



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Today's reading: Mark 11.1-10 or John 12.12-16; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 14.1 – 15.47

This Week

Saturday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY
5:00 p.m. Mass for Larry Berrigan † req. by Dawn & Fam.

Sunday, March 25 PALM SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Mass for Natasha Randing (lvg) req. by Family
11:00 a.m. Mass for Jackie Bonderski † req. by Family

Monday, March 26
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. OCSB Children's Choir
8:00 p.m. AA-Westboro

Tuesday, March 27
10:30 a.m. Mass at MEDEX
7:00 p.m. Bytown Voices
7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at Cathedral

Wednesday, March 28
9:00 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Retirees
7:00 p.m. St. Basil's Choir
7:00 p.m. K of C Round Table

Thursday, March 29 HOLY THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. Holy Thursday Morning Prayer
8:00 p.m. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
for Hector Ranger † req. by Art & Lola Burnett
10:00 p.m. Night Prayer

Friday, March 30 GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. Good Friday Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross – Children
3:00 p.m. THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, March 31 HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, April 1 EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
Sacrament of Initiation – Georgia Malpass and Logan Carter

From the desk of Fr. James

Holy week!

A time when millions of minds will be focussed upon the last hours of the earthly life of Jesus; time to engrave in our hearts with greater clarity the image of a God who is with us, who doesn't find anything human alien, a servant God who washes our feet and heals our wounds; an obedient God who listens and responds to his father in love.

Yet an aspect that stands out so sharply is the nature of the obedience of Jesus. Henry J.M. Nouwen Writes:

"For Jesus obedience is a listening in love to God, the beloved father. In this listening there is neither a moment of distance, nor fear, nor hesitation, nor doubt, but only the unconditional and unrestrained love that comes from the Father. Jesus' response to this love is likewise unconditional, unlimited and unrestrained. We will misunderstand Jesus' going into the world of suffering and pain and his giving himself as a servant if we perceive these actions as the heroic initiatives of a son who wants to prove himself to a father whose love has to be earned, or as the anxious fulfillment of a command given by a father whose will must be respected. Rather we see in these actions a divine love, a loving response to a loving mission and a free YES to a free command."

Let us all enter into the Holy Week with hearts full of gratitude for the sacrificial love (Agap) that Jesus offers for the humanity.

Praying for the sick

Parishioners are encouraged to inform the office, the name(s) of the sick members of our Parish especially from your own families. We are making a special column in the bulletin with their names and thus asking the Parish Community to remember them in their prayers. So if you know someone who is sick or in hospital, kindly bring it to the attention of the office staff.

Those who wish to announce the name(s) of the sick during the weekday Masses or week end Mass(es) are reminded to offer a Mass(es) for their intentions, kindly contact the office for the same.

God Bless,
Fr. James Raphael

Parish News



EASTER TRIDUUM – HOLY COMMUNION

A larger attendance is anticipated during the Easter Triduum. If your loved ones need Holy Communion brought to their pew, please advise the Ushers as you enter the Church. Due to the higher numbers, the

main congregation will be served first and then Holy Communion will be brought to your pew.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CWL presents: Sister Jean Goulet csc "Transitions – from 1956 to 2018 – as a Sister of Holy Cross, 10:30 am, Saturday, April 14, 2018

We invite you to join us as we reflect with Sister Jean on what these transitions have meant in her life and how they have influenced her commitment to Christ and service to others.

See poster in the Narthex for more details.

"Whatsoever you do..."

Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that help us live authentically. Pope Francis



How did you do?

From the Diocese and Community

CHRISM MASS

At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., **Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m.** Appointed parish representatives are asked to be at the Cathedral, inside the main entrance, no later than 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Way of the Cross: On **Good Friday, March 30**, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

PRO-LIFE

Dying Healed Workshops: Comprehensive education on palliative care/end of life issues and preliminary training for palliative and hospice care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassionate love and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. **April 7 & 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Rd. Cost for both sessions: \$35; incl. lunch. Registration required: Anastasia Bowles (613-722-1552); (info@lifecanada.org); (www.maketimeforlife.ca).

BOTTLED WATER

World Water Day takes place on March 22. We are fortunate in our area to have access to excellent drinking water from the tap – the safest source. In their recent document Living Out Laudato Si', our

Canadian Bishops calls us to examine our lifestyles. Care for Creation Ministry supports the Bishops' recommendation that we "avoid bottled water" in our parishes as it causes significant damage to the environment and that we "work to ensure all communities in Canada have access to safe drinking water." Info: John Dorner (613-738-5025, ext. 251; jdorner@archottawa.ca).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A Program for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Six week sessions for women (Tuesdays, Mar. 20 – Apr. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and men (Thursdays, Mar. 22 – May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.). Fee: \$25. At Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 20 Grant St. Register by Mar. 16: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2018

On **April 27th & 28th, 2018**, join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held at the Infinity Convention Centre in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Register online today (<https://www.newevangelization.ca/>)!

ANCOURA

Gala Evening of Celebration - *Silent and Live Auctions*, 6:00 p.m. at Hellenic Meeting & Reception Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa

Guest Speaker: Curtis Bishop (Past President)-Houselink Community Homes, Toronto-2016 Champions of Mental Health Award.

Tickets: \$100 per person (with a \$50 tax receipt)

To reserve your ticket(s) or table of eight please contact: admin@ancoura.ca or phone (613) 233-8130 or reserve online at www.ancoura.ca

ST. PATRICK'S HOME ANNUAL 2018 LOTTERY

Tickets are \$100 each. April 18 Grand Prize Draw: \$20,000, \$5,000 and 5 draws of \$1,000. Tickets: 613-731-4660 ext. 353. Info: (<https://stpatsfoundation.ca/ways-to-give/lottery/>).

2018 ONTARIO SPRING RETREAT FOR DEAF CATHOLICS

Retreat for Deaf Catholics fluent in ASL. Presenter: Fr. Christopher Klusman, Associate Director of Deaf Ministry, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, first deaf priest in that diocese. Theme: Family of God. Register by March 25. Contact Maureen Cerroni: maureen.cerroni@gmail.com. At Maison Notre Dame de la Providence, Orleans, April 13-15, 2018. Cost: \$55. Sponsored by Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario.



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