

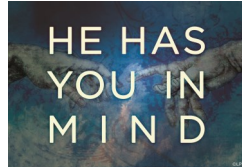
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**Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy**

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

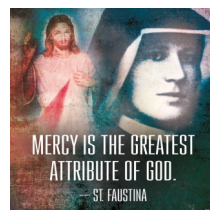
Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial



power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name. From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**Pope's Prayer Intention Month of May:**

**Evangelization**— That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th: Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:** *Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death...When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just judge but as the Merciful Saviour. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. Please join us on April 28th @ at 3:00pm for prayers*

**Next weekend, On Sunday May 5th, during the 11am Mass, four students will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers. **Prayer at a Child's First Communion:** Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.



**Catholic Education Week 2019**

**Catholic Education Week 2019 begins on Sunday, May 5.**

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

The CEW biblical quote is "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." 1 Peter 1:8

**Catholic Education Week Prayer:** Loving God, We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher. Amen.

**Notre Dame College School's Fair Trade Club** is hosting their annual **Fair Trade Fair on Wednesday May 1st from 9:30-1:30.** It will be held at the school (64 Smith St., Welland) in the rotunda outside the ND Outfitters store. 4 local vendors will be displaying and selling their fair trade products: Ten Thousand Villages, Casa Relief, Moyaa Shea Products and One Earth.

**Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB:** St. Kevin's Parish Youth and Family Ministry, in conjunction with Notre Dame College School, is hosting an Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Kevin's Parish beginning at 7:00 pm. ALOB - Andrew Laubacher - is a recognized praise and worship leader, singer, and featured speaker at the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conferences. Doors open 6:30pm; all are welcome to this free event - families, young people, and all those young at heart.

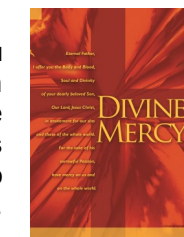
**The New Evangelization Summit Inspiring Catholics.** May 4th, 2019 Live in Ottawa— Streaming to Niagara Falls, Ont., St. Michael Catholic High School, 8699 McLeod Rd.,. Webcast to host sites around the world. For more info contact familyandyouth@saintcd.com 905-684-0154. To save your seat, register at newevangelization.ca

**Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Baby Bottle** campaign will run from **MAY 12 (Mother's Day) to JUNE 16 (Father's Day)** Fill a bottle with coins, bills or a cheque made out to Elisha House. Thank you for investing in the lives of young women and families in the Welland area. The bottles will be available at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **May 4/5.** Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$945.30 to this campaign.**

**Migrant Ministry:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items for the men as they begin to arrive. Items most in need are socks, work gloves and toiletries, warm sweaters, jeans and T-shirts. Thank you for your continued support.

**Parish Calendar**

- April .....
- April 28th..... St. V. de Paul Meeting following 11am Mass
- April 28th..... Divine Mercy Sunday
- May.....
- May 3rd..... First Friday Holy Communion to sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- May 5-10..... Catholic Education Week
- May 5th..... First Communion, 11am Mass
- May 5th..... Spanish Mass 1pm
- May 9th.... Mass Cancelled
- May 12th.... Mother's Day. Crowning of Mary during 9:30am Mass
- May 13th-23rd... WEEKDAY Masses cancelled
- May 26th.... Special Collection—Pope's Pastoral Works



**Everyday Stewardship:** After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship

with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most. Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us. I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

**Catholic Women's League**



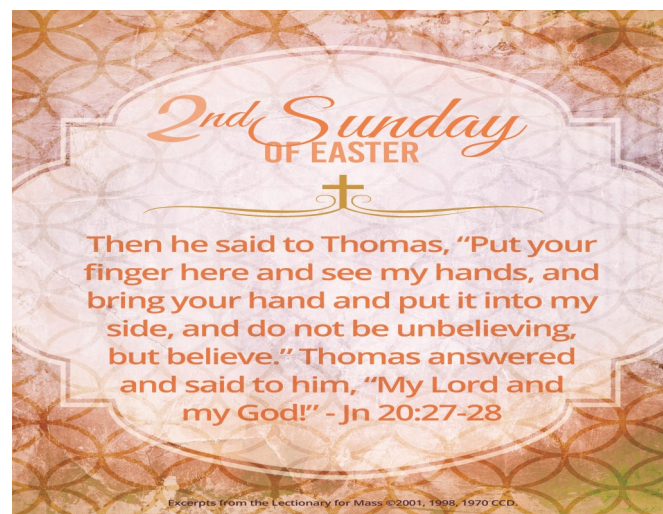
**Knit and Crochet Group** will meet on Tuesday, April 30th in the church meeting room. All are welcome.

**National Palliative Care week is May 5th - 11th.** Once again this year we will pray the rosary together for Palliative Care. This year we are able to choose the day and our Council will pray the rosary after morning Mass on May 6th. We will follow with a brief meeting.

The Diocese of St. Catharines will hold a **Day of Reflection for Women** on Saturday, June 22 at Gethsemane Centre in Wellandport. The speaker will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi whose topic is The Gift of Hope. 9:45 am - 3 pm with lunch provided. Free will offering.

**May 1st is International Worker's Day** and celebrated in many countries. Today we recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

**Sunday, April 28th, 2019**



Sat. April 27	9-10am	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
	4 -4:45pm	<b>Confessions</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	✠ Gerry Berkhout (Stella Luchetta)
Sun. April 28	9:30am	✠ Cor Vanderlee (André & Therese Czychun & fam)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. April 29	9:30am	Joseph Mullin (Teresa Walters)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
Tues. April 30	9:30am	Cindy Wong (Teresa Walters)
Wed. May 1	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Patrick Bisson (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
Thurs. May 2	9:30am	✠ Mary Whalen (Teresa Walters)
Fri. May 3	9:30am	✠ Marijane Lastovic (Steve & Rosemary Lastovic)
Sat. May 4	9-10am	<b>Confessions</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 5	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
		✠ John Nenadovich (Steve & Rosemary Lastovic)
	11:00am	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>
		✠ Joe Mikolic (Ana Mikolic)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Offertory April 20th & 21st, 2019**

89 Envelopes	\$3, 170.00
Loose Collection	\$ 210.10
Total Offertory	\$3, 380.10
Share Lent	\$ 175.00
Holy Land	\$ 949.00



