

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

God calls each of us from death to life, from sin to repentance, from apathy to generosity.

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

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS – Our Parish Lenten Reconciliations will take place on **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm.** Several Priests will be available for confessions.

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

Date	Leader
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,
adele.pierce@sympatico.ca

View promotional video and further details on our parish website.

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

Spiritual Adoption

I continue to grow and I am developing in all areas both inside and outside of my body. I can now suck my thumb. I am about three inches long and I weigh about one ounce. I know this is very tiny but when you look at my picture in the Vestibule you can see that I'm fully formed. I even have my very own finger prints. I was very happy last Sunday when I heard a little person say, "mommy, baby, baby." Then I heard little footsteps running to see my picture. Thank you for continuing to pray for both me and my mother.

Offering for March 26, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3008.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>760.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 6428.00

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR’S CORNER

St. Paul warns us to focus our minds on the things of heaven, not on the things of earth. He makes this extreme statement because he knows that we rarely forget the things of earth; our minds are constantly focused on our everyday concerns, our needs, our worries. But he also knows how easily we forget the things of heaven, and he wants us to be aware of this imbalance. This doesn't mean the we forget what we need to do know, but overemphasis on this world and its concerns makes us a worldly people, a people unprepared for the life of the Kingdom. And then death truly does take us by surprise and we wonder at the goodness of a God who robs us of life or the presence of those we love. We have put too much emphasis on this world that we don't realize that this present body is not eternal, but mortal. Jesus is the life of the Kingdom, it resides in him, and so to know what the things of heaven are we need to look at him; he shows it to us in the raising of Lazarus, and in all he said and did. The Kingdom is not some distant phenomenon, it's among us, it came to us when God became me in Jesus Christ. Meditation on his example doesn't distract us from present reality, it enriches it, it gives it an eternal value, and prepares us for our ultimate fulfillment. Amen.

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

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

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

INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 1– Fifth Saturday of Lent

9:00 am Special Intentions req by Myrna Andrews

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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
†Norman Schwartz req by Jim & Pam Aung Thin
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

Monday, April 3 – Fifth Monday of Lent

9:00 am Intention of Sean Dundas req by the Linton family

Tuesday, April 4 – Fifth Tuesday of Lent

9:00 am Deceased members of the family req by Hugh & Ann Finlayson

Thursday, April 6 – Fifth Thursday of Lent

9:00 am Intention of the Louis-Seiza family

Friday, April 7 – Fifth Friday of Lent

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention

Saturday, April 8 –Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 pm †Ray & Betty Brownell req by Dr. G.M. Lusignan
†Teresa Wong req by the family
Intention of Isobel & Sonny Lachance req by thre Linton family
Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am †Arokiamary Jacob re qby the Pittson family
Theresa Chinelo Onyeogubalu req by Carol Faure
Thanksgiving mass for a Parishioner
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

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

Please pray for our deceased, including Raymond Ouellette, that he may be received into God’s love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

In today’s Entrance Antiphon we hear a plea to God for justice against a faithless nation and from the deceit and cunning. Those who advocate for abortion and medical aid in dying often resort to ‘veiled’ language to describe what is evil. Let us not be fooled by terms such as ‘women’s reproductive health’ or ‘compassionate medical care’ which are deceitful means to describe abortion and euthanasia. If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs support, confidential help is available. www.stmaryshome.com www.miriamottawa.org 613-830-8623 www.birthright-ottawa.org or visit: www.abortionincanada.ca www.adoptionincanada.ca or contact the parish office.