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Parish Priest / Vicar Forane  
(Dean of Haldimand)

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Interview and Classes Required

**St Martin Elementary School**  
905-957-3032

**Blessed Trinity High School**  
905-945-6708

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**Parish Organizations**  
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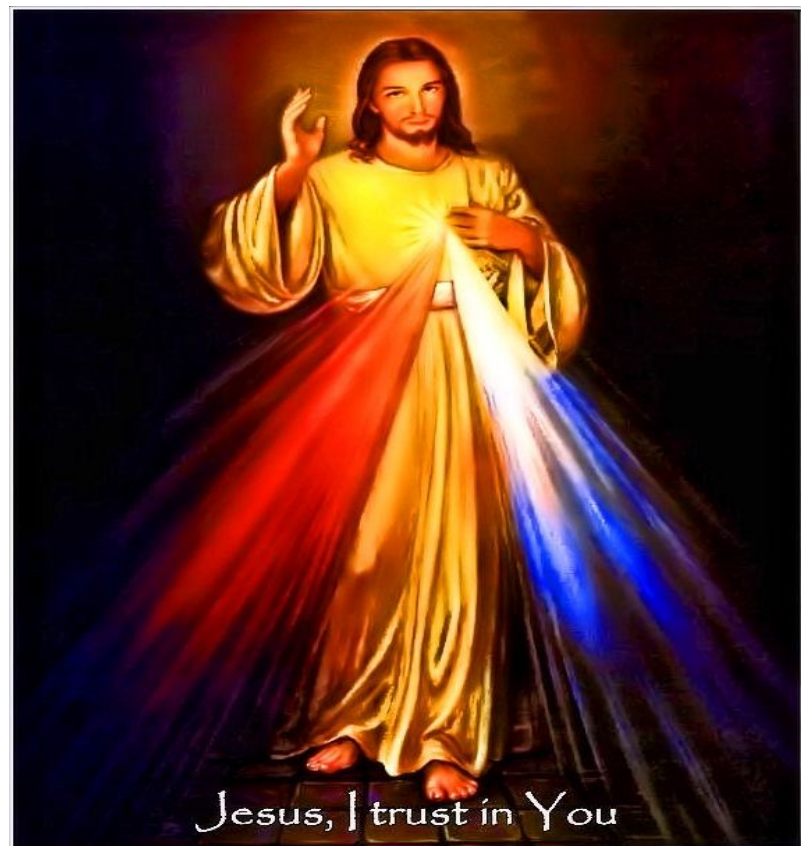
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Parish Financial Council  
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Children's Liturgy.  
Youth Ministry  
ACTS Retreats(4) Teams

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**April 16, 2023 - Year - A**

**The 2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

# April 16, 2023

## The 2nd Sunday of Easter

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before each Weekday Mass beginning at 8:35 am**

Mon	Apr 17	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	
Tues	Apr 18	9:00 am +Jose Carlos DaSilva	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
		9:30 am - 10:45 am Choir Practice	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm What We Believe Session Two parish hall	
Wed	Apr 19	9:00 am For the health and healing of Kamil Pachowicz	by Parents
		10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/Confessions	Fr. Christopher
Thurs	Apr 20	9:00 am For the health & healing of Kamil and God's Blessings upon Janet Pachowicz	by Parents
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group	
		7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Women and Men ACTS Retreats Team Mississauga	Fr. Christopher
Fri	Apr 21	7:30 am - 8:15 am That Man Is You - Paradisus Dei - Men's Rosary Group	Fr. Christopher
		9:00 am +Manuel DaSilva	by Maria daSilva
		10:30 am - 12 Noon Pastoral Home Visits for those who registered.	Fr. Christopher
Sat	Apr 22	<b>The 3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday - Year A</b>	
		8:00 am - 10:00 am Paradisus Dei That Man Is You Merciful Redeemer Parish	Fr. Christopher
		4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions.	
		5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Apr 23	10:00 am For the special intentions of Joan Hignett	by Pauline Lewis
		11:30 am Christian Baptism Celebration. Avery Chabot	Fr. Christopher

