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**MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY**



Peter and the other disciple set out and went to the tomb!



**St. Therese of Lisieux**  
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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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"Happy Easter and warmest wishes from Fr. Daniele, the Parish staff, and our dedicated volunteers! May God bless each and every one of you abundantly!"

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
March 31th, 2024 – Year B

**Mass Schedule & Intentions:**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:30PM</b>	<b>March 30th</b> Vigil of Easter Sunday
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM</b>	<b>March 31st—Easter Sunday</b> All Parishioners
<b>10:30AM</b>	All Parishioners of St. Therese by Angeline Habjan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 1st: Solemnity</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>April 2nd: Solemnity</b> †Giuseppe Miani by Bill & Carole Bruyère
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>April 3rd: Solemnity</b> †Giuseppe Miani by Stefani Markovich
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>April 4th: Solemnity</b> † Deceased members of the Polverari family by Joe Polverari
<b>Friday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>April 6th: Solemnity</b> †Giuseppe Miani by Bill & Carole Bruyère
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00AM</b>	<b>April 6th: Solemnity</b> All Parishioners
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter</b> †John Pasko by Markovich family
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>April 7th: — Second Sunday of Easter</b> All Parishioners



**Sunday April 7th, Our Parish Community will welcome these children who will be baptized:**

**Edward La Plante  
Victoria La Plante  
Brady Colin Kerr  
Damen Trevor Kerr  
Molly Gilian Cora Kerr**

**The baptism will be during the 9:00 AM mass.**

**CONFIRMATION**



St. Therese of Lisieux welcomes Bishop Gerard Bergie as he confers the Sacrament of confirmation on our candidates. Confirmation will take place on **Apr 17th at 6:30PM**. All the parishioner are invited to participate to this very important celebration!

**FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Wednesday, April 3rd. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, April 4th, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



The office has received the Mass Intention Book for 2025. You can now reserve dates to remember and pray for your loved ones throughout this year and next. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available at the Church Entrance. If you want a particular date, please note it on the envelope and include a number you can be reached at in case we have a conflict. You are also welcome to come to the Office on Wednesdays to book your Masses and get Mass Cards to send out if you need them.

**April 7th: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**3:00 Pm —> 4:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet & Adoration.**  
**Confessions available during the Adoration.**  
**4:00PM Holy Mass**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN  
RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS**

**will be celebrated by  
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie  
Bishop of St. Catharines**

**on  
The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord  
Monday April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
at  
The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**STARTING FROM APRIL 7TH, WE WILL RETURN TO THE ORIGINAL MASS SCHEDULE, FEATURING A SINGLE SUNDAY MASS AT 9:00 AM.**

**In the first reading,** Peter, while in Cornelius's house, a Roman soldier, recounts events in Palestine that are known to everyone. He begins with John the Baptist's preaching, continues with Jesus' mission to heal both physically and spiritually, and narrates Jesus' crucifixion by the leaders and resurrection, as foretold in the Scriptures, establishing Jesus as the judge of all by God. Peter summarizes in this speech the style that Christians are called to adopt having an open view of history with all its contradictions, trusting in the gift of true life offered by Christ's resurrection. A deep look, guided by God's Word, helps us discern God's presence in Jesus' life and in the lives of believers.

**In the second reading,** Paul explains how the resurrection calls us to live as true disciples of Jesus. With the phrase "things above," Paul invites us to adopt the same attitudes as Jesus: acts of faith, charity, and hope that make us resemble Christ, who gave life, offered reconciliation and forgiveness, lifted those fallen in sin, and healed the sick. Paul emphasizes that performing these actions means living deeply in true freedom and dignity.

Moving to the Gospel, let us consider some key points:  
A- There are two-time statements, "the first day of the week" and "early in the morning while it was still dark." John connects the resurrection day with the first day of creation, stating that Jesus' resurrection initiates a new creation, a new day, and a new story for humanity, with God the Savior's illuminating presence in our lives.

B- Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb, while Peter and the beloved disciple run to it. John highlights that Easter can transform people's lives only if they have the courage to embark on a journey of faith, desiring to encounter Jesus.

C- Observing the open, empty, and orderly tomb underscores that God, the creator of all things, can recall realities no longer alive from death. The empty tomb clearly indicates that God triumphs over death. God's infinite love for the Son extends beyond his brief earthly life, and the same holds for humanity: death neither conquers nor interrupts God's love for us, so our life continues even after biological death.

D- The significance of the empty tomb would be sterile without witnesses seeing it, interpreting it as a divine action, and communicating their experience to others. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple tie, through their testimony, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to that of disciples who followed Jesus and have not yet encountered him after the resurrection. The testimony of the empty tomb is entrusted to a small group tasked with reporting to others what they have seen. Faith arises from God's gift and the testimony of few people for the benefit of all.

Easter pertains to our lives because it tells us that God created us to live in the light with Him. The negative signs of death we experience cannot destroy God's love for us, as the final word about us belongs to God: a word of eternal life and love!

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Sunday March 24 Offerings (including e-transfers) :

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,508.55
Repairs	\$ 105.00
Dev. & Peace	\$ 1,295.00 (total \$1,960.00)
Easter Flowers	\$ 100.00 (total \$895.00)
Good Friday	\$ 10.00 (total \$ 30.00)
Easter	\$ 30.00 (total \$50.00)



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE NEWS**

**COMING EVENTS**

**Soup Sunday April 7th following the 9:00 Mass.**

Take outs \$5.00, Sit down, which includes Roll and dessert \$10.00.

**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.