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Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord, Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 13,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/joinus.

Donations to date: \$595. If you would like to make a donation, please do so before the weekend of April 18/19.

HEARTS ON FIRE - Catholic Conference for Youth and Adults

SAT MAY 9 | 8:30AM - 3:15PM, 145 Livingstone Ave, Grimsby, ON. BLESSED TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL - FEATURING: CHRIS BRAY! with numerous #1 hit songs on Christian radio in Canada! Inspirational Catholic speaker and award winning Christian musician (with other Dynamic Clergy and Ministry Leaders.) Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship Music, Exciting Youth Program, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Catholic Vendor Market, Holy Mass, Light lunch included! Tickets on Eventbrite

Catholic Women's League: Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 1:30pm. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and purchased items this past weekend. The total raised was \$662.00!

Choose Life Niagara Diaper Drive: See today's bulletin insert for more information about this CWL project.

Offertory March 21 & 22, 2026- \$1,695.90

Offertory March 28 & 29, 2026—\$2,239.00

Share Lent—\$595

March Maintenance total- \$2,680.00

Sunday, April 12th, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:29

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Mon. April 13	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. April 14	9:30am	✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt)
		✠ Slawomir Bledowski (Friends)
		Birthday Blessings Magda Mazur (Danuta Mazur)
		For children in the parish (Nancy Horton)
Wed. April 15	7:00pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
	9:30am	Special Intention Brian, Katherine, Francesca, Emilio, Ava & Lorenzo Lostracco & Angela Covatta (Katherine Lostracco)
Thurs. April 16	9:30am	✠ Jake Voogt (Ginny & Reg Green)
		✠ Charlene Shannon Genevieve Nohara (Adelaine Nohara)
		For Parishioners & Neighbours (Carolle Gilbert)
Fri. April 17	9:30am	No Mass
Sat. April 18	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
		All Parishioners
Sun. April 19	5:00pm	✠ Stefan Hozjan (Maria Hozjan & Family)
	10:00am	

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



The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

Divine Mercy Blessing: Dear Jesus, May your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing our wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy. Amen.

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
John 20:19-31

"Then he said to Thomas, '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.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection.



Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

Protect Mental Health, Protect Life — Support Bill C-218
Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**. This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.

If the law is not amended, MAiD will become available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a loved one, friend, neighbour, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and genuine care, safeguarding the dignity and lives of those who are vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and faith at the **Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life Annual General Meeting & Dinner** this June. Together, we will reflect on the sacredness of life, renew our commitment to defending life at all stages, and celebrate God's boundless mercy and love for His children, especially the most vulnerable among us—from life's fragile beginnings to its sacred end.

□ **Date:** Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 □ **Time:** 6:30 - 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

□ **Location:** St. Mary's Church Hall, 90 Griffith Street, Welland
Tickets: Call 905-735-3666 or Email rocca_josie@hotmail.com

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."
- Mt 28:5b-6

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Sat. April 4		Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
	9-10am	Confessions
	Noon	Blessing of Easter Baskets
		Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Sun. April 5	8:30pm	All Parishioners
	10:00am	Easter Sunday
		Blessings & Health Carnegie & Fiedorek Families (Stanislaw Fiedorek)
Mon. April 6		No Mass
Tues. April 7	9:30am	✠ Jake Voogt (Ginny & Reg Green)
		✠ Claude Marceau (Adelaine Nohara)
		✠ Charlene Shannon (Nancy Horton)
		Intentions of Susan Dobson & Son Blake (Mark & Dayna Young)
Wed. April 8	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
	9:30am	✠ Marianne Myszczyzyn & Fam. (Gloria Egert & Family)
Thurs. April 9	9:30am	✠ Felicia Mancino (Pat Vaillancourt)
		Fr.Jacek & his intentions Intention Carole Marceau (Adelaine Nohara)
		For Parishioners and loved ones (Carolle Gilbert)
Fri. April 10	9:30am	No Mass
Sat. April 11	4-4:45pm	Divine Mercy Sunday
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
		All Parishioners
Sun. April 12	5:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday
	10:00am	✠ John & Ann Mikolasek (Mary Ann Biggar & Family)
		Adoration & Confessions
	2:00pm	Chaplet Of Divine Mercy & Individual Blessings
	3:00pm	

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