#### E-TRANSFERS

These transfers are often referred to as **e-Transfers** and done through your online banking, website or app. To transfer funds to St. Martin Parish e-Transfer to:

**st.martinsdonation@gmail.com**

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#### CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into the family of faith:

Jakob Forster Buikema - April 16  
 Albert Buikema - April 16  
 Edith Buikema - April 16  
 Avery Chabot - April 23  
 Leona Thompson - April 30  
 Jackson McLean - May 7  
 Madison Gazzola - June 25  
 Isabelle Gazzola - June 25  
 All Baptisms are at 11:30 am

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

##### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 17 Krispy Kreme pick-up time 4 - 7pm in front foyer of the church.
- April 19 "Feed Your Tummy, Feed Your Soul" every third Wednesday Mass at 9 am. Breakfast following at Lackis. Please join us, room for everyone (husbands welcome).
- May 7 Spring High Tea - parish hall, 2:00 pm

#### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (April 16)

##### **A Haldimand Deanery Initiative**

**Three Parishes: St. Joseph, St. Helen and St. Martin invites you to**

**St. Joseph Parish, Grimsby**

*"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy." (St. Faustina Kowalska, Diary, 699)*

Join us at 2:30 pm-3:30 pm.

Come for Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet / Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus / Eucharistic Benediction.

Come and hear the message of Divine Mercy by going to sacramental confession.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Group One: Saturday April 29, at 11:00 am.

Group Two: Saturday May 6, 11:00 am.

There is a limit of four family members per child due to large numbers and our small church.

#### SPRING ACTS RETREATS

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE  
MISSISSAUGA.

TO ALL WOMEN AND MEN

Come take this opportunity to deepen and renew your relationship with God, Church, and family and sign up for the Women's ACTS Retreat (May 4-7) and the Men's ACTS Retreat (May 25 - 28).

This is all done through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service which represents the call letters of ACTS.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Women's Retreat: Samantha Liu

416-857-7269, email: samliu001@gmail.com

Men's Retreat: Carlo Agostino

905-755-9166, email: agostinocg@gmail.com

#### THE EASTER OCTAVE CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY

These "eight days" of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities, that is, on a parallel with Sunday. Indeed, the "fifty days" from Easter Sunday to Pentecost (the "fiftieth day") are celebrated as one feast day, or better, as one "Great Sunday" (St. Athanasius). Fifty days are a seventh of the year, a week of weeks plus a day, a symbol of eternity. And so we keep Eastertime "playing heaven," living as if God's reign had already come. Christians -- both the newly-baptized and the long-baptized -- are to live in the wedding feast of heaven and earth, like a honeymoon, no fasting, no mourning, endlessly singing our alleluias.

#### **BISHOP BERGIE'S EASTER LETTER**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
*Christ has Risen, He has Risen indeed!*

The Road to Emmaus is a powerful account of what happened when two disciples met the Risen Lord for the first time. It was a process that involved observation, education, and transformation. When the two disciples encountered Jesus, we are told that "their eyes were kept from recognizing him." They considered him to be a stranger. This was not a chance meeting because Jesus was looking for these disciples. He observed their sadness and wanted to change it to joy. They experienced the goodness of the Lord. Jesus then begins to educate them in the truth. He states, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared." As they continued on the road, Jesus began to teach these confused disciples. We are told that "he interpreted to them the things about himself in the scriptures." They discovered what was true. Finally, as they approach the village of Emmaus, the disciples ask Jesus to stay with them since it is almost evening. When they were at the table, "he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them." We are told that at this moment their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus. They could see the beauty of the Lord.

It is my hope and prayer that during this Easter Season, the Risen Lord Jesus will help you to experience what is good and true and beautiful. May he open your hearts and give you the grace to proclaim the good news that he has Risen indeed!

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.,  
Bishop of St. Catharines