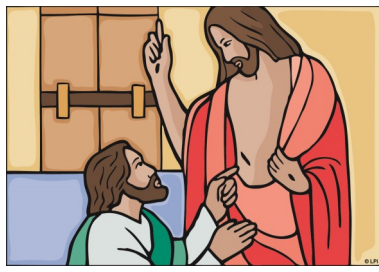


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**Sunday, April 3rd, 2016  
 Divine Mercy Sunday**

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
 Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
 — Jn 20:28-29  
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Sat. April 2	9-10am	Reconciliation <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
	5:00pm	Health & Happiness for James & Jennifer Douglas (John Douglas) <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Sun. April 3	9:30am	✠ John Vanderlee (Family)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
	3:00pm	<b>Prayers</b>
Mon. April 4	7:00pm	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Reconciliation CANCELLED</b>
Tues. April 5	9:30am	✠ Tedesco Family (Annette Zarb—Tedesco)
Wed. April 6	9:30am	✠ David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Thurs. April 7	9:30am	✠ Irma Deak (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Fri. April 8	9:30am	<b>Intention Available</b>
Sat. April 9	9-10am	Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. April 10	9:30am	✠ Nina & Czeslaw Aleksiejuk (Jan & Lana)
	11:00am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.  
 Offertory March 26th & 27th, 2016**

101 Envelopes	\$3, 164.00
Loose Collection	\$ 451.25
Total Offertory	\$3, 615.25
Syrian Refugee Family	\$ 700.00
Share Lent	\$ 830.00
(Total to date: \$3, 565.80)	
Holy Land	\$ 809.00

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael Basque, Vocation Director, Diocese of St. Catharines, (905) 684-0154 Email: vocations@saintcd.com

**Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy**

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear --whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd: Our Lord said to Saint Faustina:** *Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death....When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just judge but as the Merciful Saviour. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. Please join us on April 3rd @ at 3:00pm for prayers.* The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

**The New Evangelization Summit, Inspiring Catholics:** Live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across North America! Streaming to Niagara Falls, April 15-16. Saint Michael Catholic High School, 866 McLeod Rd., 289-257-1086 or niagara-falls@gmail.com Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information and tickets, please visit newevangelization.ca

**The Notre Dame College School Alumni Association** is inviting all alumni to register on our new website in order to re-establish our contact list. Once logged in and registered you will be able to peruse over 65 years of Notre Dame yearbooks online. Please register at [www.notredamewelland.com](http://www.notredamewelland.com). Click on Notre Dame Alumni

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy : In response to our Bishop's request, St. Ann's has a Prayer Hour for Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.** The Sacrament of Confession is available during that time until 7:55 p.m. when we will have Benediction. In addition, Confession is available before each weekday Mass from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to Friday. Confessions on Saturday are available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in addition to the usual 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It is my hope that this Year of Mercy will be a time of increased prayer and increased reception of the Sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, so that we may grow much closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and better appreciate and put into practice the great love and mercy He shows us. **Also, at any time you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may come to the rectory or phone to make an appointment.**

**Diocese of St. Catharines Responsible Faith Ministry: Our parish needs to establish a team to oversee this ministry.** Responsibilities for these positions are outlined in the RFM manual. If you are interested, please phone the office. We can assist you with an outline and if you'd like, you can borrow one of the manuals to see if this is a volunteer position you would like to pursue.

**YOUTH MINISTRY APRIL EVENTS**

April 6th, 2016 —ISSUE NIGHT— But I Still Love Technology  
 April 13th, 2016 — PRAYER—The Prayer of St. Michael  
 \*Sunday, April 17th—Fundraiser Weekend: Stay tuned for details!  
 April 20th, 2016 — SCRIPTURE NIGHT— Crosswords: Lectio Divina  
 \*Friday, April 22nd—SOCIAL NIGHT: Landmark Cinemas, St. Catharines, Movie TBA  
 April 27th, 2016— ISSUE NIGHT—Fake Out: Popularity . First hour: begin planning float for May parade (hopefully all volunteers are able to attend!)

