



Divine Mercy Sunday is a major Catholic feast celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), focusing on God's infinite mercy and love. Established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000 based on the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, it offers special graces, including the plenary indulgence for attending Mass, confessing, and receiving Communion.

**Key Aspects of Divine Mercy Sunday:**

**Origin:** Based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the 1930s, who recorded Jesus' desire for this feast in her diary.

**Significance:** It serves as a reminder that no sin is too great for God's forgiveness and emphasizes trusting in His mercy.

**Date:** It concludes the Octave of Easter.

**2026 Date:** April 12

**Observances:**

**Confession and Communion:** A special promise of total forgiveness of sins and punishments is associated with worthy confession and Holy Communion on this day.

**Veneration of the Image:** The Image of the Divine Mercy (showing Jesus with red and pale rays) is venerated.

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** A prayer given to St. Faustina, often recited, especially at 3:00 PM.

**Novena:** Begins on Good Friday.

The feast highlights that Divine Mercy is the "last resort" for salvation, inviting believers to "refuge and shelter" in God's love.

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

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April 14 - 17, 2026

Tuesday	7:00 pm	+Mary Rowena Strachan +Grace Gillis Int of Lidia Brzyski
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Grace Gillis
Thursday	8:30 am.	Int of John Boyd
Friday	8:30 am.	+ Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday Multiple Mass Intentions**

April 18, 2026

Saturday	5:00 pm.	+ Mario Perruzza Int of Dino, Kerri, Felicetti Int of CWL Members
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**VOCATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR**

April 13 - 18, 2026

Mon.	Rev. Ross Campbell
Tue.	Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
Wed.	Permanent Deacons
Thur.	Grandparents and the Elderly
Fri.	Rev. Moices Caballero
Sat.	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger

**VOCATION VIEW**

**Second Sunday of Easter - April 12, 2026**

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

**BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

The **Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick's Parish** have scheduled their next bottle drive to help support various charities and organizations within our Parish Community.

The next bottle drive will be on **April 11/12** bottle drive. Please bring your empty beer bottles and beer/liquor cans, wine bottles, wine tetra boxes, liquor bottles, bladders from boxed wine—anything you paid a deposit on. Please note, pop cans and random glass bottles go in your home recycling bin and cannot be returned for refund.



**SUNDAY FUNNY**



**Clothing Drive**



**What's in your closet?**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is running a Spring Clothing drive! The clothing we collect is exchanged for Goodwill vouchers which are given out to those in need within our community. Clothing will be collected in the parish hall during all masses the weekend of May 2-3. Any gently used clothing items you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.

## **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!**

With great joy, we warmly welcome our RCIA Candidates who were recently received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. We rejoice with you as you now fully share in the life of the Eucharist and the richness of our Catholic faith.

May this be the beginning of a deep and lasting relationship with Christ and His Church. Please know of our prayers and support as you continue your journey of faith.

Welcome to our parish family! 🙏



## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Our next general meeting will be held on the **evening** of Wednesday, **April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM**. The Mass at 7pm will be immediately followed by Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Mass on Saturday, April 18th @ 5pm will be said for the intentions of CWL members.

Mothers' Day is coming up soon and we thought that most Mom's would enjoy not having to make dessert for "their day". So.....we will be making apple pies to sell after Mass on Mothers' Day weekend. These were a huge success at the bazaar last November, and we had a blast making them. We are looking for volunteers to help out in the church hall/kitchen on the mornings of May 7th and 8th. Please add your name and phone# to the signup sheet in the Narthex after Masses on May 3rd and 4th. Many hands make light work (plus, it's fun).

We are collecting bottle corks for a "Bazaar" craft. If you have any, please bring them to the meeting.

Please remember to wear your name tags to the meetings and if you have a borrowed CWL scarf, please return it.

Come to the meeting a little early for Coffee/Tea and goodies. Take a little time to socialize and get to know your fellow members. We invite you to bring your own mug. (Paper cups will continue to be available).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- APRIL 29 @ 6:30 – guest speaker from "Community Development Halton" - **open to the parish!**
- Mary Dilly from the "Art of Downsizing" will be speaking to us, date to be determined. This event is **open to the parish!** More information to follow.
- The Members Annual Meeting and Convention is scheduled to take place the weekend of May 29-31 at the Infinity Convention Centre in Brantford.
- The Diocesan Retreat will be held on November 6-8 at Mt. Carmel in Niagara Falls. More information to come.

**\*\*Please let us know if your contact information has changed so we can update our records.\*\***

All women 16 years of age and older are welcome to join the CWL. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Margie 905-815-3008 or Lucy 905-681-9432. All are welcome!

*"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4

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## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** Join us April 23, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of Deep Rising. Narrated and executive produced by Jason Momoa, the documentary investigates the push to mine the deep seabed for rare metals, exposing geopolitical, corporate, and scientific maneuvering to control these vital elements. Through awe-inspiring footage of the deep's most dazzling creatures, Deep Rising reveals the need to protect the seabed as the common heritage of humankind and stresses the urgency of responsible choices for the future of sustainable energy. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival>.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Ministerial Formation through VLCFF The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2026. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).