



## Saint Faustina and the Divine Mercy of Jesus

In 2000 Pope John Paul instituted Divine Mercy Sunday which may be celebrated today, the Second Sunday of Easter. It arises out of a series of apparitions which a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, received. Sr. Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. When she was twenty years old she entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she lived for the next thirteen years until her death on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1938. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and canonized in 2000.

When canonizing her the Pope said, *"Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Saint Faustina to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By Divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people know well how necessary was this message of mercy."*

In February 1931 Saint Faustina saw Jesus dressed in a white garment. He held one hand raised in blessing and the other hand touching His garment at the breast as in the Divine Mercy pictures. From that point on his garment, two rays of light emanated, one red and the other pale. Jesus said *"Paint a picture according to the vision you see and with the signature, 'Jesus I trust in You.' I desire that this picture be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the whole world."* Later Jesus explained, *"The rays represent the Blood and Water which gushed forth from the depths of my Mercy when My agonizing heart was pierced on the cross. The pale rays symbolize the water which cleanses and purifies the soul: the red rays represent the blood, which gives new life to the soul."* (1 John 5:6) Jesus said the greater the sinner the greater the mercy. *"Summon all those to confidence in the incomprehensible depth of my mercy for I desire to save all. The well of mercy was opened wide with a lance on the cross for all souls. I do not exclude anyone."* Jesus said, *"Tell ailing mankind to draw close to my merciful heart and I will fill them with peace. Mankind will not find consolation until it turns with confidence to my mercy and love."*

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### "Peace Be With You"

Today in the Gospel we hear that after Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room and were afraid. But Jesus came to them with his message, *"Peace be with you."* They were no longer afraid. It is like that for us, too. We will not find peace until we find it in Jesus. Jesus' message for each of us today is to find our peace in Him.

*May each of us find peace in our lives, in one another, in our hearts and in our minds, through Christ our Lord.*



### NO Mass on Mondays

Please consider joining fellow parishioners, and of course myself, for daily Mass as we journey through the year by reflecting on a different saint of the day. ~ Fr. Irek

### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 am + KEVIN EZEKIEL - Theresa Clements  
+ JAN, ANNA & CASEY KOZDRON, and DECEASED  
GORBARCZYK FAMILY - Stella

### Wednesday, May 1

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 pm and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm  
7:15 pm + JOHN BYRNE - Karen  
+ FRANCISCO & FILOMENA ESCOBAR - Frank and Gail  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, May 2

8:00 am + ELIZA MACHADO - Carmen and Simon  
- for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

### Friday, May 3 - First Friday

(no morning Mass today)  
6:00 pm + JOE DeCHAVES - Joe and Ilda Chaves  
+TONINO DOMENICUCCI - Teresa and Nick Cherri

### Saturday, May 4

8:00 am + IN THANKSGIVING - Marie and Theresa DeSouza  
5:00 pm + JOAO SOUSA - daughters and family  
+ ALEX STEHLIN - his family  
+ EMILIA and MANUEL MOREIRA - Rosa

### Sunday, May 5

9:00 am + PAT BENHAM - Marie and Theresa DeSouza  
11:00 am - for the intentions of all parishioners

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**Used Postage stamps, pop can tabs, milk bags**(outer bags) are collected by various community groups. Please leave these items in the appropriate area at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** are gratefully accepted at the church exits on last weekend of each month. Thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you** to our parish volunteers who assisted with our Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter ~ our choirs, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers, and those who participated in the washing of the feet ceremony.

Thank you to Sandy and Maria who kept our church so clean in between all the services. We are very blessed to have many volunteers who generously offer their help, which makes our Liturgical celebrations even greater!

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### Divine Mercy Sunday - Today, April 28

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St. Ambrose Church 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

To celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday everyone is invited to join us for prayers and music.

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### Ordination to the Priesthood

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Hamilton joyfully announces and invites you to attend the Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood:

**Gregory Merkley, John Schnurr, Vivek Trindade**

by the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 714 King Street West, Hamilton.

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### Gentle Exercise Class

**Tuesday and Thursdays in St. Ambrose Church Hall  
11am to 12 noon**

Regular gentle exercise contributes to overall health and well being; management of chronic conditions; prevention decrease of falls; improved mental health. Men and Women welcome ☺ Enter the hall through the South Street side entrance. Facilitated by a qualified instructor. For more information please contact Myra at 519-621-2013 or myra@stambrosecambridge.ca

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### Annual Penny Sale

The Catholic Women's League of St. Clement's Parish at 745 Duke Street in Preston will host their **Annual Penny Sale on Friday, May 10th**. There will be the Penny Sale, Quilt Draw, Door Prizes and Refreshment Stand. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the draws start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome ☺

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**DID YOU KNOW... that is Easter is not just one day**, but a whole Liturgical Season which lasts 50 days, and concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

### Medicine Cabinet Checkup: How Safe is yours?

Join us for a presentation by **Amanda Harrop, Pharmacist** on **Tuesday May 14, 7pm to 8pm** at St. Ambrose Parish Hall. Learn about proper use, storage, and disposal of your medication. Please forward any specific questions you may have to myra@stambrosecambridge.ca  
Also, we will briefly touch on the importance of vaccines in reducing the risk of disease and illness for adults.



#### This is the last week to register!

We would like to invite all youth in our parish in Grades 7 to 12 to join other faith-filled youth for this yearly rally. This year it will be held at Bingeman's Centre in Kitchener on **Saturday May 25**. If your child is interested in attending, please contact Barb at the parish office so that a group from our parish can be registered together!

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**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – Level 1 Foundations Course Certificate program is being offered at Sacré Coeur Parish in Georgetown by the Archdiocese of Toronto and Diocese of Hamilton. This course presents the orientation to the key issues fundamental to this ministry with children in early childhood. This course is designed for those who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children. Part A begins Sept. 28 to May 30th 2020. If you have questions or are interested in The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs and atriums, please call Anne Jamieson, 905-528-7988 ext. 2251 or visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/catechesis-good-shepherd>. Online registration is available at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/catechesis/good-shepherd.php>

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**307 COUPLES HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED for the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass.** It promises to be a powerful witness to the blessing of married love! There is still time to register. Please read the poster at the back of our Church for information and to obtain a registration form.

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#### Results of the April Card Party - the winners were:

Door Prize - Jean Lamky

High Blue - Maddy Gosse

Most lone hands - Don Howard, Sheila Ross, Ana Medeiros

Bridge High scores - Annelie Brewer, Maryanne Polard

50/50 Draw Winners - Marg Studiman, Charlie Douglas

The next card party will be held **Saturday, May 11 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.**