

The Resurrection of the Lord Holy Saturday

The Resurrection was Hidden

'We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.'

Romans 6:4

The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into the new life with him.

The world did not take notice. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread and to whom he spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. Still, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death.

O God, help me to know and appreciate the awesome mysteries of redemption that are largely hidden from our view.



The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday

The seeds of eternity are sown in our lives

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Psalm 118:17-18

Our short lives on earth are sowing time. If there were no resurrection of the dead, everything we live on earth would come to nothing. How can we believe in a God who loves us unconditionally if all the joys and pains of our lives are in vain, vanishing in the earth with our mortal flesh and bones? Because God loves us unconditionally, from eternity to eternity, God cannot allow our bodies the same as that in which Jesus, his Son and our Saviour, appeared to us to be lost in final destruction.

No, life on earth is the time when the seeds of the risen body are planted. Paul says, "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body." (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

This wonderful knowledge that nothing we live in our bodies is lived in vain holds a call for us to live every moment as a seed of eternity. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

An Easter Message & Prayer-Fr. Kessete Hammad

Dear Parishioners,

Grateful for life's blessings, we stand joyful to celebrate the sacred solemnity of Easter. The big stone has been rolled away from the grave of Jesus but also from every heart burdened by fear, sin and despair. In all our dark moments and in all our sufferings, still the Light of the Risen Christ shines. Jesus Christ assumed suffering and conquered animosity with Love.

May the Risen Lord take away our sin and fear, and plant in us peace. Renewed in spirit and strengthened by faith may our Parish be a fountain of hope, flavouring salt of the earth and peacemakers in our community. ALLELUIA!! Happy Easter!

La roccia rotolata dalla tomba di Gesù è il simbolo della sottrazione della paura e del peccato. Nei momenti più duri e nelle nostre sofferenze, la Luce del Cristo risorto brilla ancora oggi. Preghiamo che Gesù ci fa' sorgenti della speranza e strumenti della pace, per saporire il nostro mondo. ALLELUIA! Buona Pasqua!

Easter greeting from Bishop Bergie

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

...The Feast of Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and reminds us that from death comes life. We celebrate the fact that something good can come from something bad and that sadness can be transformed to joy.

When faced with growing hostility and insecurity in our world, our response should not be one of passive resignation or fear. We need to turn to our Risen Lord who has triumphed over sin and evil. We should focus on the good that is found in our salvation – "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by Christ's death

...Let us adjust our gaze from a world that is mired in the effects of sin to the Risen Lord who offers healing and hope. This Easter, let us call others to do the same, especially our family members and friends.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.-
Bishop of St. Catharines*

**Mass Intentions****Apr. 4 Saturday – EASTER VIGIL**

11:30am-12:30pm **C o n f e s s i o n s**
 8:00pm **E A S T E R V I G I L**
 For All Parishioners and Benefactors

Apr. 5 SUNDAY – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 For All Parishioners and Benefactors

11:00 For All Parishioners and Benefactors

April 6 Monday - N O M A S S**April 7 Tuesday – St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle**

8:00 Jeannie Pagano – by friends
 Giuseppe Gulla – by wife Gilda

April 8 Wednesday - Saint Julie Billart

8:00 Irma & Tony Castrilli – by Olga Fiello

April 9 Thursday - Saint Casilda

8:00 Tony Fiello – by wife Olga

April 10 Friday - Saint Magdalen of Canossa

9:00 Luigi & Anthony Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo
 Maria Saporito – by family
 Erminia Saporito-Sirianni- by family
 Nancy Steinhaus – by Elizabeth West
 Dominic Fruci – by family

Apr. 11 Saturday - Saint Stanislaus

5:00 Umberto Spinosa – by wife Enza & family
 Guglielmo Francesco & Elisa – by Enza Spinosa

April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter – DIVINE MERCY

9:00 Benedetto DiRienzo – by wife Angelina
 Carmine & Giuseppina Mauriello – by Mary
 Francesco Scialdone – by Michael Simmonds
 & Scaldone family
 Giovanni Scozzafava - by wife Grazia

11:00 Angelo & Carmela Mazzei – by T & N Mazzei
 Benito Vescio – by wife Filippina
 Art Quaranto – by Quaranto family
 Michael Iorio – family
 Pedro & Antonietta Joanes – by Ben & Lana

3-MONTH REPORT**MONTHLY COLLECTION/EXPENSES**

January Collections (2026)	\$10,333.04
January Expenses	20,188.42
February Collections	\$ 8,791.12
February Expenses	20,122.20
March Collections	\$10,311.89
March Expenses	22,652.69

St. Ann Parish Monthly Supper**Thursday – 9th April**

Doors open at 4:30 pm



Pasta & Meatballs Dinner
 Plus – Bread - Salad - Dessert & Coffee
 Take-out available-We provide take-out container
 Tickets at the door: Adults -\$ 15.00 - Child \$ 8.00
 Sponsored by the CALABRESE COMMITTEE

ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 91 Lakeshore Road – St. Catharines
 905-937-3393

They are currently collecting supplies for Ukraine. Donations can be dropped off at the above address. Most needed right now: over the counter medications – especially cold and flu remedies and vitamins for children and adults. In addition: Medical and homecare supplies, Diapers, Hygiene items, Foil emergency blankets.. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated to purchase supplies. \$20 and over for a tax receipt. E-transfer of paypal – www.stjohnuc.com – or mail a cheque.

NIAGARA WAREHOUSE OF HOPE'S
 GIANT FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE
 46 Broadway Avenue, St. Catharines
 905-646-7237 – contact@nwoh.ca

Saturday 18th April 2026 – Starts 8:00a.m.
 with BBQ Breakfast/Lunch

Crafts, Housewares, Toys, Electronics, Jewellery, etc.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - APRIL

Our monthly Hospitality Sunday will be held on the weekend of Saturday 11th of April and Sunday 12th of April and is being offered by Ben & Len Joanes in memory of Pedro and Antonietta Joanes.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
& THE HOMEBOUND**

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti, Leonora Ballena, Rosa Brew, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi, Estelle Critelli, Mario DeBiasi, Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Mario DiBiasi, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis, Carmen Fabiani, Thomas Flynn, Jenny Green, Salvatore LoGreco, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell, Patricia Millington, André Milot, Tina Pupo, Bettina Paola, Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles, Mary Slovak, Deanna Spaetzel, Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber