

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

*Gathered into one flock by our loving Shepherd,
we rejoice in God's merciful love.*

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, Apr 13	7:00 pm
Good Friday, Apr 14	12:00 pm & 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil, Apr 15	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, Apr 16	9:00 am & 11:15 am
Lenten Reconciliation	
Tuesday, April 4 th	7:00 pm

The Schedule for the Stations of the Cross to be held each Friday at 7 p.m. during Lent is as follows:

Date	Leader
March 31	Youth Ministry
April 7	CWL
April 14	Father Shroff

BELOVED - MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

So you've shared an anniversary or two... or twenty... and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?

Over the coming months, join us for the 12 sessions of BELOVED as it uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage, inviting all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do"... whether you said it last year or many years ago. The BELOVED series is enriching and transforming marriages in homes across the globe.

When: 7-9pm, two Saturdays a month (April to November). April 8 and 29, May 13 and 27, June 3 and 17. Fall dates T.B.A.

Where: The Social Space at Good Shepherd Parish

Cost: \$60.00 per married couple (covers the cost of materials and food)

Facilitated by: six married couples, parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish.

To register contact: Adele Pierce at 613-824-0907,

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View promotional video and further details on our parish website.

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/beloved>

Children's Liturgy. There will be no children's liturgy April 9th (Palm Sunday) and April 16th (Easter Sunday).

SSVP Project for Rankin Inlet

In February, the Ottawa Society of Saint Vincent de Paul conferences was asked to help 40 Inuit families in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. All the SSVP conferences in Ottawa agreed to contribute to a sea container of food. This project has been contracted for three years. The sea container needs to be filled by the end of May 2017 and shipped from Montreal in June to reach Rankin Inlet by the fall. Our SSVP Good Shepherd Conference has been asked to provide 240 packages each of 900 gr of both Rice and Pasta (480 total). We are hoping that you will be able to help us with this project

Offering for March 12, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2315.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>697.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5672.00

Our total financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment. **Thank you for your generous weekly support of Good Shepherd Parish. A new contributor** – Simply fill out the PAC contribution form at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked “PAC Form – Confidential”. Your contribution will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account or applied to your credit card semi-monthly or monthly as you wish. **To increase your contribution** – Please contact the office

PASTOR’S CORNER

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent. This Sunday goes by the name of *Laetare Sunday*, from the first word of the introit (entrance antiphon) of today’s Mass. *Laetare* means Rejoice! The Church permits her Priests to don rose-coloured vestments on this Sunday, the violet representing penance being replaced by the rose representing joy. The Gospel that is read this Sunday is indeed one of joy. It is a Gospel that is very appropriate for our catechumens who are preparing to receive Baptism this Easter. Baptism places the life of the Most Blessed Trinity within our soul. It opens the soul up to Trinitarian graces and the indwelling presence of God. A soul before Baptism is compared to a man who is blind. The grace of Baptism is analogous to the grace of physical sight. Baptism is thus often considered to be a Sacrament of Divine Light. This aspect of Baptism is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic Churches. Pope St. John Paul II, who was very aware of the Western and Eastern dimensions of Catholicism, when adding the optional Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light) to the Holy Rosary, chose the Baptism of Jesus as the First Mystery of Light.

Christ is the Light of the world. He came to dispel the darkness of error and sin. Saint John tells us that God is Light, and that in Him there is no darkness (I Jn 1:5). In the Prologue to his Gospel, St. John also says that “the Light shines in the darkness” (Jn 1:5), and that that Light, which is the “Word become flesh” (Jn 1:14), enlightened all men by coming into this world (Jn 1:9). This Light came into the world, and “from His fullness we have received grace upon grace” (Jn 1:16).

Today’s Gospel of the man born blind being healed by Christ shows us also that once our eyes are opened and we see Jesus as the Lord, the only appropriate response is to fall on our knees and worship Him (Jn 9:38).

SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection for Development and Peace the weekend of **April 1st/2nd**.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:

Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., May 3

INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25 –Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm †Teresa Wong req by the family
Deceased members of the Sullivan & Willick families
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am †Victor & Doris Pittson req by the Pittson family
†Theresa Jacob req by the Pittson family
†Jeanne Roy req by Bobbi Timko
†Dr. Marie Mascarenhas req by the Ferreira family
Intention of Roger & Margo Degagné req by Joe &
Donna Verner

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, March 27 – Fourth Monday of Lent

9:00 am E.V. Paul and the souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner

Tuesday, March 28 – Fourth Tuesday of Lent

9:00 am †Ron Harrison req by Mary & Richard MacDonald

Thursday, March 30 – Fourth Thursday of Lent

9:00 am †Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu req by the Legion of
Mary

Friday, March 31 – Fourth Friday of Lent

9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie and the
souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 1– Fifth Saturday of Lent

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5:00 pm †Teresa Wong req by the family
†Charlene Doucet req by Suzanne & Clive Richmond
†Annie & Narciso Cardenas Jr. req by Marilou Storie &
family

Sunday, April 2 –Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

11:15 am †Charlene Doucet req by the family
Intention of Elizabeth O'Hagan req by the Linton family
Deceased members of the Knight of Columbus
Intention of the RCIA Candidates req by the Legion of
Mary

Please pray for our sick; Michael Nortey, Larry Clow, Bonnie
Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, including Ron Cotton, that he may be
received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

We must never be fooled into thinking that "Medically-assisted dying" or "end of life health care" is anything but euthanasia. "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to human life. It is morally unacceptable." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2277). *"I confirm that euthanasia is a grave violation of God's law, as it is a deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person."* (St John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, No. 65).

Let us pray for all elected officials that they will courageously advance the cause of life and that health care practitioners, especially doctors and nurses will be permitted to practice their profession in accordance with their conscience.

National March for Life: save the date - Thursday 11th May. Many events will take place starting Wed 10th May. Watch for further info.