<u>DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY & 9-DAY NOVENA</u> - To all devotees of the Divine Mercy, this year there will be a 9-day novena leading to the celebration of the feast day which is on April 27, second Sunday of Easter. As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, we invite you all to experience a moment of grace and prayer on the occasion of the feast of the Divine Mercy. As the universal Church celebrates this year of spiritual renewal and indulgence, this day will be a special opportunity to welcome divine Mercy and allow ourselves to be renewed by the love of Christ.



Novena Dates & Times: (Friday April 18, 4pm "Today bring to me all humankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of my mercy"u), (Saturday April 19, 10am "Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy."), (Sunday April 20, 11am "Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy."), (Monday April 21, 930am "Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know me."), (Tuesday April 22, 930am "Today bring to Me the souls of those who separated themselves from the church."), Wednesday April 23, 9:30am "Today bring to Me the meek & humble souls and the souls of little children."), (Thursday April 24, 9:30am "Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My mercy and immerse them in My mercy."), (Friday April 25, 9:30am "Today bring to Me the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy."), Saturday April 26, 9:30am "Today, bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in My mercy."), (Sunday April 27, Feast Day, 2:30pm Confession & 3pm Chaplet."Whoever will recite the chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death" - Jesus to St. Faustina)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - As we journey through Holy Week, the need in our community is especially great. The phones ring more often this time of year, with many families reaching out for help. With Easter approaching, any food or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity will help ensure that those in need are not forgotten during this sacred season. Please consider donating non-perishable food items or making a financial contribution to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul in our parish. During our holy week celebrations, food can be left at the back of the church. If you are interested in making a monetary contribution, please email st.vincentgrafton@icloud.com. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

ST MARY'S CWL - The next CWL meeting is May 05/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. St. Joseph's CWL Council, Bowmanville is celebrating its 90th Anniversary, APRIL 26 with Mass at 4:30 pm followed by a banquet. Phone Agnes @ 1-613-955-1685 for tickets, cost \$20.00. April 27/25 is the date of The First Holy Communion for the boys and girls of St. Mary's Church @ the 10:00 am Mass. On Sunday afternoon, April 27/25 after the Chaplet, the CWL will provide "Coffee After Chaplet" @ 3:30 pm on the front lawn, weather permitting. Thank you to the De Graauw family for providing such beautiful music for the Saturday Masses at 4:00 pm. It adds a meaningful component to the mass and is so appreciated. What a talented family! Thank you for sharing your gift with the parishioners. Happy Easter to Father Martin, CWL members & their families and all parishioners. May you have a blessed Easter!

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April 19-20, 2025

"DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST."





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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 21, Mon 9am - Private Intention by Ian Manley

April 22, Tues 9am

April 23, Wed 9am-+Souls in Purgatory by Ian Manley

April 24, Thurs 9am

April 25, Fri 9am - +Deceased parents & members of Augier family

April 26 Sat 9am - Feast of Our Lady of good counsel by St. Mary's CWL

April 26, Sat 4pm - Katherine Cole by Paula Blick

April 27, Sun 10am - +Colleen Lawson by 3 sisters Brenda, Barbara & Beverley

April 26-27 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm **Jackie Innis**

Deirdre Arzheimer Darrell & Nick Manley

10 am John Logel **Bernadette Murray**

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ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA!!!

Laster

Ian Manley & Joe O'Kane



LECTORS:

USHERS:

EMHC:

Last Week - April 12-13, 2025 Sunday Offering - \$1, 465 Window Repairs - \$1,200 (total)\$5,580 **Building Maintenance - \$40** Share Lent - \$70





PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Gladys Leclerc, John Calvert, Eailen Fitzgerald, Dalton McDonald

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION VALIDATES ALL OUR BELIEFS IN GOD- "And if Christ has not been

raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain...and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied (1 Corinthians 15:14; 17-19). Believers in Jesus Christ will enjoy resurrection life just like Christ does, with glorified bodies raised in power. We may suffer in this life with various pains and trials, but we will not suffer in the life to come. All earthly suffering has an expira-



tion date, but the pleasures of heaven will never end. Wishing you a blessed and holy Easter season, filled with the love of Christ!!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY EASTER AND THANK YOU ALL -As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, we offer heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to our parish celebrations during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. To our Choir, Extraordinary Min-



isters of Holy Communion, Readers, Ushers, Decoration Volunteers, and Easter Flower Donors—thank you for your dedication and generous service. Your efforts helped create a beautiful and prayerful atmosphere for all. We also extend our deepest gratitude to all parishioners for your faithful participation in the liturgies and your ongoing financial support. Together, we continue to grow as a vibrant and united community of faith. Happy Easter and enjoy your long weekend with family members and friends.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS - Looking ahead with joy, we ask you to please keep in your prayers our First Communion candidates, who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 27, 2025. May their hearts be filled with the grace and love of Christ as they take this important step in their faith journey.

WINDOW GLASS REPAIRS - The donations for the church stained-glass window repairs are very encouraging. The total amount collected to date is \$5,580. But with estimated budget of \$24, 000, it is still a long way to go. We are asking parishioners to contribute to a special collection specifically for this work. We have provided envelopes at the back of the church to ensure that your donations are receipted for Income Tax purposes. We are also setting up a container and asking that you consider tossing your change in to support this project. We anticipate this work starting soon. Thank you for your generous and continued support to our parish. Special thanks to Bingo volunteers whose gaming fund has covered the deposit of \$6,000.

EASTER MESSAGE OF BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM (Bishop of Peterborough Diocese) "Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough, The celebrations of Holy Week and Easter...are the high point of the Christian year. This is always true, and even more so in this Jubilee Year with its theme that calls us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." A pilgrim is someone who journeys to a holy place and hope is the virtue that keeps us focused on the final goal of our lives. As Christians, we are people who journey in this life, treasuring every blessing, contending with challenges, all the while keeping our eyes fixed beyond, to the life that does not end. In his letter announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis wrote, "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope." The reality of death is a painful one yet, because of the grace of the risen Christ, shared with us in baptism, we trust that "life is changed not ended." There are many things that distract us on our journey through life and we face challenges that may weaken our hope. No one is immune to the realities of sickness, death, economic uncertainty or family strife. Yet the great Easter mystery of the risen Christ instills in us a hope that can never be extinguished. As the Holy Father notes, it is this hope that "makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called." May the celebrations of this holy season instill in us the grace of God which enables us to journey as Pilgrims of Hope and share that hope with others. I pray that God may bless you and your loved ones richly throughout this Jubilee Year."