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Sunday Masses  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am  
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses  
Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am  
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions  
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism  
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage  
Arrangements should be made at least 6  
months in advance.  
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick  
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Please call the office.

Secretary  
Sandy Johnson  
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday  
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905-835-2451

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Min. Schedule - April 18/19

**Hospitality:**  
5:00 pm - Victor Gatt  
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley  
11:00 am - Teresa Ricci

**Communion:**  
5:00 pm - Linda Haakman  
9:00 am - Susan Foebel  
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

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## The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A

# Peace be with you.

**Lectors:**  
5:00 pm - Bettina DiGiulio  
9:00 am - Susan Foebel  
11:00 am - Mark Morasse

**Video:**  
5:00 pm - Sandy MacIntyre  
9:00 am - Albert DeLaat  
11:00 am - Dave Bilodeau

**Organist:** All Masses - Dino Sicoli

April 12, 2026 A.D.

The 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year A



Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

- Tues Apr 14 6:00 pm +Cesare Giancola
Wed Apr 15 8:30 am +Michael Ventresca
Thurs Apr 16 8:30 am +Michael Ventresca
Fri Apr 17 St. Kateri Tekakwitha 8:30 am +Italia Forte
Sat Apr 18 The 3rd Sunday of Easter 1:00 pm Wedding of Richard Massard III and Paige Ottaviano 5:00 pm +John Haakman
Sun Apr 19 9:00 am +Melania VanKampen 11:00 am For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's

- by Lily & Dino Sicoli
by Sernando & Lisa Perrella
by Peirino Perrella
by Rita Forte
by Lily & Dino Sicoli
by Cathy Stoop-Sneek

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a Catholic feast day celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. It was officially established for the universal Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, during the canonization of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

Significance and Promises

The feast is based on private revelations received by St. Faustina in the 1930s, where she recorded Jesus' desire for a feast dedicated to His mercy. According to her diary, Jesus promised that the soul who goes to Confession and receives Holy Communion on this day will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. This "extraordinary grace" is described as a spiritual reset equivalent to a second baptism.



How to Observe Divine Mercy Sunday

To receive the special graces and plenary indulgence associated with this day, the following practices are recommended:

- Sacramental Confession: It is recommended to go shortly before the feast day (often during Lent or the Octave of Easter).
Holy Communion: Receive the Eucharist worthily on the day of the feast or its vigil.
Trust in God's Mercy: Approach the sacraments with a spirit of complete trust in Jesus.
Venerate the Image: Publicly or privately honor the Divine Mercy Image, which depicts Jesus with red and pale rays flowing from His heart and the words "Jesus, I trust in You".
Acts of Mercy: Perform at least one work of mercy (deed, word, or prayer) toward others.
Pray for the Pope: Recite prayers for the Holy Father's intentions as part of the indulgence requirement.



The Divine Mercy Devotion

The feast is the culmination of several related devotions:

- Divine Mercy Novena: A nine-day prayer period that begins on Good Friday and ends on the Saturday before the feast.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: A specific prayer usually recited on rosary beads, often at 3:00 PM (the "Hour of Mercy" commemorating Christ's death).

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SOUP SUNDAY

Come and join us for our annual Soup Sunday Luncheon on Sunday Apr 26 after the 11 am Mass.

Cost: Adults - \$15/person

And children under 12 - \$5

Includes a variety of soup, chili, focaccia bread and Italian bread, assorted desserts, tea, coffee and lemonade.



Tickets will be sold at the door.

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DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING

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meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

- April 13, 2026 Identifying Our Losses
April 27, 2026 Coping With Grief
May 11, 2026 Navigating Change

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A PRAYER FOR TRUSTING THROUGH DOUBT IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION

Heavenly Father, in the light of the Resurrection, You have given us a living hope through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

When doubt clouds our hearts and trials weigh upon our spirits, draw us closer to Your mercy.

Like Saint Thomas the Apostle, help us to seek You with honesty and trust, and to find peace in Your Sacred Wounds.

Strengthen us through prayer, nourish us in the breaking of the Bread, and unite us in love with one another, that we may walk each day with an Easter vision; full of joy, gratitude, and confidence in Your promise.

Lead us, step by step, toward heaven, where our hope is kept safe in You.

Amen.

CONTINUE THROUGH DOUBT

The Christian approaches life with an "Easter vision," rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today we are shown how that vision is lived out in daily life and reminded that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.



The first Christians practiced this by: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." And, "They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." This is a snapshot of the first community of Christians — embracing prayer through the breaking of the bread, formation through the teaching of the apostles, hospitality through communal life and joyful fellowship, and service through their care for one another. What an inspiration for us as modern-day stewards.

The Easter season is not a time to relax in the practice of our faith now that Lent is behind us. Rather, it is a time to live our faith with even deeper joy and gratitude as we celebrate our Lord's victory over sin and death. St. Peter captures this Easter outlook beautifully: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is ... kept in heaven for you." This

should shape the way we live each day. At the same time, St. Peter acknowledges that the Christian life is not without hardship: "In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials."

Certainly, it can be difficult to keep our eyes fixed on heaven when earthly concerns - job stress, family struggles, health worries, political division - loom so large. At times, we can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle Thomas, before his encounter with the merciful Savior. Not present when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to believe their witness that they had "seen the Lord."

He insisted he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ's side. Yet his doubts did not repel our Lord - they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Beneath Thomas' stubborn words, Jesus saw pain, disappointment and fear. Our Lord, who is mercy itself, did not condemn him. Instead, He calmed his doubts, invited him closer, and allowed him to touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, for whatever reason, we need only seek the Lord - in prayer, in the sacraments, and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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