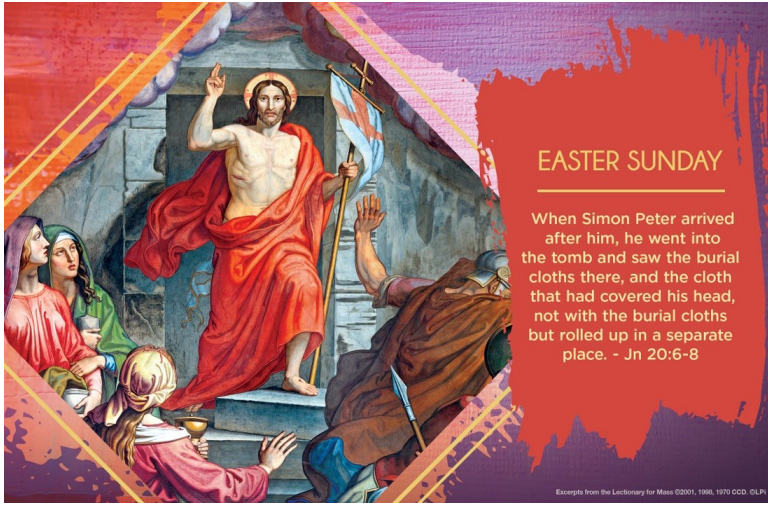


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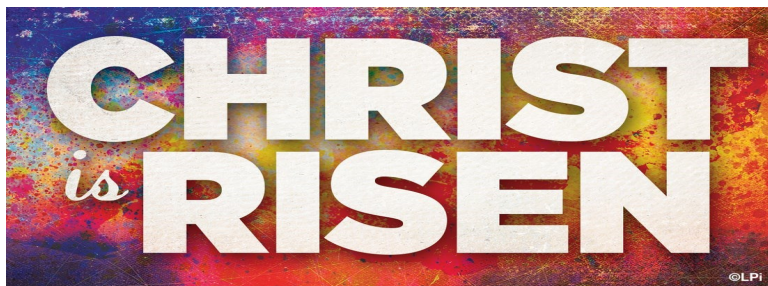
Sunday, April 9th, 2023



EASTER SUNDAY
When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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| Sat. April 8 | 9-11am | Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Confessions |
| | Noon | Blessing of Easter Baskets Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil |
| | 8:30pm | ✠ Marion & Joseph Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters) |
| Sun. April 9 | 9:30am | Easter Sunday Missa Pro Populo |
| | 11:00am | ✠ Helen Albanese (Vince Addario) |
| Mon. April 10 | 9:30am | No Mass |
| Tues. April 11 | 9:30am | ✠ Frank & Kristina Hozjan (Hozjan Family) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. April 12 | 9:30am | Vince Addario (Lena Addario) |
| | | ✠ Theresa Mezzo |
| Thurs. April 13 | 9:30am | ✠ Mike Ciolfi (Pat Vaillancourt) |
| Fri. April 14 | 9:30am | ✠ Continued Blessings for the SOLI Sisters and their vocation (Carnegie Family) |
| Sat. April 15 | 4-4:45pm | Divine Mercy Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Mary Sever (Bill & Mary Podolyak) |
| Sun. April 16 | 9:30am | Divine Mercy Sunday Intentions of the Immaculate Hearts of Mary & St. Joseph (Colin & Teresa Walters) |
| | 11:00am | Missa Pro Populo |
| | 2:00pm | Adoration & Confessions |
| | 3:00pm | Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Individual Blessings |

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! **CANCELLATION: Monday, April 10th (Easter Monday)**



Easter Sunday
"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavoury detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavoury and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

