

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

† May 9, 2022 to May 15, 2022

Monday ~	May 9th
8:00 am	+Leo Becu (by The LaCouvee Family) +Helen Albanese (by Vince Addario)
Tuesday ~	May 10th
8:00 am	+Angelina Feor (by Paul & Theresa) +Fred Burke (by Brenda & Family)
Wednesday ~	May 11th
8:00 am	+Agostino Nardelli (by Family)
Thursday ~	May 12th
8:00 am	+Eliodoro Pineda and +Nellie Pineda Lagozon (by Teresa & Romeo)
Friday ~	May 13th
8:00 am	Deceased Members of the Middleton and Durocher Family (by Lionel Middleton Sr.) +Jerry McNamara (by a Parishioner)
Saturday ~ St. Matthias ~	May 14th
8:00 am	+Mario & Matteo (by Family)
5:00 pm	+Maria, Alessandro & Donato Vettraino (by Michelina D'Amizio) +Rosina Guarasci (by Fiorella Trivieri)
Sunday ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~	May 15th
8:00 am	+♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the DelDuca & Falovo Families (by Maria & Fiorino) +Vita Costa (by Family)
11:00 am	+George Kenny (by Diane Stanclik) +Jamie Ciancio (by Benedetta D'Amizio)

Easter is the season to recall how Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Within the Old Testament, shepherds are often associated with the leadership of the community. As shepherds keep their flock together, defend it against attacks from predators or bandits and know where water and food can be found, so leaders were expected to do the same. By calling people to repent from sin, refuting errors and feeding them, Jesus was the Good Shepherd.

HEALTHY BRAINS CAFE: Please join us Next Sunday (May 15, 2022) for the kick-off of our Healthy Brains Café. There will be a free presentation with 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 RAFFLE: The draw day for the Knights of Columbus' 50/50 raffle is May 21. If you would like tickets, please contact Bob Merrill at 905-324-2919 or email rmerrill0102@gmail.com. The tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 tickets for \$5.00 or a book of 12 tickets for \$20.00.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: We pray with gratitude to God for our mothers and for those who are like a mother to us. May they be blessed with the courage they need, the strength to love and to be loved and the wisdom to turn to God for help when they need it most.

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.

CANADA HEALTH DAY (May 12): Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of Doris Laskowski. The Sanctuary Lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

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 10 at 7:00pm in the Church. The passages to be discussed are Acts 14.21b-27, Revelation 21.1-5a and John 13.1,31-33a,34-35 (Readings for Sunday, May 15, 2022). *Each week is a unique session. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend any session.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (May 8): The 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. May all who serve and lead in the Church be renewed through the power of the Gospel to follow in the footsteps of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

**4^a DOMENICA DI PASQUA (C)
08 Maggio 2022**

Gesù è il buon pastore che va in cerca della pecorella smarrita e la porta in salvo prendendola sulle sue spalle. Preghiamo con insistenza perché coloro che sono chiamati a collaborare più intimamente con il Signore rispondano con generosità e amore alla sua chiamata.

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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.ourladyoftheholyroary.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.*

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of: Angela DeGasperis and Jackie Cummings. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me:

The gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes,
The gift of counsel to make difficult decisions,
The gifts of knowledge and understanding
To use my mind to know you and to love you,
The gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments,
The gift of piety to be able to express my special love
And commitment to you,
And the right kind of awesome fear
That makes me pause to wonder and revere
God's Love.
Amen.

Our Hope and Strength

The risen Christ is our shepherd. "We are his people: the sheep of his flock." He gives us eternal life, and we shall never perish.

The risen Christ is "a light to the nations," so that all people everywhere are renewed by the Easter event.

The poor, the hungry and the homeless stand in the presence of the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Abused children and the neglected elderly stand before the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

The victims of war and torture, the masses of uprooted refugees, and the despised people of the world stand before the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

We walk in the valley of darkness, but we fear no evil, for we follow in faith the call of the shepherd, who was "sent for our hope and strength."

Jesus has entered our history as God's anointed son who announces the coming of God's kingdom, a kingdom of justice and peace and freedom.

And, what Jesus proclaims, he embodies in his actions. His ministry reveals that the reign of God is something more powerful than evil, injustice, and the hardness of hearts.

Through his crucifixion and resurrection, he reveals that God's love is ultimately victorious over all suffering, all horror, all meaninglessness, and even over the mystery of death.

Thus, we proclaim words of hope and assurance to all who suffer and are in need.

U.S. Bishops, [Economic Justice for All](#), 1986: 28

Gerald Darrington

https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/4EasterC050822/reflections_justice.html

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA: Choose Life Niagara
Upcoming Events: 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 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.