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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  
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins  
Please call the office.

Secretary  
Sandy Johnson  
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools  
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905-835-2451

Cemetery  
Mount St. Joseph's, 712 Lakeshore Rd E  
289-213-2509

Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Min. Schedule - April 25/26

Hospitality:  
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan  
9:00 am - Joe Gatt  
11:00 am - Sam Zuvic

Communion:  
5:00 pm - Lisa Shibley  
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek  
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

# Diocese of St. Catharines St. Patrick Catholic Church



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1859

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1880

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## The 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

# Were not our hearts burning within us?

Lectors:  
5:00 pm - Julie Typer  
9:00 am - Cathy Stoop-Sneek  
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

Video:  
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos  
9:00 am - Dan Tonello  
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli

# April 19, 2026 A.D. The 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A



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

- Tues Apr 21 6:00 pm** +Josph Fass  
**Wed Apr 22 8:30 am** +John Piccoli  
**Thurs Apr 23 8:30 am** +Antonio Ricci  
**Fri Apr 24 8:30 am** +John Piccoli  
**Sat Apr 25 *The 4th Sunday of Easter***  
**5:00 pm** For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's  
**Sun Apr 26 9:00 am** +Michael Ventresca  
**11:00 am** +Nadia Ursacki

## PROPELLED ON YOUR JOURNEY

As Christians, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

We are to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our "why" for embracing the Christian way of life - we have been ransomed by



our Lord's saving death and Resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him - as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

Today we hear of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. These men knew Jesus personally. They were believers. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They talked, traveled and ate with Him. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered our Lord's empty tomb and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. And if that were not enough, they had also been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own walk of faith, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we

lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple - even for us modern-day disciples - is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns, and course corrections required regularly.

Our Lord offers a course correction to the two disciples who have lost their way, opening their eyes to the reality of His presence and the truth of His Resurrection. What happens when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist - "the breaking of the bread"? They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and for their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged, when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus - the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on the journey toward heaven, with a renewed sense of joy and gratitude as we go!

reflections@catholicsteward.com

by Tony & Jane D'Uva  
by Teresa Ricci  
by Teresa Ricci  
by the Hendriks Family

by Lily & Dino Sicoli  
by the Hendriks Family

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

**Please use our donation e-transfer email:**

**st.patrickpcdonations@gmail.com**

**Do not enter a security password as the funds will be directly deposited into the bank.**

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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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## 1st HOLY RECONCILIATION AND 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting on April 28 at 6:30 pm in our Parish Hall. Please make plans to attend if you have a child in Grade 2 who is ready to receive these Sacraments on May 23 and May 24, 2026.

If you have a child or grandchild that is in the public school system and would like them to receive the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at St. Patrick, we warmly invite you to register them for our catechism classes. Classes begin Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm, following the evening Mass. Please contact the parish office to register.



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## DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

meets every 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| April 27, 2026 | Coping With Grief              |
| May 11, 2026   | Navigating Change              |
| May 25, 2026   | Self Esteem                    |
| June 8, 2026   | Who Am I Now?                  |
| June 22, 2026  | Loving and Respecting Yourself |

## UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES OF THE CHURCH

As we continue our joyful journey through the Easter season, the Church leads us through a beautiful unfolding of the mystery of our faith:

- **The Ascension of the Lord** reminds us that Christ returns to the Father, opening the gates of heaven and entrusting His mission to us.

**May 17, 2026**

- **Pentecost Sunday** celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the Church to proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy.

**May 24, 2026**

- **The Most Holy Trinity** invites us to contemplate the inner life of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - perfect love and communion.

**May 31, 2026**

- **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** calls us to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.

**June 7, 2026**

Together, these sacred celebrations reveal the fullness of God's plan: Christ ascends, the Spirit descends, the Trinity is made known, and Jesus remains with us always in the Eucharist. Let us enter deeply into these mysteries with grateful and faithful hearts.

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## HEARTS SET ABLAZE ON THE JOURNEY

Risen Lord Jesus,

You walk with us on the road of life,  
even when our hearts are weary and our eyes are dim.  
You have ransomed us by Your precious Blood  
and called us to journey toward the joy of heaven.

When we grow discouraged or lose our way,  
open our eyes to Your presence among us.  
Speak to us through Your Word,  
and set our hearts burning within us once more.

In the breaking of the Bread, reveal Yourself to us,  
and transform our doubt into faith,  
our sorrow into hope.  
Strengthen us to continue our sojourn  
with reverence and trust,  
offering our lives back to You in love.

May the grace of this Easter season renew us,  
and propel us forward with joy and gratitude,  
until we reach our eternal home with You.

Amen.