

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

✠ May 5th, 2025 to May 11th, 2025

Monday.....NO MASS..... May 5th

Tuesday.....St. François de Laval, Bishop..... May 6th

8:00 am ✠ Ennio Ciolfi (by Carmine and Norma Ciolfi)

✠ Jack Priestman (by Wife, Joanne Priestman)

Wednesday.....May 7th

8:00 am ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory (by Jennifer Olszowy)

✠ John Cliffe (by Joanne Priestman)

Thursday.....May 8th

8:00 am ✠ Rosanna Petrarola (by Joanne Priestman)

✠ David Sipple (by Marge Longo)

Friday.....May 9th

8:00 am ✠ Chiarina Serravalle (by Irene Yurkewich & Fran Lang)

✠ Doris Laskowski (by Dolores Reay)

10:00 am Mass with School community

✠ Rosanna Petrarola (by OLHR School Staff Members)

12:30 pm Mass with School Community

✠ Rosanna Petrarola (by OLHR School Staff Members)

Saturday.....May 10th

8:00 am ✠ Matteo & Mario (by Family)

✠ Fiorino Falovo (The Aiello Sisters)

5:00 pm ♥ **Special Intention of Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.**

✠ Papa Francesco (by Congregazione delle S. C. del Sacre Cuore)

✠ Dwyer & Burke Families (by Brenda & family)

✠ Filomena Bozza (The Ricciuto Family)

✠ Maria Ricciuto (by Mr. & Mrs Luigi Soccio)

✠ Benedetta D'Amizio (by Steven & Anna Charlton)

✠ Felix Pignotti (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)

Sunday.....**Fourth Sunday of Easter**.....May 11th

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

9:30 am ✠ Antonio D'Amizio (by Michelina & Family)

✠ Silvana Nardangeli (by Umberto Nardangeli)

11:00 am ♥ **Special Intention of Bishop Bergie**

✠ Angelina Feor & Shauna (by Paul & Theresa Feor)

✠ Agostino Nardelli (by Family)

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of May

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

***NEW* HOLY ROSARY YOUTH GROUP**

Fridays May 9th & 16th

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth group for fun, faith formation, and fellowship. For more information, to sign up, or to get involved, please contact Father Daniel.

Today's Gospel reading contains a wonderful resurrection scene at the conclusion of the *Gospel of John*. The disciples had returned to fishing, to the job they had before they met Jesus. Like the first time reported by Mark, Matthew and Luke (the Synoptics), when Jesus called them to follow him, they were not very successful until the Lord told them to cast their nets off to the right side of the boat. They didn't recognize the Lord until they saw the results. They caught 153 large fish, the number of nations known to exist back then. They were supposed to preach the Gospel to all the nations and bring them to the one Church. Jesus is resurrecting the Church dispersed after the crucifixion!

When Peter and the other disciples in the boat came to Jesus, they found Him sitting at a fire. He offered them breakfast. He ate with them. Jesus was not a ghost. Jesus had a resurrected body. It was holy, but a real human body. He told them to join Him in the meal.

Then we come to that wonderful dialogue between Jesus and Peter demanding the triple affirmation from Peter as a negation of his triple denial on Good Friday. "Do you love me, Simon Peter?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." "Then feed my sheep."

Jesus was not about to let Peter wallow in his own guilt and self-pity. Peter had done a terrible thing. He had denied the Lord but he sought the Lord's forgiveness. The gospels say that he wept bitterly after he heard the cock crow. Now, after the Resurrection, Peter would remain the head of the apostles. The only qualification required of him was to love. There is a play on words in original Greek. Jesus asks Peter using the word *agapo* – do you love me as God loves, ready to give your life for me? Peter answers with *fileo* – I love you as a friend, with my human love. In the last question – Jesus uses the verb *fileo* used by Peter. Thus Jesus calls Peter to grow in his love, but for this moment, to start with it is enough for him Peter's human, imperfect love. Jesus also indicates Peter the way to grow in his love for God - He asks him to feed the Lord's sheep. The rest of Peter's life would be spent feeding the Lord's sheep. And he will grow in his love to reach the level of *agape* – the sacrificial love.

The forgiven and transformed Peter would eventually go to Rome and, as the Roman historian Tertullian states, endure a passion like his Lord's. The Christian theologian, Origen, as well as others wrote that Peter was crucified, head downward. This happened in the Ager Vaticanus, the area on the west bank of the Tiber where Nero had constructed an arena. Christians would eventually build a Church over the burial spot, and then a basilica, the Basilica of St. Peter. The truth of Jesus would continue to nourish the people from Peter and those who stood in his place, the popes. George Weigel mentions in *Letters to Young Catholics* that the large obelisk in the center of the Piazza San Pietro was brought to Rome from Egypt by the Emperor Nero and was placed in the arena where Peter was martyred. It was most likely one of the last things that Peter saw before he died.

