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Sunday, March 26th, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:2

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Sat. Mar 25	10am-2pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Stanley Vrstovsek (Plesko Family)
Sun. Mar 26	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Mon. Mar 27	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Mar 28	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Zaklina & Magdalena Mazur (Danuta Mazur)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Mar 29	9:30am	Reparations for offences Against the Blessed Sacrament (Colin & Teresa Walters)
		Blessings & Health for Fr. Jacek (Carnegie Family)
Thurs. Mar 30	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. Mar 31	9:30am	✠ Martin Kolenko Jr. (Hozjan Family)
		✠ Adele Wert & Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. April 1		Palm Sunday
	8:00am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. April 2	9:30am	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Deceased Members of the Plesko Family (Frank & Ivanka Plesko)
Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.		

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.



Solidarity Sunday: This Lent, please give generously

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Stand for the Land** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.** "The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again." — Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes and were also attached to the previous bulletin. Or, you can donate by e transfer - stannfendonations@cogeco.net**

Stations of the Cross— Every Friday during Lent at 7pm. For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the **Stations of the Cross** are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on day of Christ's crucifixion. *Please join with us as we gather to walk with Jesus this holy season of Lent.*

Pope's Prayer Intention Month of April: For a culture of peace and non violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Chrism Mass

This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria during Holy Week, **April 4th, 2023.** This beautiful Mass offers us the opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the priesthood and the sacramental life of the Church as oils are blessed and priestly commitment is renewed. The clergy and religious with parishioners will gather from across the Diocese to celebrate our faith in a spirit of unity and true joy. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
- Mt 21:9

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Mon. April 3	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. April 4	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Aria Richer (Jane Carnegie)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions CANCELLED
Wed. April 5	9:30am	✠ Antonio Addario (Vince Addario)
		✠ Genowefa & Wladyslaw Fiedorek (Family)
Thurs. April 6	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper In Honour of St. Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. April 7	9-11am	Good Friday Confessions
	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. April 8	9-11am	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Confessions
	Noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets
	8:30pm	✠ Marion & Joseph Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Sun. April 9	9:30am	Easter Sunday Missa Pro Populo
	11:00am	✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario)

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses

YOUTH MINISTRY—MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:30-8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Registration forms are at the back of the church. All youth in Grades 5-8 are welcome!
CANCELLATIONS: Monday, April 10th (Easter Monday)

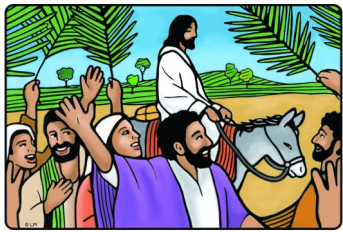
Easter Flower Memorial: The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter in our parish. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes in your offertory boxes dated March 19th or you may use a plain envelope with your contact information. Or....e transfer.**

Offertory March 12th, 2023— \$1,994.74
Offertory March 19th, 2023- \$1, 565.00
Flowers- \$415.00

Everyday Stewardship— Reflection

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

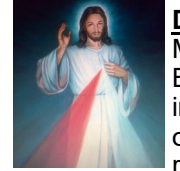
When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late. During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.



Good Friday Collection: The Good Friday Collection, on **April 7th, 2023**, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. **Envelopes are in your offertory boxes or you may use e transfer.**

Sacred Heart Private School in Welland is a newly established elementary school run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart since 2021. Current enrollment is twenty one students in Grades 1- 8. The Sisters are now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2023/2024 school year for students Grades 1 through 8. Contact the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at sacredheartprivateschool22@gmail.com for more information and to arrange for a tour and interview. Enrollment will be open until May 1, 2023.

Welland Port Colborne Pro Life Annual General Meeting & Dinner: St. Mary's Church Hall, 90 Griffith St., Welland, Saturday, April 15th, 2023. Tickets \$40 each— 905-735-3666 or email: Rocca_josie@hotmail.com Speaker Fr. Stephen Bruzzese



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 16th. The Divine Mercy Novena begins each Good Friday. Our Blessed Lord gave Sr. Faustina (for herself only initially) a Novena to His Mercy. She was to start it on Good Friday, that wonderful day when Christ first revealed how merciful and loving He was, by dying for us. Sr. Faustina wrote in her diary that she began the Novena for the conversion of the whole world that all may recognize God's Mercy and that all souls may speak of His Goodness. **Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlets are available at the back of the church.**
Please join us at 2pm for Adoration and Confessions, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Individual Blessing on April 16th.

