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	Mass Schedule	Diocesan Bishop	Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m.		Pastor	Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com
Sunday	9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 11:00 a.m.	Chaplain—Niagara Health	Fr. Stephen Innamorati fr.s.innamorati@gmail.com
Confessions		St. Catharines Site Deacon	
Saturday	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment	Deacon	Deacon George Newman
	Office Hours	Director of Music	Dr. David Holler
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Maintenance	Jim Salmon
		Administration	Christine Buckley   Cheryl Wood

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# April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.



No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

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# **Parish Calendar**

Monday, April 8 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -Richard & Rose Jusczak †

Tuesday, April 9 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Lina Memme † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, April 10 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Edward McArthur †

#### Thursday, April 11 - No Mass

Friday, April 12 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention Wladyslawa Szymski †

#### Saturday, April 13

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Eric Didemus † Suganth Satyanadhan † | Jenny Kenny † | Mike Ciolfi †

Sunday, April 14—Coffee Social 9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass Pierette & Georges Cote † Ann Baker † | Vito Passero † Patricia Schmahl † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

# Are You Being Called?

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

Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest.

Talk to your priest or reach out Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email, frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

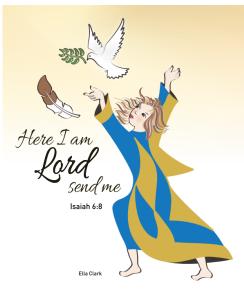
In the Jubilee Year 2000, <u>Pope John Paul II</u> proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.



This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.





# Catholic Women's League Corner: April 6 / 7

- Our pop tab collection will wind up on the weekend of April 13/14. If you have been saving tabs at home, now is the time to bring them in. Thank-you.
- Diocesan Respect for Life Mass: the Cathedral on Monday, April 8 at 7 pm.
- On Wednesday, April 10 at 1 pm our General Membership will meet at 1 pm in the Divinity Room. Our guest speaker will be Betty Lou Souter from Community Care. All ladies of the parish are welcome.
- April 26 is the feast of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Council. We will celebrate the day with a Mass at 1pm, our Pin Ceremony immediately following and then a tea party in the Divinity Room. Come and celebrate our St. Julia Council.

#### Catholic Men's Speaker Series

All gentlemen are invited to attend a one-hour spiritual talk designed to strengthen our faith.

Thu rsday, April 11, @ 7:30 pm , Holy Rosary Church (21 Queen St S, Thorold) with Fr. Janusz Roginski

- Spiritual Warfare & Divine Mercy: applying mercy in our daily lives
- The real definition of Mercy and why it's needed more than ever
- Bring your holy images, prayer cards, chaplets & rosaries to have blessed

Church opens at 7 pm; talk starts 7:30 pm; social hour with refreshments until 9:30 pm.

Next month: Tuesday, May 14 (a) Our Lady of the Scapular Church (Niagara Falls) with Fr. Daniel Corso

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## Catholic Women's League 316 Queenston St

Dessert & Card Party

## Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 1pm

# Tickets \$10.00 each (Must be purchased in advance) (Bring your cards, games)

## Desserts, Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw

Contact Kate at 905-937-2914 or Yvonne at 289-241-1041 Proceeds to Hospice Niagara and Niagara Life Centre

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