Like Peter we must feed others with God's Word. Others are depending on us. A whole world is looking to us. We have a mission to complete with our lives. We are members of the Body of Christ. We need to fulfill our function within the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, for the good of the world. We must proclaim Jesus Christ with our lives. *Fr. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.*

♥♥♥ *This week Bulletin is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* ♥♥♥
 6th promise: *"Sinners will find in my Heart the source and Infinite Ocean of mercy."*

EMMAUS YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY
(Tuesdays, 7-9pm, St. Denis Church)

This Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, 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 or follow us on Instagram @emmaus.ya



Knights of Columbus – 2nd Thursday of the Month Dinner

The popular monthly **beef-on-a-bun** is held on the **second Thursday of each month.** The format is takeout only. **Beef on a bun, coleslaw and roasted potatoes for only \$13.** **This week Beef on a Bun Dinner** will be held on Thursday, May 8th, 2025.

**Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Parish –
 Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage**

Parishioners and relatives are invited on a Thirteen (13) days pilgrimage **From September 12th to 24th, 2025.** **Cost: \$5,250, includes: breakfast, dinner and bus fare. \$1,750 upon registration.** Please, call the **parish office: 905-227-3178**, for registration and more details.

Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025.

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in our schools, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Weekly Offering 27-Apr-25

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| Offertory: | 3,252.50 |
| Easter | 100.00 |
| Online Offertory | 1,138.50 |
| Parish Maint | 292.00 |
| Basement Reno | 6,050.00 |
| Good Friday | 25.00 |
| Dev & Peace | 25.00 |
| St. Anthony Feast | 357.00 |
| Total | \$11,240.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

How to Build a Catholic Life in a Pagan Culture-

When it comes to living out your Catholic Faith, have you ever felt like a salmon swimming upstream? Join Adelaine Nohara in learning how we can live in this world without being of this world. This new Catholic formation course is designed to equip you with a spiritual toolkit that will enable you, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to bravely oppose the destructive currents present in contemporary society so you can arrive safely at your heavenly home. The course will run for 7 weeks on Friday nights beginning May 16, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. The course is best suited to practicing Catholics over the age of 15. The cost of the course is \$40. Please contact the parish office to register.

Basement Renovation – Update to April 27th, 2025

| Basement Renovation | Collection | Expense | Balance |
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| Donation Collected as of April 20th, 2025 | \$ 13,155.50 | - | \$13,155.50 |
| New Donations April 26-27th, 2025 | 850.00 | - | 14,005.50 |
| Anonymous Donati on (THANK YOU!) | 5,200.00 | - | 19,205.50 |
| Structure integrity | - | 2,469.05 | 16,736.45 |
| Additional Lab Analytical-Asbestos (22) | - | 678.00 | 16,058.45 |
| Incurred Expenses as of April 13th, 2025 | - | \$6,415.38 | 9,643.07 |
| Estimated mechanical & Electrical fees | - | 27,890.00 | -18,246.93 |

Thank you for your generous and continuous support on renovating the Parish basement.

MASS WITH LATIN

For the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at 7:00 pm Mass with Latin at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. **All are Welcome!**

***MFC CANADA - Missionary Families of Christ -Defending Faith, Family & Life** invites you to a Christian Life Seminar, on Saturday, **May 10th, 2025** at the Parish Hall from **9am-4pm.** The CLS is a formation program to strengthen our Catholic Faith knowing that Jesus Christ is the way of true happiness.

We extend sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends who mourn the recent loss of **Ida Nardangeli and Donald Gregoire.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

With great joy, we congratulate our newly baptized **Indica & Kelowna Dyet, Theo Antonio Murphy Hebert, Drayton Jace Legayo, Mabel Mia Morneau, Rowen Everly & Seth Maddox Neumann* who joined our Parish Family on April 27th, 2025. May God bless these new members and their families as they live as followers of Jesus Christ.



To commemorate the anniversary of birth for Heaven of **Santa Giulia Salzano**, the Catechist Sisters inform you that a Mass in Italian will be celebrated in her honour on Friday, May 16th, 2025 at 5:30pm. You are all invited to participate as you are receiving special graces by the intercession of Santa Giulia for all your needs.



THE MONTH OF MAY is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us seek Her intercession for our parish, our families and our diocese by promoting a sincere devotion to her as Mother of God and model of Christians.

Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Living God, pray for us!

Information: To venerate the 100 years anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, the committee of this Feast displayed white envelopes and encourages you to take one to help with the cost. We will have a Triduum, Mass with Bishop Bergie, Street procession, refreshment. More details to follow.