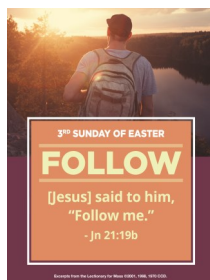


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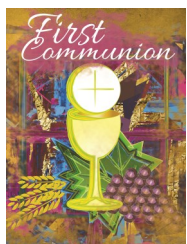


Third Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to hum-drum status quo or turn-of-the-season busy-ness.



"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."



This weekend, during the 11am Mass, four students will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. **Prayer at a Child's First Communion:** Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharistic presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

The month of May—The Month of Mary—is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. She has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the "Word made flesh", (John 1:14) our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into the world. Mary is prefigured as the one who would crush the head of the serpent (a figure of Satan) in Genesis 3:15 through her Divine Son. Still she in no way overshadows Him, nor would she ever wish to! Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were. Her words still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God. **Next week-end, on Mother's Day, Children's Liturgy will participate in the Crowning of our Blessed Mother during the 9:30am Mass.**

Sunday, May 5th, 2019



Sat. May 4	9-10am	Confessions
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 5	9:30am	✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo & Family)
		✠ John Nenadovich (Steve & Rosemary Lastovic)
	11:00am	FIRST COMMUNION
		✠ Joe Mikolic (Ana Mikolic)
Mon. May 6	9:30am	✠ Jaga & Ivan Lastovic (Rosemary & Steve Lastovic)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Tues. May 7	9:30am	✠ Tony Srebrnjak (Ana Mikolic)
Wed. May 8	9:30am	Austin Bosco Columba Wilson (Karen & Michael)
Thurs. May 9	9:30am	Mass Cancelled
Fri. May 10	9:30am	✠ Eric Egert (Gloria Egert)
Sat. May 11	9-10am	Confessions
	4 -4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. May 12	9:30am	✠ Stanley & Sophie Bryk (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
	11:00am	✠ Sam Lopinski (Jim & Jennie Hill)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory April 27th & 28th, 2019

80 Envelopes	\$2, 010.00
Loose Collection	\$ 106.00
Total Offertory	\$2, 116.00
Easter	\$ 50.00

Catholic Education Week 2019



Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 5. 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 discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. 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.

The CEW biblical quote is *"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."*

1 Peter 1:8

Catholic Education Week Prayer: Loving God, We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher. Amen.

CEW Events at St. Ann School: Sunday, May 5th Seasonal Workers Lunch 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. – Grades 7/8; Monday, May 6th Volunteer Appreciation Tea - 2:30 p.m. - School Library; Tuesday, May 7th Living Rosary – 10:00 a.m. Rain Date - Thursday, May 9th 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday, May 8th Grandparents/Special Friends Day – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes: will begin on **Wed. May 15th** from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the parish hall. They will continue through the month of May each Wednesday. Classes will resume on Wed. Sept 4th and continue each Wednesday through to Oct 30th. Confirmation Retreat will be held Nov. 2nd. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB: St. Kevin's Parish Youth and Family Ministry, in conjunction with Notre Dame College School, is hosting an Evening of Praise and Worship with ALOB on Tuesday, May 7th at St. Kevin's Parish beginning at 7:00 pm. ALOB - Andrew Laubacher - is a recognized praise and worship leader, singer, and featured speaker at the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conferences. Doors open 6:30pm; all are welcome to this free event – families, young people, and all those young at heart.

Elisha House Pregnancy & family Support Centre—Baby Bottle campaign will run from **MAY 12 (Mother's Day) to JUNE 16 (Father's Day)** Fill a bottle with coins, bills or a cheque made out to Elisha House. Thank you for investing in the lives of young women and families in the Welland area. The bottles are now available at the back of the church. Please return them to the parish by the Father's Day weekend. Your support is very much appreciated. **Last year, our parish donated \$945.30 to this campaign.**

Migrant Ministry: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting items for the men as they begin to arrive. Items most in need are socks, work gloves and toiletries, warm sweaters, jeans and T-shirts. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Calendar

May.....	Catholic Education Week
May 5-10.....	First Communion, 11am Mass
May 5th.....	Spanish Mass 1pm
May 5th.....	Mass Cancelled
May 9th....	Mother's Day. Crowning of Mary during 9:30am Mass
May 12th....	Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
May 15th.....	Holy Hour 7-8pm Cancelled
May 13th....	WEEKDAY Masses cancelled
May 13th-23rd...	Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
May 22nd.....	Holy Hour 7-8pm Cancelled
May 20th.....	Special Collection—Pope's Pastoral Works
May 26th....	Confirmation Class 3:30-5pm
May 29th.....	



Everyday Stewardship:

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They hadn't caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn't get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were


learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY. May topics are 'Grief Journey', Dino Sicoli, presenter (May 13); and 'Learning to Forgive' (May 27). Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Catholic Women's League



National Palliative Care week is May 5th - 11th. Once again this year we will pray the rosary together for Palliative Care. This year we are able to choose the day and our Council will pray the rosary after morning Mass on May 6th. We will follow with a brief meeting.

The Diocese of St. Catharines will hold a **Day of Reflection for Women** on Saturday, June 22 at Gethsemane Centre in Wellandport. The speaker will be Dr. Josephine Lombardi whose topic is The Gift of Hope. 9:45 am - 3 pm with lunch provided. Free will offering.