**YOUTH MINISTRY—FAMILY BAKING AUCTION**

On **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, members of youth ministry are hosting a fundraiser with all proceeds supporting the missions of Elisha House and Open Arms Mission!  
**Step One:** Mark Sunday, April 17th on your calendars!  
**Step Two:** After either the 9:30am Mass or the 11:00am Mass on April 17th, head downstairs for coffee and the Baked Goods Auction! **Step Three:** You will be given a bidding paddle marked with a number. **Step Four:** Let the bidding begin!  
*For example:*  
 Dessert #1: Tiramisu  
 "Bidding starts at \$5... Do we have \$5?"  
 "Okay, \$5 goes to Paddle Holder #17!... Do we have \$10?"  
 And so on...  
 Don't miss this exciting opportunity to bond with the parish community and support two amazing causes! If you are interested in donating a baked good to be auctioned off, or have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact Roberta Plantic at 905.401.0174 or email [rplantic@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:rplantic@branchesoftheword.org).

**Parish Calendar**

April 3rd....	Divine Mercy Prayers 3pm
April 4th.....	Holy Hour Cancelled
April 17th ...	Youth Ministry fundraiser
April 20th....	Finance Meeting 7pm
April 21st.....	CWL meeting 7pm. Guest speaker Lorrie Hulley
May....	
May 1st.....	First Communion 2pm
May 8th.....	The Ascension of the Lord
May 15th....	Pentecost Sunday
May 22nd.....	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 29th....	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**May 30th– June 3rd...weekday masses cancelled**

**Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Committee & Fundraising:** Our financial goal is to raise \$30,000 to sponsor a family with 5-7 members. **To date, a total of \$19, 870 has been donated.** We thank you for your tremendous support! We will continue to accept donations. Please use a separate envelope labelled "Syrian Refugee Family" with your name and address on it. If donating by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Ann Parish". There are many details involved with this initiative. As time progresses, the committee will keep you informed and up to date about these decisions and other ways you may assist. Once again, we are thankful and very grateful for the interest shown in re-locating a refugee family and assisting them to re-locate in our community.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS** Celebrated by Bishop Gerard Paul Bergie, The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, **Monday, April 4th, 2016 7pm.** RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL. Hosted by the Cathedral CWL. Information: William and Elise Mathie, 905-684-7569 -Diocesan Respect Life Committee. **HOLY HOUR IS CANCELLED FOR APRIL 4TH.**

**Catholic Women's League News**  
 Our next CWL meeting will be **Thursday, April 21st at 7PM.** The guest speaker will be Lorrie Hulley who will speak to us on the topic of Advanced Directives. This will be an extension of last year's presentation on How to talk to your doctor. All ladies are welcome. The CWL Annual Diocesan Convention will be held on May 24/25th. Numbers need to be in before our next meeting so please consider attending and we will collect numbers after Easter.  
**Other dates to note....**  
 Respect for Life Mass at the Cathedral, April 4th at 7PM.  
 Feast of Our Lady of Food Counsel - Pilgrimage to the Holy door at the Cathedral April 25th at 6:30.  
 Welland Evening of Reflection at St. Therese of Liseux April 27th at 6:30.

**The Niagara Catholic District School Board in partnership with the Dioceses of St. Catharines presents: One Family in Christ Embracing Catholic Education Congress.** Facilitator Fr. Tom Rosica (CEO Salt & Light Television). An evening of learning and dialogue to enhance our Catholic education partnership between school, family and parish in the Diocese of St. Catharines. Location and times: Mon. April 25th, 2016, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School; Tues. May 3rd, 2016, Denis Morris Catholic High School; Wed. May 4th, 2016, Lakeshore Catholic; Thurs. May 5th, 2016, Saint Michael High School. Time for all events 6:30-8:30pm. RSVP: [bit.ly/congressRSVP](http://bit.ly/congressRSVP) or phone Krista Wood 905-735-0240 X 124.