

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Parish Update: April 5th, 2026



“Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us feast with joy in the Lord.”
(1 Corinthians 5.7-8)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK APRIL 6TH TO APRIL 12TH

Monday, 6th	Easter Octave Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 7th	Easter Octave 9:00 a.m.	+Romana Marconi (P Waters)
Wednesday, 8th	Easter Octave 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Bonnie Loiseau (W VanderZawaag)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 9th	Easter Octave 9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls (N Vendittelli) +Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)
6:45-8:15 p.m.	Choir Practice, Church	
Friday, 10th	Easter Octave 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Daniele Paroyan & for the Liv. Members of the Paroyan, Artinian, Prokopich & DiMaurizio Families (M Paroyan)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 11th	3:30-4:30 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m.	+Catherine & +Ron Winterbottom (Serwatiak Family) +John Pavelko (T Pavelko)
Sunday, 12th	9:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Sunday Liv. & Dec. Members of the DiFranco & DiFabio Families (N Vendittelli) +Joseph Poniatowski (J Poniatowski)
11:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Devotion – at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria	
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Indulgence – Confessions available	

From the Pastor’s Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ: The Season of Easter is a time of unrestrained joy and unwavering hope. The testimony from Sacred Scripture that each of the Apostles and many others encountered the Risen Christ make the event of Christ’s rising from the dead, difficult to refute. Jesus had told His disciples on a number of occasions that He would rise again, a message which had reached the ears of the Jewish authorities, who asked that a Roman guard be stationed outside the tomb lest a follower take it, continuing the resurrection narrative. (See Mt. 27:65) The religious leaders knew well that a dead Rabbi’s influence could only go so far, especially if his promise to rise again remained unfulfilled. For Christ to reconcile us to the Father, He had to be both God and man. And God cannot die. To stay dead in the tomb would mean that Christ was not God and, not being God, there would be no reconciliation, and no hope for you and me.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul makes the following statement concerning the resurrection and its centrality to our Christian faith: “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” (1Cor 15: 14-17)

This passage from 1st Corinthians shows just how vital the resurrection is to St. Paul and the Christian faith. Those who downplay it often enough do so with the good intention of making it easier to believe by drawing attention away from seemingly outlandish claims of actions and events which simply do not happen in the course of our everyday human lives here on earth. These same people may also take Scriptural accounts of events such as the feeding of the crowds by the multiplication of the loaves and fish and transform them into tales of sharing or events which are merely symbolic. To be sure, it is far easier to believe in things for which we have a logical explanation and which we have seen or heard of here below than it would be to accept these stories. As well-meaning as these individuals may be, they rob God of His omnipotence, bringing him down to the level of finite mortals. Eventually, they find that they have created a god who is.... just like them! To counter this sad state of affairs, it is essential that we recognize that God is the Supreme Author of all that is; that His ways are far above our ways; that He has power to do all He Wills and that through a surprising act of Divine Condescension, He has chosen to take on human flesh, offering His Body and shedding His Blood for the sake of our salvation. Having come to terms with these truths, there is one necessary fact remaining: God cannot remain dead. To do so, would mean that He is NOT God and the sacrifice of Christ would be meaningless. But the sacrifice of Christ, Priest AND Victim has the reconciled His people to Himself and is therefore completely meaningful. Therefore, Christ has risen and God is Alive! Let’s every one of us, get the word out! A blessed Easter to all! Fr. Richard

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Geranium Plant Sale! Our Annual Geranium Plant Sale is fast approaching. 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.

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!!



We continue to accept photo shoot appointments for our **Parish Photo Directory**. Additional dates have been assigned for the last week of May. Please visit the online booking link: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d7b3y55k/> 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.

Thank you to all who participated in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross as presented by members of our Catholic Women’s League. This is an example of our faith in action.

Our next **General Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Come and find out about all the wonderful faith, service and social justice activities that we are planning this spring!!!

May our Risen Lord bless us during this Easter season!



April 11 / 12	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	J Evans	Dn Maurice	R Eckstein
Lector	L Urquhart	M or K Wong	K Shakespeare-Eckstein
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock L Bourret	C DeLuca K Zacharchuk W Riddle	G LaRoche H Green M Mouradikian

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

March 29 th , 2026	
Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 5,220.00
Loose Collection	\$ 489.00
Development & Peace (collection)	\$ 485.00
Development & Peace (mailed directly to)	\$ 435.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 165.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 65.00
Total Offertory Collection:	\$6,864.00
March’s E-Transfer Donations	\$ 2,473.58
Our Special Needs	\$ 65.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU