

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022 ~ Liturgical Year C

## Mass Intentions

‡ May 2, 2022 to May 8, 2022

**Monday ~ St. Athanasius ~ ..... May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 am +Len Michaud (by Dan & Jen)  
♥Members of the Marriage Encounter  
Community (by Fr. Michael Basque)

**Tuesday ~ St. Philip and St. James ~ ..... May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am +Giuseppina & Pietro Pizzacalla (by Children)

**Wednesday ~ ..... May 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am +Bruna Pasquale and  
+Tiziano Babo (by Catechist Sisters)  
10:00 am *Parish Mass with the School Community*  
+Dave Pine (by a Parishioner)

11:00 am Mass at Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital

**Thursday ~ ..... May 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am +Alessandro & Nazzareno Vettrano  
(by Michelina D'Amazio & Family)

10:00am *Parish Mass with the School Community*

+Lucy Pisano (by Dan & Diane Fenton)

**Friday ~ St. Francois de Laval ~ ..... May 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am +Lenny Serravalle (by Marcella & Family)

6:30 pm *In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Saturday ~ ..... May 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am +Gerald Bergie (by Pastoral Staff at Holy Rosary)

5:00 pm +Boleslaw Kowolik (by Daughter)

**Sunday ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ ..... May 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am +♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish

9:30 am +John DiCostanzo (by Frank & Laurie Costanzo)

11:00 am +Teresa Aiello (by Teresa Fucile)

+Kathy Guitard (by a Friend)

Easter is the season to think about Sunday Mass. After encountering the risen Jesus, some of the disciples attempted to avoid the changes implied by this event by returning to their former lives. Yet, Jesus reminded them, through a shared meal, things could never be the same again. In the same way, Sunday Mass reminds us of how Jesus is present among us and this reality has fundamentally changed our lives forever.

**HEALTHY BRAINS CAFE:** Please join us on Sunday, May 15, 2022, for the kick-off of our Healthy Brains Café. The free presentation will feature speakers from the Alzheimer Society Niagara Region as well as coffee and treats. The presentations will be held in the Hall following the 9:30 am Italian Mass starting at 10:45 am (in Italian and English) and after the 11:00 am Mass starting at 12:15 pm (in English).

**READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS:** If you would like to share the gifts of your time and talent as a Ministry Volunteer or are a current volunteer, please attend a Ministry Workshop on Monday, May 9 (for new and current Altar Servers) and/or Wednesday, May 18 (for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion). Each workshop will take place at 7:00pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend the workshop.

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in Honour of the Keefer Family. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for one week the stipend is \$10.00

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Bible Study sessions taking place at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church are based on the Scripture Readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. The next Bible Study session will take place on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00pm in the Church. The passages to be discussed are Acts 13.14, 43-52, Revelation 7.9, 14b-17 and John 10.27-30 (Readings for Sunday, May 8, 2022). *Each week is a unique session. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend any session.*

**WELCOME BACK:** We extend a very warm welcome to our School Community who are returning to the Church for Mass celebrations. Masses with the School Community will be celebrated on May 4 and May 5 at 10:00am in the Church. All Parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (May 1 – 6, 2022):** This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together.*" Our Catholic schools are, by definition, faith-based schools, firmly birthed in the gospel values of Jesus Christ. It was this conviction, that at the very beginning of publicly funded education in the province, a dedicated Catholic population doggedly sustained a fight for the right of Catholics to their own publicly funded Catholic schools. What we enjoy today, is due to a history of sacrifice and determination and the extraordinary works of Bishops, Sisters, Brothers, Priests and lay men and women, to build and preserve Catholic education in the face of all forms of opposition, both political and legal. Catholic education has contributed significantly to Ontario and to Canada in the contributions of all those wonderful graduates of our Catholic system. This week we continue to celebrate a school system, which celebrates and defines itself on faith and mercy and embraces the message of salvation for all peoples preached by Jesus. <https://www.ocsta.on.ca>

**3ª DOMENICA DI PASQUA (C)  
01 Maggio 2022**

Col Battesimo siamo diventati realmente figli e figlie di Dio. Che grande dono abbiamo ricevuto col battesimo! Restiamo sempre fedeli alla nostra chiamata di cristiani, che è una chiamata alla santità.

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**SANTA MESSA IL PRIMO VENERDÌ DEL MESE . .**  
6 Maggio 2022 alle ore 6:30 pm. Tutti e i devoti del Sacro Cuore siete invitati.

**BIG RED FUNDRAISER:** Just in time for BBQ season! Order hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, bacon and a variety of other frozen meats from Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church and a portion of every order will go towards the renovation of the lower level of the Church. The meat is provided by our locally run and operated Big Red Markets. Order forms are in today's bulletin or you may place an order through our website: [www.ourladyoftheholynosary.org](http://www.ourladyoftheholynosary.org) All orders must be received at the Parish Office, with full payment, by Sunday, May 15. Your items will be available for pickup on Thursday, May 19 in the Hall parking lot from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Shop local and help the parish: Win-Win! Invite your family and friends to place an order (multiple orders can be included on each order form). If the quantity is too much perhaps share a box with another family. *Please call the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer to help with this fundraiser.*

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We welcome Bishop Gerard Bergie to our Parish on Friday, May 13 for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our Parish youth and their families in your prayers, that as they are filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, they may continue to grow in God's love and grace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to the children of our Parish Family who are participating in the First Communion Solemn Group Celebrations at the 5:00pm Mass and 11:00am Mass this weekend. May they always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and the joy of His life within them.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Requesting a Priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention is a longstanding tradition in the Church. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul, and to offer our prayers, is beneficial and comforting. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is also beneficial and appreciated. Please call or email the Parish Office to request a date for your special Mass intention.

Christ is Risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people

**The Good News of the Resurrection**

"Christ is risen, and makes all things new." The resurrection is not just about Jesus rising from the dead; it is about the renewal of all of creation. "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy," for Christ is risen, and with him all creation.

With the resurrection we are now in the new time, when the sea produces an unlikely catch of fish, and the net is not torn.

The resurrection of Jesus is also about our own resurrection, which we anticipate with hope. We pray that our Easter "joy will come to perfection in heaven." But we know that there is a life to be lived, a life of struggle for the sake of the gospel.

Like the apostles, who were "full of joy that they had been judged worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the Name," we have to be willing to suffer pain and persecution before we "rise and come forth into the light of day."

By persevering in the effort to bring good news to the earth and all its inhabitants, we will one day join in with "the voices of every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea" in a song of praise and honor "To the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb."

God is preparing a great springtime for Christianity, and we can already see its first signs. In fact, both in the non-Christian world and in the traditionally Christian world, people are gradually drawing closer to gospel ideals and values, a development which the Church seeks to encourage.

Today in fact there is a new consensus among peoples about these values: the rejection of violence and war; respect for the human person and for human rights; the desire for freedom, justice and brotherhood; the surmounting of different forms of racism and nationalism; the affirmation of the dignity and role of women.

Pope John Paul II, [Redemptoris Missio, 1990: 86](#)

Gerald Darring

[https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/3EasterC050122/reflections\\_justice.html](https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/3EasterC050122/reflections_justice.html)

**CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA:** Choose Life Niagara  
Upcoming Events: March for Life Bus trip to Ottawa: for youth and chaperones May 11 & 12, 2022. The \$90 fee includes bus, accommodation, youth conference and candlelight vigil. Join thousands of Canadians as we witness to the sanctity of life. Celebrate Life Dinner: Sat., June 4, 2022 at Coppola's Banquet Hall (203 Carlton St., St. Catharines) with speaker Lia Mills. Tickets: Adults: \$50, Students: \$25. To book tickets for these events, visit [www.ChooseLife.ca/Events](http://www.ChooseLife.ca/Events) or call 905-684-7505. Mother's Day Diaper Drive: to help moms in difficult circumstances who've made a choice for life. Donate diapers, wipes or money for baby essentials from now until May 20. For drop off locations, visit [www.chooselife.ca](http://www.chooselife.ca).