemnly process to the entrance of the church. From there they process to the Altar. We might not give the procession a second thought. But it has great symbolic meaning. Do you remember what the sacristy is? Well, it's time to jog the memory. It is the room where the priest vests, and prepares for Mass. Therefore, the sacristy represents the womb of the Blessed Mother where the Word of God became Flesh. The altar represents Mount Calvary.

Therefore, the procession from the Sacristy to the Altar represents Christ (represented in the person of the priest) moving from the womb of the Blessed Virgin to Mount Calvary; from His conception when out of love for us God the Son assumes our human nature and our flesh, and sacrifices Himself on Mount Calvary.

Pretty awesome stuff, no?

## **Holy Espresso! (Your Weekend Shot of Spiritual Caffeine)**

**“Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.”** – St. Thomas More (1478 -1535)

## **Be a *REAL* Cultural Catholic.**

The elevation of the Sacred Eucharist at Mass as well as the chalice is a very solemn moment. This is reflected in the profound silence that sweeps over the congregation. It is an awe-filled moment where we know and behold Jesus with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Can some words truly allow us to enter into this moment profoundly? Yes, there are! And they are taken from the Gospels.

At the elevation of the Sacred Host, traditionally we silently say, while beholding the Lord the very words of St. Thomas himself:

## **“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”**

**This is a profound act of faith.** By repeating the words of the Apostle, we truly believe that this is Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word of God, The Son of God, God Himself, the great “I AM!” who is now present to us Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity; present to us in the flesh!

Let these be our words too! May we believe with all our hearts, and souls and might, that “It is the Lord!”

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Guess who wants to share a few words....?

**Q. 194. Are the three Divine Persons one and the same God?**

A. The three Divine Persons are one and the same God, having one and the same Divine nature and substance.

**Q. 195. What do we mean by the "nature" and "substance" of a thing?**

A. By the "nature" of a thing we mean the combination of all the qualities that make the thing what it is. By the "substance" of a thing we mean the part that never changes, and which cannot be changed without destroying the nature of the thing.

**Q. 196. Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons are one and the same God?**

A. We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons are one and the same God, because this is a mystery.

**Q. 197. What is a mystery?**

A. A mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand.

**Q. 198. Is every truth which we cannot understand a mystery?**

A. Every truth which we cannot understand is not a mystery, but every revealed truth which no one can understand is a mystery.

## ***STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN***

**This prayer was written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. It is a beautiful prayer of love to our Lord who remains a Prisoner of Love in our Tabernacles. Let us pray this prayer to renew our commitment to our Lord, to make reparation for our brothers and sisters who do not know Him or value His Divine Presence among us, and to give ourselves to Him in service and in love.**

My Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love you bear us, remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you. I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. I adore you from the abyss of my nothingness and I thank you for all the graces you have given me until now, and in particular, for having given me your Most Holy Mother Mary as my advocate and for having called me to visit you in this church. I now salute your Most Loving Heart, and this for three ends: first, in thanksgiving for this great gift; second, to make amends to you for all the outrages which you receive in this Sacrament from all your enemies; third, I intend by this visit to adore you in all the places on earth in which you are present in this Sacrament and in which you are the least revered and the most abandoned. My Jesus, I love you with my heart. I grieve for having until now so many times offended your infinite goodness. I purpose by your grace never more to offend you for the time to come; and now, miserable and unworthy though I am, I consecrate myself to you without reserve. I give you and renounce my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. From now on, use me and all that I have as you

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wish. All I ask of you and desire is your holy love, final perseverance and the perfect accomplishment of your will. I recommend to you the souls in Purgatory; but especially those who had the greatest devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I also recommend to you all poor sinners. And finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with the affections of your most loving Heart, and I offer them with you to your Eternal Father and beg him for your sake and for love of you, graciously to accept and grant them. Amen.

## The *Spamilton* Inquisition

- 1) **The Sunday after Easter is known by several names. List them. (Hint: there are at least four names!)**
- 2) **Name the three women who visited the tomb early on Easter morning.**
- 3) **When Peter and the other disciples whom Jesus loved heard that the tomb was empty, they ran to see it themselves. Who reached the tomb first?**
- 4) **What is one interesting and glaring description, although a minor detail, of the empty tomb given by the evangelist Saint John?**
- 5) **Why are the white lilies associated with Easter?**

## The Appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection.

This month's devotional image that is also known as the Easter Shrine, which is immediately in front of the altar is called *Noli me Tangere* which is Latin for "Do not touch me" and was painted in 1835 by the Russian artist Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov, in St. Peterburg, the Russian Empire.

The original image is massive and is housed in one room in the Russian Museum in the same city. There is a play of darkness and light. Our Lord seems to be bathed in an ethereal light, that demonstrates His resurrected body. He is also draped in His burial shroud, demonstrating that He has conquered death. It stands in contrast with the craggy and dark background. Mary Magdalene's pose is dynamic. She is trying to reach out to the Lord only to be stopped by His outstretched hand. One is almost privy to their conversation.

One amazing thing about the original image is not only its sheer size but the optical illusion created by the artist. One has to enter the room from the left and as they walk past the image, the visitor is to fix his gaze upon Mary Magdalene's eye. If and when it catches the light properly one can see a tear well up in her eye. It is so expertly painted that it appears fluid and glistening! As one walks past, still with their gaze fixed on her eye, the tear is seen to roll down her cheek! It is an amazing work of art, and truly a masterpiece that received widespread acclaim both in St Petersburg and in Rome in its day.

