



*St. Julia*

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.



We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection? A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, April 18

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - George & Evelene Wakil †

### Tuesday, April 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention  
Joseph Gallagher † | John Devoe †

### Wednesday, April 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Maloney †  
10:30 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Easter Mass

### Thursday, April 21 - No Mass

### Friday, April 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Gentes †  
David Schimmelpenninck †

### Saturday, April 23

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Family Mass  
Shea Kenny † | Maria Szeideman Sr †

### Sunday, April 24

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Julia Scarpone † | Patricia Schmahl †  
2:00 p.m. (Livestream) - First Holy Communion



### Our Catholic Women's League .....

will continue leading the praying of the Rosary on Mondays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. What started as a Lenten project is expanding. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Are You Being Called?

"The Lord is truly risen!"

Are you being called to proclaim the the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

## Ukraine Emergency Relief

Church Donation	\$ 25,000.00
Week of 3/13/22	3,529.00
Week of 3/20/22	14,055.00
Week of 3/27/22	3,549.10
Week of 4/4/22	705.00
Week of 4/11/22	6,120.20
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$52,958.10</b>



# Easter Blessings!

May you feel Christ's Love  
in your Heart & be filled  
with His Peace & Joy  
this Easter season  
...and Always!



Niagara Foundation for  
Catholic Education  
Benefit Gala

## Honorary Guest Bishop Gerard Bergie

Supporting Students in Need & Providing Scholarships  
Friday, May 20, 2022,

Club Roma Event & Conference Centre,  
St. Catharines

6:00 pm, cash bar followed by dinner.

Silent auction table

Tickets available in tables of 10, 8 or individually.

\$100.00 per person, \$30 tax receipt available upon request. Order on line at [www.nfce.org](http://www.nfce.org) or

[www.niagaracatholic.ca](http://www.niagaracatholic.ca).

Further information (905) 735-0240 Ext. 214



## Upcoming Events

March for Life Bus trip to Ottawa: for youth and chaperones May 11 & 12, 2022. The \$90 fee includes bus, accommodation, youth conference and candlelight vigil. Join thousands of Canadians as we witness to the sanctity of life. Sign up by April 20 to guarantee your spot. Celebrate Life Dinner: Sat., June 4, 2022 at Coppola's Banquet Hall, 203 Carlton St., St. Catharines with speaker Lia Mills. Tickets: Adults: \$50, Students: \$25. To book tickets for these events, visit [ChooseLife.ca/Events](http://ChooseLife.ca/Events) or call 905-684-7505.

Mother's Day Diaper Drive: to help moms in difficult circumstances who've made a choice for life. Donate diapers, wipes or money for baby essentials from now until May 20. For drop off locations, visit [chooselife.ca](http://chooselife.ca)

You are invited to be a resident, commuter, or virtual participant in a Laudato Si Retreat to be held at Jericho House, April 29 to May 1, 2022. The retreat begins with dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday and ends at 2:00 pm on Sunday. The fee for the weekend is a free will offering. For further information or to register, please contact Brother Bill Carrothers, cfc, or Sister Jackie Keefe, cssf at 905 834 0553 or [jerichohnp@hotmail.com](mailto:jerichohnp@hotmail.com). We look forward to you joining us.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

April 8, 2022

On Easter Sunday morning you will hear these words proclaimed in the Gospel: “Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and she told them that He has said these things to her.”

Initially, Mary did not recognize Jesus. She thought that He was the gardener. It was only after He spoke her name that she realized that this was her Lord and that He had risen from the dead. Overcome with joy, she had to share this good news with others.

Today we see so many things that disturb our peace. We continue to deal with a pandemic, a war in Ukraine, and senseless acts of violence throughout the world. Locally, we face economic uncertainty, homelessness, increased addictions, moral confusion and division. This is causing increased fear and anxiety. What we experience on a daily basis seems to rob us of our joy.

This is why the words of Mary Magdalene are so significant. Her sorrow was transformed to joy when she was able to behold Jesus Christ who had risen from the dead. She took great comfort in the fact that the one she loved was still alive. We need to do the same.

There are still so many wonderful things happening in our world and community where we can see the Risen Lord. There are countless individuals who are responding courageously and generously to the many challenges that we face. These are the individuals who inspire hope and joy in our hearts because in them we see the Lord. As St. Paul reminds us, we are all members of the body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:27). As parts of His body, we each have a unique role to make Christ present in the world.

The most perfect way that we see the Risen Lord is at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We hear His gentle voice in Sacred Scripture and receive His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Like Mary Magdalene, we gather in praise and adoration so that we can be strengthened and then sent forth to announce the Good News.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, rather than only looking at the problems of life, let us look to Jesus and proclaim, “I have seen the Lord!” This is the message that our world needs to hear.

May the Risen Christ grant you a joyous and grace-filled Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
Bishop of St. Catharines