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Easter Message 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We think of the word "Easter" as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. "Let him Easter in us," Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland," in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns.

I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins' use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say "let him Easter in us" is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him "Easter in us" is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him "Easter in us" is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God.

Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

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Easter Sunday

April 9th, 2023



**“ACCORDING TO
THE
SCRIPTURE:
JESUS MUST RISE
FROM
THE DEAD.”**

Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504

St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:

Nicole McGill, Principal 905 349-2061

St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:

Jason Roberts, Principal 905 372-4339

Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:

Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504

Knights of Columbus:

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Parish Pastoral Council

Dennis Goulin Chairperson 905-372-7684

Music at Mass:

St Mary's Choir

10 am Mass on Sun

Altar Servers

Parish Office 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:

Pat Murphy, President 905 349-2847

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CWL Diocesan website:

www.peterboroughcwl.ca

St Mary's Cemetery Board:

Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504

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Judith Goulin 905-372-7684

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Richard Holland 905-349-3710

Development and Peace

Suzanne Liptay 905-372-3031

Parish Library

Margaret Harry 289-439-0764

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

THE WEEK OF APRIL 9TH AT THE ALTAR

Apr. 10, Mon., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am -

Apr. 11, Tues., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am - **Ints: Melissa O'Neill** [Jim, Mary Catherine & Family]

Apr. 12, Wed., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am -

Apr. 13, Thurs., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am - **Devine Mercy Devotion in our Parish** [Mitch & Maria Marszal]

Apr. 14, Fri., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am - **The Auger Family** [Vicky Auger]

Apr. 15, Sat., **Feria in Easter** - 9 am -

Apr. 15, Sat., **2nd Sunday of Easter**

5 pm - **For the People of the Parish**

Apr. 16, Sun., **2nd Sunday of Easter**

10 am - **John & Jane Boreham** [John & Melissa Lilje]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Apr. 15/16	5 pm	10 am
Lectors	Greg Blick	Kathleen Ancker
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rutherford	Judith Goulin/ John Logel
Ushers/Greeters	Darrell & Noelle Manley	Ian Manley/ Nick Manley

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and the People of the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Port Hope.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,757.00	\$3,057.00
Building Maintenance	\$408.00	\$333.00
Development & Peace	\$120.00	\$860.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Cory & Pat Pieper (23 yrs. on April 1st), Mitch & Maria Marszal (26 yrs. on April 12th). God's continued blessings on all of you!

Livestreaming of the Mass for Easter Sunday

The Mass for Easter Sunday will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2023. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please click the link below to join in prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4edlREhE6w>

St Mary's CWL

1. Next CWL meeting is May 01/23 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Peterborough CWL Diocese Past President Helena Lessard will be the guest speaker, "The CWL 2023". Please come out to the meeting and hear the information Helena will share concerning the CWL as it evolves in 2023 and beyond.
2. The Knights of Columbus Breakfast will take place Easter Sunday, April 09/23 following the 10:00 am mass. Come and enjoy a delicious meal. There may even be Easter treats. All parishioners and CWL members are invited.
3. CWL Member Helen Perko-Hrycyna is willing to assist Ukrainian New Comers to the area. Helen can be reached via Text mobile 647-974-3482 or email: perkohrycyna@yahoo.ca. Any parishioners who know of someone who needs this assistance, please pass on this information.
4. The annual CWL Peterborough Diocese Convention is April 29/30, 2023 in Peterborough. For information go to peterboroughcwl.com or contact President Pat Murphy.
5. Continue praying for the people around the world who are impacted by Climate Change, extreme weather and earthquakes. Pray for the people of Ukraine who are facing ongoing challenges each day that are caused by the Russian Invasion.
6. Happy Easter to Father Ace, all CWL members and all parishioners!

Gay Stratford

The choir wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Gay Stratford as our music director for over 35 years. Much of the music that we continue to enjoy and sing was written and composed by Gay. The choir and parish are greatly indebted to her as we continue to honour her and continue to sing her music.