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Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: April 19 – April 27, 2025

HOLY SATURDAY April 19th - EASTER VIGIL – 8:15PM
For all dearly deceased

EASTER SUNDAY- April 20th - 9:00am
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
George Pastirik by Family
Michael Michaud by Wife Elizabeth
11:00am - for all your intentions -

TUESDAY April 22nd - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Mr. KM & Mrs. SJ Pang by G. PAng

WEDNESDAY April 23rd - 9:00am –
Penny Stokes by David Fox

THURSDAY April 24th – 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration
Matilda Guzzi by Grazia Falvo

FRIDAY April 25th 9:35 am
In Honour of Sts. Cosma & Damiano by Teresa Angi

SATURDAY April 26th - 5:00pm
Caterina Mammoliti by Juliana Fornier
Bella Stuart by Composarcone Family
SATURDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm
In Honour of our Blessed Mother by G. Pang
SUNDAY- April 27th - 9:00am Divine Mercy Sunday -
Annunizata Mammoliti by Granchildren
Carlo Nero by Wife Olga & Family
Birthday Blessing for Steve Lastovic by Rosemary Lastovic
11:00am - for all your intentions –
2:00pm – 3:30pm – Divine Mercy Celebration

Late Saturday Evening Mass
(This Mass is intended to help those who may not have an opportunity to attend Regular Sunday Mass due to work or other commitments)
Starting ***April 26th*** at ***8:15 pm*** *at St. Andrew's*
Confessions - *Monday to Friday s*
starting Tuesday, April 22nd 8:00 - 9:00pm
Confessors include: Fr. Stuart MacDonald, Fr. Jacek Kryn, Fr. Daniel Corso, Fr. Janusz Roginski, Fr.Robert Novokowsky
Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration *April 27th - 2:00 - 3:30 pm*
Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Easter Message
Rev. Bishop Gerard Bergie

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In his letter announcing the Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis stated the following, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring" *(Spes Non Confundit* - Hope does not disappoint).

As we consider the world at this present moment, there are serious concerns regarding what the future may bring. Fear of the future can disturb our peace and rob us of hope.

"Be not afraid" (Matthew 28:10). These were the first words spoken by Jesus on Easter morning. This simple phrase was addressed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary because they were overwhelmed by the empty tomb. Jesus wanted to restore their hope by helping them to overcome their fear.

St. John reminds us that "there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18**)**. When these two women met the Risen Lord, they encountered "perfect love'. Their fear vanished and their hope was restored because Jesus was alive!

Our celebration of Easter can help us to overcome our fear. When we allow 'perfect love' to transform our hearts we become pilgrims of hope. The most perfect place for this to happen is at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where we commemorate and celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Here the Risen Lord will come to us in word and sacrament. We will be encouraged to listen and to 'taste and see the goodness of our God'. Our hardened hearts will be pierced by perfect love. All fear will be vanquished by a profound hope for the future.

This year I invite you to come to Easter Sunday Mass as 'pilgrims of hope'. Let us invite others to join us as we encounter the Risen Lord who will remind us that hope does not disappoint. **"Be not afraid".**

May God bless you with hope & joy this Easter,
Bishop Gerard Bergie

National Election April 28, 2025

Voting like a Catholic: Eligible Catholics have a moral obligation to vote. However, it can be difficult to find clear, unbiased information on the different parties' plans so as to make an informed vote. Catholic Conscience, a non-partisan lay group dedicated to civic engagement, have created a number of resources to help you discern your vote. Resources may be found on their website:
www.catholicconscience.org/canada/federal/2025federal

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