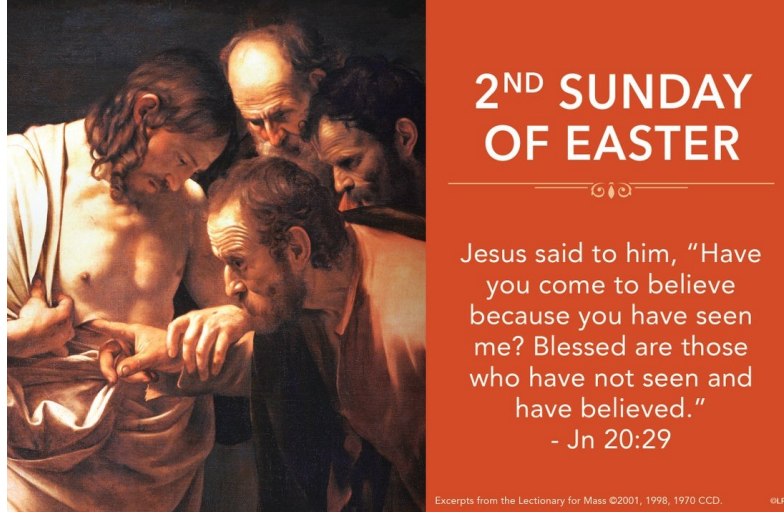


Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2023!
Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *People and Planet First* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1500. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



Lord God, you loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we may be called your children too. Lord God help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your Grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty Grace and tell your good News to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 16th, 2023



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 17 | 9:30am | No Mass |
| Tues. April 18 | 9:30am | ✠ St. Ann School Easter Mass Angelina Addario (Vince Addario) |
| | 7-8pm | HOLY HOUR & Confessions |
| Wed. April 19 | 9:30am | ✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family) |
| | | ✠ Martin & Teresa Bajuk & Joe & John Bajuk (Plesko Family) |
| Thurs. April 20 | 9:30am | ✠ Stefan Grzegorzcyk (Jane Carnegie & Family) |
| Fri. April 21 | 9:30am | ✠ Frank Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters) Thanksgiving for Blessings Received for Annette Knight (Annette Knight) |
| Sat. April 22 | 4-4:45pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions |
| | 5:00pm | ✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) |
| Sun. April 23 | 9:30am | ✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family) |
| | 11:00am | Missa Pro Populo |

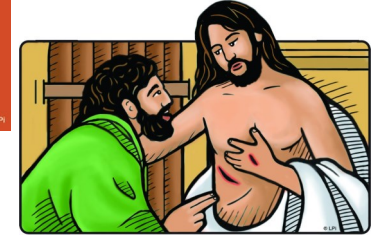
Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses
The Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Welland are having a Spring Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday April 29th at St. John's Greek Catholic Church Hall, Welland. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Live music, raffles, cash bar. Tickets are \$40, adults only. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. For tickets contact Danya at danyahuneault@hotmail.com.

Confirmation Registration 2023: As we approach the end of the 2022/23 school year, we are looking forward to the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated in our parish in November 2023. All youth who are interested in receiving this Sacrament are required to attend a meeting, along with their parents, at St. Ann parish on **Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 5:30pm.** Forms were emailed to families and hard copies sent home. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to the meeting or email it to the parish office in advance of the meeting to stannsfenwick@cogeco.net. Thank you for taking the time to attend this important meeting.

Offertory March 26th, 2023— \$2, 705.00
Offertory April 2nd, 2023- \$1, 932.50
Share Lent to date: \$1,500.00
Maintenance April: \$570.00

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him. We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "**Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe.**" Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting. St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.



Divine Mercy Sunday April 16th
If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." **Please join us at 2pm for Adoration and Confessions, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Individual Blessing.**

Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education: Every day in Niagara, one in five students goes to school hungry, forced to rely on school food programs. In some recent school years, in cooperation with Niagara Nutrition Partners, over one million meals have been served annually in Niagara Catholic District School Board nutrition programs. Now, there are serious concerns because schools are facing unprecedented need and the financial support required to maintain the current levels of quality food programming. Triggering these budgetary challenges are the increase in the number of students who rely on being fed at school, and an increase in the cost of food and delivery. To assist in ensuring that this program continues, the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is reaching out to the community for any level of financial support possible. If you can help feed students in need please make cheques payable to Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Mailing address, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C1 Visa and Mastercard also accepted. Donate on line through Foundation website at www.nfce.org phone (905) 735 -0247 extension 210, Email, jim.marino@nfce.org

