

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ~ Liturgical Year A

### Mass Intentions

✠ April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

**Monday**.....**NO MASS**..... **April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday**..... **April 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 am ✠ Antonio DiPardo (by Family)

✠ Nadia Alonzi (Rosamaria Alonzi)

**Wednesday**.....**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of** Norma Kehoe

(by Bronson Fuliere)

✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

**Thursday**..... **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of** Jonathan Mani

(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

✠ Conchita Pineda (by Teresa & Romeo Feliciano)

**Friday**.....**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am ♥ **For the Special Intention of** Varginese Mani

(by Isabel & Joseph Schackmann)

✠ Antonio & Giovanna DelDuca (by Maria Falovo)

**Saturday**.....**St Mark, Evangelist**.....**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am ♥ **For the Special Intention of** Michele Braun

(by Mom & Dad)

♥ **For the Special Intention of** Richard, Loretta & Children

5:00pm ♥ **Wedding Anniversary of** Bob & Mary Jane

(by Mary Jane Rose)

✠ Giovanni & Vincenza Gabriele

(by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

✠ Norman Leslie Sulton (by The Society of SVDP)

✠ Henry Bouley (by John McManany)

✠ Bob McGarrigle (by Family)

✠ Sophia Sacco (by Patricia Smolak)

✠ Thomas Walker (by Gord & Diana)

**Sunday**.....**Fourth Sunday of Easter**.....**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:30 am ✠ Lidio & Teresa Venneri (by Marcella Serravalle)

✠ Annabella Flores Benson (by The Catechist Sisters)

11:00 am ✠ Ralph Biancaniello (by Vince Addario)

✠ Gerard Goselin (Vince Addario)

### SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of *The aborted babies*. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

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### Pope s' Prayer Intention for the Month of April

#### For priests in crisis:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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### LEGACY ROSARY:

Parishioners are invited to look at the presentation at the back of the church, which shows the Rosary Beads that will encircle the Basement Hall. The Rosary beads (Plaques) can be dedicated in memory of a loved ones. Look at the chart and pick your bead for your loved ones. Make your loved ones legacy memorable!

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### **SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER - PICK UP**



**Pick up will be taking place on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, after each Mass in the Church Hall.**

Thank you for supporting our church community

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### Weekly Offering

**12-Apr-26**

Offertory: Regular & Initial 3,937.80

Online Offertory 1,210.80

E-Transfer Offertory 300.00

Church Basement + **Plant \$15-** 756.75

Good Friday 175.00

**Total \$ 6,380.35**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

| Basement Renovation   | Collection   | Expense     | Balance       |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Donation Collected as of April 5th, 2026  | \$120,845.90 | -           | \$ 120,845.90 |
| New Donations: April 12th, 2026   | -            | -           | 120,845.90    |
| 2nd Collect April 12th, 2026  | 741.75       | -           | 121,587.65    |
| Plant   | 15.00        |             | 121,602.65    |
| Rosary Legacy   | 20,500.00    |             | 142,102.65    |
| Structure Engineering   | -            | \$ 2,469.05 | 139,633.60    |
| Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22)   | -            | 678.00      | 138,955.60    |
| Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025  | -            | 6,415.38    | 132,540.22    |
| Consulting Fees invoiced by: <b>ECCOH Management Inc., E360 Solution &amp; Manpower</b> | -            | 27,890.00   | 104,650.22    |
| Abatement and Demolition of the Basement  | -            | 122,300.00  | -17,649.78    |
| Uncategorized - Ductless Carrier Multi Zone   | -            | \$ 9,449.06 | -27,098.84    |
| Equipment Rental & Supply, Remove & dispose of Aprox                                    |              | \$96,073.05 | -123,171.89   |
| Drawing, design & general coordination  |              | \$ 6,035.33 | -129,207.22   |

### **EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY**

*(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)*

**This Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, the young adults of the diocese invite you to **join us for prayer, formation, and fellowship at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, St. Catharines.** For more information, contact Fr. Daniel at

[corso.danielanthony@gmail.com](mailto:corso.danielanthony@gmail.com) or follow us on

[Instagram@emmaus.ya](https://www.instagram.com/emmaus.ya)

