

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 9, 2017

*Knowing that Jesus is our merciful and companionate king,
we place our petitions before him.*

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

SECOND COLLECTION – There will be a second collection on for the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 14th at the 12:00 & 3:00 pm masses.

CWL - Please note CWL General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th at 7:30, see you there!

Bells at Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil Liturgies



All parishioners are invited to bring along a bell from your home to ring out at the time of the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. This is another way in which we can express our joy and hope during these rich liturgies. You are requested to bring along a bell or extras to share.

** Please note the bells are to be rung at the time of the Gloria only.
Thank you.

Easter Vigil Reception

All those who are planning on attending the Easter Vigil are invited to bring along a plate of cold finger foods to share at the reception that follows the Vigil. The reception is a time where we gather to personally welcome all those who are newly received into the Church, as well as gathering to rejoice following the Easter Vigil Mass – a wonderful conclusion to the rich liturgy that is a highlight of our Liturgical Year. Members of your Pastoral will be accepting your contribution anytime after 6:00 pm on Saturday evening 9 April 2017.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter as requested by our Lord through Sister Faustina Kowalska. Jesus asked that the feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena which would begin on Good Friday and end on Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus gave Sister Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena. Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena are available in the Vestibule of the church. Our parish will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday 23 April 2-4pm.

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 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., May 3

Offering for March 26, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2779.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 645.00
Total Collection:	\$ 6084.00

Development & Peace**\$5270.50****Pastor's Corner**

Today's Sunday has a double name in the Sacred Liturgy. It is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Notice that there are two Gospels that are read at Holy Mass today: the Gospel of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the Gospel of the Passion. Nothing could be more striking than the contrast between the two. In the first, Christ is gloriously proclaimed as the Son of David, the King of Israel. The crowd wants to crown Him King. But very soon afterwards, the same crowd would turn against Him. He would be ridiculed, mocked, and scorned. Those who wanted to acclaim Him King now seek to have Him executed in a humiliating manner: by crucifixion. Those who once cried HOSANNA now cry CRUCIFY HIM!

This Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord begins the most sacred time of the liturgical year. This week is so holy, in fact, that it goes by the name of Holy Week. Holy Week is a time to meditate on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. We should not be too quick to proclaim the glory of the Resurrection. This is a time of dying with Christ, suffering with Christ, and allowing His sorrows and pain to purify and transform our hearts.

It has been said that the problem with Christianity today, and the reason why it appears to be such a weak voice in the world today, is because too few Christians choose to suffer and die with Christ. Many want to share in the glory and joy of the Resurrection, but very few embrace the ignominy of the Cross. Holy Week is a time of learning how to enter into the Mystery of the Cross. This involves a daily dying to self, and of choosing what is good and holy and true, rather than always choosing what is simple and easy. The Christian Life gives us great joy, but that joy comes to us through great sacrifice. No one, it is said, was filled with greater joy than were the martyrs of our faith. In dying to themselves with Christ, they were given a joy to which nothing in this world comes even remotely close to comparing.

May you all have a very blessed and sacred Holy Week.

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

INTENTIONS

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
†Beatrice & Gabriel Ugiomoh req by Helen
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
†Maria & Antonio Lindo req by the Lindo family
Thanksgiving mass for a Parishioner

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, April 10 – Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am Intention of Mark Benjamin req by Marion & Ernie Sy

Tuesday, April 11 – Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am †Loretta Hall req by Jean Hall

Thursday, April 13 – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00 pm For Our Parishioners

3:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Saturday, April 15– Holy Saturday

8:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 16 –The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

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.

Spiritual Adoption:

I am already over three months old which makes me smile, something I can do now because my brain is very well developed. I can even squint and frown; it all depends on how I feel. My skin has been sensitive to pain for quite some time. I also hear lots of sounds and I can easily move around inside this wonderful place in my mother's body. Watch for my new picture in the Vestibule and be sure to continue to pray for me and my mom.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that all may reject the temptation to be "like gods" who have mastery over human life, and instead may accept and reverence life as a supreme gift of the Creator. The Miriam Centre offers emotional and practical support to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy. Follow-up is provided after birth as well as compassionate outreach to those suffering from the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion or infant death. Info: (613-830-8623); (info@miriamottawa.org); (www.miriamottawa.org)