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APRIL 21ST FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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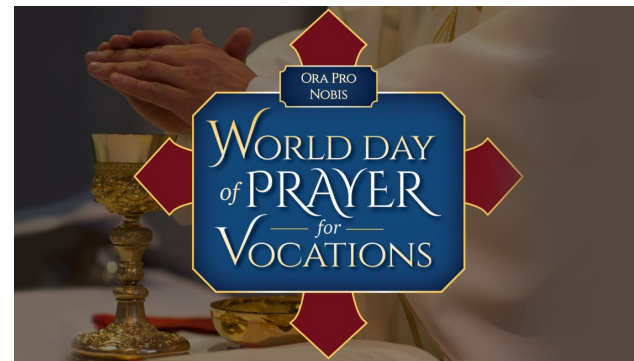
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21st, 2024 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Saturday 8:00AM	April 20th George & Margaret Hodgkinson on their 50th Anniversary by George
4:00PM	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter All Parishioners
Sunday 9:00AM	April 21st: Fourth Sunday of Easter †Victoria Forte by Mary Ferrara
Monday	April 22nd: Fourth week of Easter
Tuesday 8:00AM	April 23rd: Fourth week of Easter All Souls in Purgatory by Lynn Dyson
Wednesday 8:00AM	April 24th: Fourth week of Easter †Giovanni Ottaviano by Nella & family
Thursday 8:00AM	April 25th: Fourth week of Easter † Frank Vingerhoets by Mary Nan
Friday 8:00AM	April 26th: Fourth week of Easter All CWL Members alive and deceased by CWL
Saturday 8:00AM	April 20th: Fourth week of Easter †Natale & Vittoria Bonomi by Aldo Bonomi
4:00PM	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter All Parishioners
Sunday 9:00 AM	April 21st: — Fifth Sunday of Easter Souls in Purgatory by Alba Farkas



April 21st

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations calls us to reflect on God's call in our lives and to embrace various states of life to fulfill our deepest desire for happiness. It acknowledges the diverse vocations within the Christian community and emphasizes the importance of listening to God and discerning our paths together. As we journey towards the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are reminded to be pilgrims of hope, focusing on the love of God and our relationships with others. Despite challenges such as war, migration, poverty, and environmental concerns, we are called to embody and communicate hope through our vocations. Anchored in Christ's resurrection, we are encouraged to persevere, knowing that our efforts are not in vain, and to commit ourselves passionately to building peace and fraternity in the world. Let us rise up, embrace our vocations, and become messengers of joy, sources of new life, and builders of peace.

Young Adult Ministry "Feed Your Faith" event:

All young adults (19 - 39 years old), whether in school or working, whether single, married, or separated/divorced, whether cradle Catholics who were raised and educated in faith or those who have drifted away and are searching for meaning and purpose from a life centred on Christ, are invited and welcome to gather at the Catholic Centre (3400 Merrittville Highway, Thorold) for a shared meal, fellowship, and quiet prayer beginning at 6:00pm on Friday, April 26, 2024. Contact: Terri Pauco at 905-684-0154, ext. 209 or email familyandyouth@saintcd.com. The next "Feed Your Faith" event will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024.



Baptism is a wonderful blessing that God has given to His church! It's a means by which He gives us faith and forgiveness of sins. It's our new birth into the Family of God! But it's also more than just a momentary event in the life of a follower of Jesus. It's a lifelong journey of growing in that faith and taking next steps with Jesus! Today at 12:30, we welcome **Mason Steeves** as a new member of the family of God. Congratulations to Michael Steeves and Nichole Barbosa as they have Mason baptized!

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY



This support group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) 7 - 9 pm Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls In person and Zoom meeting 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0415 or Email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

- Apr 22 Coping with Grief
- May 13 Navigating Change
- May 27 Self Esteem
- June 10 Who Am I Now
- June 24 Loving & Respecting Yourself



Many congratulation and best wishes to:

Faith Davidson, Laila Eberly, Lincon Oliver Frey, Dawson James Murtaugh, Thalia Victoria Pruyn, and Kyra Mary Helen Teasdale on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation last Wednesday, the 17th, bestowed by Bishop Gerrard Bergie. May the Holy Spirit descend upon them, purify them, and shape them into steadfast witnesses of our faith.

Pope's intention prayers for the Month of April:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE

BLESSED MOTHER MARY. We are encouraging

everybody to say the rosary everyday. In our parish we pray the rosary every day at 7:25 on week days (except Monday) and 8:25 on Sundays.

In the first reading, after healing the beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple in Jerusalem and starting to preach salvation in Christ, Peter and John are captured by the temple guards and taken to prison. The next day, they are brought before the Sanhedrin to justify their actions and preaching. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter speaks up and uses the opportunity to testify to the truth he believes in. The apostle's three main statements are:

- The name of Jesus possesses the same power as the name of God: just as Moses and the prophets effectively operated in the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, so now Peter acts with the same power in the name of Jesus.

- The story of Jesus, marked by rejection by the leaders of the people, has emphasized even more his role as the foundation of the salvation offered by God to the people of believers.

- Only Jesus is the Savior of the world; no one else can claim such a right.

Just as the prophets teach us not to rely on weapons or other means for salvation, as it resides in knowing the name of God, so Peter tells us that salvation lies in knowing the name of Jesus, who, though despised, has been chosen by God as the cornerstone to build his Kingdom.

In the second reading, John assures us that we are already children of God not because of our abilities, but because of his immense love.

God is truly a father who has already adopted us as his children, regardless of our merits, because he has loved us from eternity, so much to demonstrate his love for us through his Son. Our sonship is not only a gift but also a call, as we still carry fragility: we are children of God and sinners. Being children of God does not mean being automatically purified forever; we are children, but still incapable of loving and emulating him completely. Furthermore, our knowledge of Christ is not yet complete. Our goal is therefore to strengthen the will to remain in love, which is the only security to truly claim to know Jesus.

In the Gospel, John solemnly affirms that only Jesus is the true and good Shepherd, because his life embodies the goodness and truth of the covenant God. The Gospel of this Sunday emphasizes five times that Christ came to give his life, to give us an abundant life. Jesus calls himself the good Shepherd because he "knows" his sheep and his sheep "know" him. The verb "know" in Hebrew implies deep intimacy and indicates an intimate relationship. Jesus is the good Shepherd because he establishes a close bond with each of us, a communion of heart and mind. His desire to enter communion with his sheep is universal; his love extends to all, without distinctions of race, nation, or religion. He wants to lead everyone to "eternal life," as he has received this mission from the heavenly Father.

On this Sunday, let us pray that the Good Shepherd may inspire new and holy vocations in the Church, so that its leaders may always be ready to proclaim salvation and to give their lives completely.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday March 24 Offerings (including e-transfers) :

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,621.05
Repairs	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00 (total \$1,025.00)
Dev & Peace	\$ 10.00 (total \$2,035.00)
Easter	\$ 10.00 (total \$2,271.45)
Good Friday	\$ 10.00 (total \$1,170.00)



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

April 26th.

Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

8.00 a.m. Mass Intention for all CWL members. Following Mass please join us for coffee and refreshments in parish hall.

NEXT MEETING; Tuesday May 7th . Starting with Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed with pot luck supper and a short meeting. Husbands/Partners are invited, and a friend (potential new CWL member) as well!