**XVI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A**

**S. Macrina, S. Simmaco - 19 luglio 2026**

*Nel gesto quotidiano della condivisione del pane, riconosciamo Cristo. L'Eucaristia ci apre gli occhi sulla sua presenza reale nella nostra vita, anche quando facciamo fatica a riconoscerlo.*

**Oggi ricorre la 102ª Giornata per l'Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.**

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In today's Gospel we see the meeting of our Lord with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. How much the Eucharist meant to those disciples! First, Jesus spoke to them, and then he broke the bread as he did at the Last Supper. They said that their hearts were on fire when he explained Scripture to them, but they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus gave two gifts to these disciples, the gift of understanding the new significance of the Word of God, and the gift of the Eucharist.

I want to consider briefly each of these gifts.

I am sure that all of your homes have Bibles. But do check to be certain that you own a Catholic Bible. This is important because the Catholic Bible includes books such as *Wisdom, Sirach* and *Tobit*, which are not found in the non-Catholic Bibles. Every home with little children should also have a children's Bible, or at least a book with Bible stories for children. We should read our Bibles, study them, but the most important thing we should do is pray with our Bibles. Instead of being all bogged down with footnotes and various interpretations, we should read a passage and just ask ourselves, "What is this saying to me?" And, perhaps, when we realize that God is speaking to us through the Word, our hearts will also be on fire like the hearts of the disciples on road to Emmaus.

It is important that we have Bibles, and pray with our Bibles, but we have been given a gift that is greater than even our Bibles. We have been given the gift of the Eucharist. We have been given the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. When we receive Communion, we are united to Jesus offering Himself as the Eternal Sacrifice on the Cross and filling us with the Eternal Life of the Resurrection. Eucharist is the heart of our Life in Christ.

I find it very sad that in the history of the Church, attacks on Roman Catholicism have always included attacks on the Eucharist. Unfortunately, the persecution of the Catholic Church by attacking the Eucharist continues in our own times.

It is also sad that so many of our Catholic families have not placed a great value on their own reception of the Eucharist. Why is it that people withdraw from a regular reception of the Eucharist? That is a hard question to answer. Part of it might be a matter of priorities: Mass is not as important to some people as their children's sports or other activities, even though there are plenty of opportunities to attend Mass other than Sunday mornings. Or maybe some families just fall out of the habit of attending Mass every week. This is particularly evident when the school ends and the family's schedule changes.

But I fear that there is another reason that is the same both for those who attack the Eucharist and for those who believe in the Real Presence but do not receive regularly. And that reason is that to understand the significance of the Eucharist, a person needs to be open to the mystical.

Our modern world has a difficult time dealing with the concept of mystery. It thinks that everything either has an explanation, or it doesn't exist. As a result, the world deprives itself of that which is beyond the imagination of man, beyond the reach of his scientific instruments. It deprives itself of the ability to be one with God in the Eucharist. It deprives itself of the joy of recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were open to mystery. They had heard that something had happened after the crucifixion. They talked about their hope in this Jesus of Nazareth. They were open to the mysterious stranger's explanation of Scripture. And then they were open to recognizing the Lord in the Breaking of the Bread.

We are called today to come to a deeper appreciation and reverence for the wonders our Savior has provided for us in the Breaking of the Bread.

*Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.*

**HOLY HOUR to PRAY for VOCATIONS:**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00pm, at the Cathedral (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines), join with your diocesan family, under the leadership of Bishop Bergie, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially from and for our diocese, for vocations to the diaconate and for vocations to religious life. May the Lord touch the hearts of many young men and women to consecrate themselves completely and exclusively to Christ and the service of His holy people. May the Lord bless all married and single persons in their vocations.

**LEARNING AND PRAYER SESSIONS - CONFIRMATION**

Final Learning and Prayer Sessions for **Candidates and Parents** is scheduled on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at the Parish Hall

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Please pray for the children in our Sacramental Preparation program who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation.

**FIRST COMMUNION:**

Please pray for the children participating in the First Communion Solemn Group Celebrations that will take place at the Saturday, 5:00pm and Sunday, 11:00am Masses on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 and May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**ARE YOU ON P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittance)?**

This is an **easy and convenient** system for Church offering which also **avoiding your offertory envelope number to be changed.** Call the Church office 905-227-3178 for more information.

*"Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11*

