

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Parish Update: April 12th, 2026



*“You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe.”
(John 20:29)*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 13TH TO APRIL 19TH

Monday, 13th	<i>Ferial</i>	
Office Closed	No Mass	
Tuesday, 14th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls +Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli) (N Vendittelli)
Wednesday, 15th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Mr & +Mrs H. Aubin	(B Aubin)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 16th	<i>Ferial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Vendittelli, DiFabio, Duemo & Dumont Families (L&C Vendittelli)	
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
Friday, 17th	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha – Memorial</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Gabriele Carullo	(Dn M&F Prindiville)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 18th		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<i>Confession</i>	
5:00 p.m.	+Ed Yuhasz	(N Vendittelli)
Sunday, 19th	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Paroyan, Prokopich, Artinian & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)	
11:00 a.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family)	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday! This devotion has spread greatly since being highlighted by Pope St. John Paul II 25 years ago. The reason for this is simple. The unfathomable Mercy of Almighty God brings hope and healing to us poor sinners. In addition, a plenary indulgence may be obtained by those who participate at Mass and pray the Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday, provided they have been to

confession within the previous three weeks or will be doing so within the same time period and have offered prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Since we do not speak often of a plenary or a partial indulgence, I would like to offer an explanation of this great spiritual benefit which the Church offers to us. A plenary indulgence is a complete remission of the temporal punishment owing to sin. A partial indulgence does accomplish this as well, but in a more limited way. Here is basically how it works: After confession, the guilt of sin is removed and with it, the eternal punishment which all sin incurs. But there still remains the temporal punishment required by Divine justice and this requirement must be fulfilled either in this present life or in the next, i.e., in purgatory. An indulgence offers the repentant sinner the means of discharging this debt during his/her life on earth. The Church contains a great and inexhaustible treasury of merit and satisfaction in Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. Through the proper authority i.e., a bishop or the pope, these merits may be applied to the faithful. This, of course, is a marvelous opportunity, and it may seem “too easy”. We do well to recall the Lord’s actions towards His people in the desert as they cried out for help after being bitten by poisonous snakes. The Lord told Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and hang it on a pole. Whoever looked upon this bronze serpent would be cured of their snakebite. So easy, just requiring trust in God. Or, in the case of Naaman the Syrian in the book of Kings, a pagan commander afflicted with leprosy. The prophet Elisha told Naaman to bathe seven times in the waters of the River Jordan and he would be cured. Nothing complicated, and rather unexpected, especially considering that the Rivers Abana and Pharpar held waters of pristine clarity which would have seemed more likely to effect a cure. Yet, that was not the Lord’s way... Believing and living as the Lord commands is truly the way to peace in this life and everlasting glory in the world to come!

For the past number of years, we have been gathering here in our own parish on Divine Mercy Sunday, to listen to passages from St. Faustina’s Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul and praying the Chaplet together, all the while offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those who wish it. This year, we are invited to participate in the Devotion at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Church Street. Confessions will be heard by a number of priests which should reduce wait times. Having confessed and received Holy Communion at Mass this weekend, you may share in the plenary indulgence without attending the public devotion if you pray the Chaplet on your own that day. That said, it would still be great if you could join us this Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral!

In His Love & Mercy, Fr. Richard



Geranium Plant Sale! Our Annual Geranium Plant Sale is HERE! Orders with payment to the church will take place over 3 weekends (April 11/12, April 18/19 & April 25/26). The deadline to **return your Order forms** with payment is **before April 26, 2026**. 4" pots in 5 colours to start your Spring Garden! This is a CWL event.

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Star of the Sea Vacation Bible School–June 29 to July 3, 2026: registration forms are now ready and available at the back of the church. This year’s theme *Wilderness Adventure, Through the Sacraments!* Don’t miss out on the fun!!

Some appointments for our **Parish Photo Directory** are still available. Please use this link to make your appointment: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d7b3y55k/> We look forward to having all our parishioners take part in this project! Contact Jayne.evans98@gmail.com for inquiries.

HEARTS ON FIRE Catholic Adult and Youth Conference

Featuring CHRIS BRAY! Join us in person May 9th from 8:30AM – 3:15 PM at Blessed Trinity High School in Grimsby! Be refreshed through uplifting worship music, engaging talks, Eucharistic nourishment—come be transformed in Christ!! Whether you’re looking to deepen your faith or want to learn about God’s love for you—you are welcome here! Don’t miss out on

this chance to ignite your heart and spirit! Tickets available: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/hearts-on-fire-catholic-adult-and-youth-conference-tickets-1985019274084?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends in the Diocese of St. Catharines will be at the **Jericho Retreat Centre** in Wainfleet, Ontario. Please arrive Friday evening by 6:30 pm to settle in, so that we

can start promptly at 7:00 pm. The program completes on Sunday around 2:30 pm. Couples are expected to be free of other commitments and remain at the Jericho Retreat Centre for the entire weekend. **Register** by completing the form: https://ceecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CATHOLIC-ENGAGED-ENCOUNTER_Niagara-Registration-Form-2026.pdf **In-Person Weekends** at the Jericho Retreat Centre are now available. **May 1st – 3rd, 2026 and Oct. 2nd – 4th, 2026. Cost \$575** Includes 2 nights’ accommodation and five meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper; Sunday breakfast, lunch). Please send completed forms to ceeniagara@gmail.com



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish’s intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

‘He who prays most receives most.’

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



CWL CORNER
(Catholic Women’s League)
“Blessed are the Poor”

E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Choose Life Niagara is holding its annual **Diaper Drive** until May 6, 2026. Please drop off baby/toddler diapers, diaper wipes and baby essentials for new mothers, downstairs in the Parish Hall. They will be delivered before Mother’s Day. Thank you for your support!

Our CWL will serve coffee, tea, juice and treats to all parishioners after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, April 26, 2026! We are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patroness of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada.

Please join members of our CWL for **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on Wednesday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Star of the Sea. Come for an hour to pray for those receiving palliative care, their families, and caregivers.



April 18 / 19	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	N Linkson	J Bayza	Dn Maurice
Lector	R Jesik	I Serafini-DeLuigi	C Purcer
Hospitality Ministers	P Waters M Ford C Tracey	Zacharchuk Family	Bott Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

April 5 th , 2026	
Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,550.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,146.00
Development & Peace (collection)	\$ 85.00
Development & Peace (mailed directly to)	\$ 0.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 2,548.00
Easter	\$ 5,055.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 125.00
Total Offertory Collection:	\$12,509.00
Our Special Needs	\$ 575.00

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU*



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