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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 24, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.



While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 25

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Paula Van de Coevering †
9:00 a.m. - Rosary with CWL
7:00 p.m. - RCIA (Reflecting on the Easter Vigil)

Tuesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Giancarlo Costantini †

Wednesday, April 27

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gerry Holierhoek †
Guiseppe Capacchione †

Thursday, April 28 - No Mass

Friday, April 29

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intentions (2)

Saturday, April 30

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Charlie Cassidy † | Shea Kenny †

Sunday, May 1

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Rose Kish † | Linda Colling †
Special Intention

Are You Being Called?

**"As the Father has sent Me,
so I send you."**

Do you have an interest to share the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

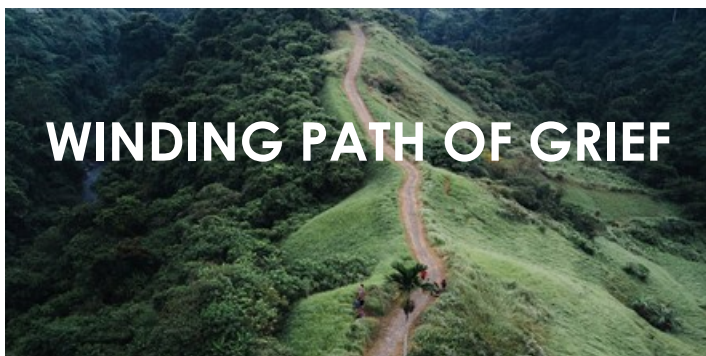
Ukraine Emergency Relief

Week of 4/18/22 365.00

Total to date \$53,323.10

Offerings for March

Envelopes	\$ 13,798.25
Preauthorized Giving	9,316.75
Canada Helps	307.77
Interac e-Transfer	2,520.00
Renovations & Repairs	2,240.00
Total	\$28,182.77



WINDING PATH OF GRIEF

Led by: Anna Racine

Date: May 13 -15, 2022 Cost: \$300

Are you travelling on the winding path of grief?

The grief journey is a winding path with many twists and turns filled with a multitude of emotions. There is no road map and at times we feel we have lost our way. Grief is a process, an unending long and winding road. This retreat is for people experiencing loss through death/separation/divorce/lost relationships and life changes. An opportunity to explore the grief process and the impact that loss and grief have on our lives. In a supportive and understanding environment, you will be guided with the steps required to heal and move on.

"Grief is like a long winding path where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape."



Loving and Respecting Yourself

Led by: Anna Racine

Date: Sat. May 7, 2022

(9:30am-3:30pm includes lunch) Cost: \$65

Respecting and loving yourself does not make you conceited or self-centered. It is about achieving a deep sense of self-worth and self-love. It is about making the right decisions and taking the right steps when it comes to your life.

This Workshop will guide you with tools on how to begin this process. We will explore the aspects of self esteem and learn how to appreciate and value ourselves. How can we demand love and respect from others when we do not give it to ourselves?

"Respect and love is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves."

Presenter: Anna Racine, adjunct faculty at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, ministers on the St. Thomas More Parish Bereavement Team. She was given the 2015 Niagara Catholic Award of Distinction for her 20 years of service in Church Ministry and with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

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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: Saturday, 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 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.



Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education Benefit Gala

Honorary Guest Bishop Gerard Bergie

Supporting Students in Need & Providing Scholarships

Friday, May 20, 2022, 6:00 pm, cash bar followed by dinner. Silent auction table.

Club Roma Event & Conference Centre, St. Catharines

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 or www.niagaracatholic.ca.

Further information (905) 735-0240 Ext. 214

Catholic Women's League Corner: April 23/24, 2022



*"The Rosary is spiritual medicine."
(Pope Francis)*

Monday: Members will lead the praying of the Rosary after 8:30 a.m. Mass for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Father's intentions.

Tuesday: Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel: Members are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass and the coffee hour that follows in Divinity Hall.

Wednesday: Executive meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: Diocesan Convention: 9:00 a.m.

Ways to Give to St. Julia Parish

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 3. Add contact name i.e. St. Julia
 4. Notify by *email*
 5. Contacts email address
 - Enter in our new **stjuliaparishstcgiving@gmail.com** email address
 - (you will only have to enter this in for the first time – St. Julia will then be a saved contact)
 6. Make your donation via your newly set up *Interac* E-Transfer

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