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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.



Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 17

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Special Intention

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Terry Long †
Norma Donovan †

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Harry Edmondstone †
John Devoe †

Thursday, April 20 - No Mass

Friday, April 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Caroline Donovan †
Chuck Gentes † | Special Intention

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Marilyn Richardson †

Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m. - Albert D'Amico †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session

"Role of Laity, Call to Holiness & Your Spiritual Gifts"

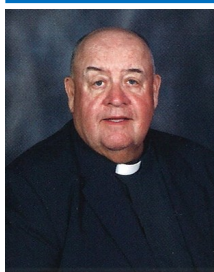
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 18th in our Divinity Hall.

Are You Being Called?

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office,
905 684 5603 or email
frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



Congratulations
Msgr. Leo

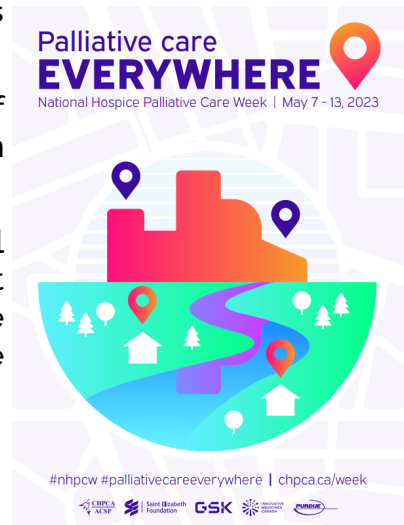
Msgr. Leo Clutterbuck will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in St. Alfred's Church, 272 Vine Street, St. Catharines. A Reception will follow in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you and your family are welcome to join us for this celebration.

Msgr. Leo

- ◆ Thank-you to all who saw their way clear to donate eyeglasses for the Wells of Hope. Our campaign is over today.
- ◆ Our Council will celebrate the feast of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, on April 26, with Mass at 11:30 am, our pin presentations and lunch. Save the date and plan to attend.
- ◆ To mark National Hospice and Palliative Care Week, we invite all parishioners to attend an information night on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm in Divinity Hall. Guests from Hotel Dieu Shaver, Hospice Niagara and Paramed will first speak to the nature of palliative care in Niagara and then answer questions.



- ◆ Please sign up since space is limited.
- ◆ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTYTG3K>



Tour the Catholic and Cultural Heritage Sites of Northern Iberia and Southern France

Fr. Peter Rowe and Ineke Brinkman invite you to be our travelling companion(s) on pilgrimage in 2023 (the dates: September 9-22)! Included in the itinerary are Fátima and Lourdes, Porto and Braga, Vila Real and Bragança, León and Oviedo, Covadonga Shrine and Altamira Cave, Bilbao and Pamplona, Loyola and Javier, Andorra and the Pyrenées, Montserrat and Manresa, and Gaudí's Barcelona.

Package price, with flights (Air Transat), is \$4,850 per person based on double occupancy (\$1,100 single supplement). To reserve your space, call Ineke (905-684-0888, extension# 1415) or email ineke.brinkman@visiontravel.ca.

FEEDING HUNGRY STUDENTS PROGRAM IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP



Every day in Niagara, one in five students goes to school hungry, forced to rely on school food programs. In some recent school years, in cooperation with Niagara Nutrition Partners, over one million meals have been served annually in Niagara Catholic District School Board nutrition programs. Now, there are serious concerns because schools are facing unprecedented need and the financial support required to maintain the current levels of quality food programming. Triggering these budgetary challenges are the increase in the number of students who rely on being fed at school, and an increase in the cost of food and delivery. To assist in ensuring that this program continues, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is reaching out to the community for any level of financial support possible. If you can help feed students in need please make cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Mailing address, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1 Visa and Mastercard also accepted. Donate on line through Foundation website at www.nfce.org phone (905) 735-0247 extension 210, Email, jim.marino@nfce.org

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