

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## March 11, 2018

*God does not abandon us but brings us into the light. With grateful hearts, we come before our merciful God.*

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

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| Holy Thursday, Mar 29 (Mass of the Lord's Supper)  | 7:00 pm               |
| Good Friday, Mar 30 (Service of the Lord's Supper) | 12:00 pm &<br>3:00 pm |
| Good Friday, Mar 30 (Stations of the Cross)        | 7:00 pm               |
| Easter Vigil, Mar 31 (Easter Vigil)                | 8:00 pm               |
| Easter Sunday, April 1 (Easter Morning)            | 9:00 am &<br>11:15 am |

#### **Stations of the Cross will be held:**

##### **Fridays at 7 pm.**

March 16 Knights of Columbus  
March 23 Catholic Women's League - followed by a Lenten Supper  
March 30 Good Friday - Father Shroff

Thank you to all Leaders for supporting the prayerful life of our parish. Making these Devotions part of our Lenten journey is an excellent way to enrich our life and the life of our Parish.

**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 31 March 2018.

**CWL** - "Dear Sisters, our C.W.L. General Meeting is being held on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 in the social space. Hope to see you there."

**Ladies On Lunch (LOL)** is a new group for women of the parish and their female friends who will gather for lunch, every third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Hilary Als at [stacch@rogers.com](mailto:stacch@rogers.com) or by telephone at (613) 845-0073. The first gathering is March 21<sup>st</sup> at Boston Pizza on Innes Rd. Please RSVP by 6:00 pm on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in order to make a reservation.

#### **North of 60 Project – Rankin Inlet**

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our Parish is participating in the National collection of food for the people in the Canadian Far North – Rankin Inlet, who are living in extreme poverty. Our Parish goal is to collect a total of 400 cans of fruit (398 ml size of peaches, pears, mandarins, etc.) and 400 snack size packages of applesauce (6 per package). We are asking for Brand name products with an expiry date of 2019 or later. A table is set up at the back of the church with more information and a box to drop off your donation. If you prefer to make a cash donation, envelopes are available and can be deposited in the SSVF box. Please note on the envelope, "North of 60". Thank you for your generosity.

**Offering for March 11, 2018**

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 3266.00       |
| PAC/Visa/MC       | \$ 2660.00       |
| Loose:            | \$ <u>664.00</u> |
| Total Collection: | \$ 6590.00       |

**Fr. Shroff's Corner**

The Season of Lent can be a difficult time for us. The penitential aspect of this season is not something to which we are accustomed in our morally permissive society today. The Church knows this, and she understands the struggles that we face during this time of year. That is why, in her wisdom, Holy Mother Church gives us a day during the Lenten season when we can relax our Lenten observances somewhat and anticipate, as it were, the paschal joys of Easter. This past Thursday (Thursday in the 3rd week of Lent) was the exact mid-point of our Lenten journey. We have already completed 50% of the journey towards Easter! And so, this Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) is a Sunday when the Church allows us to contemplate, in advance, the prize that awaits us after the Passion is over.

This 4th Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare Sunday*, so named after the first word of the introit or entrance antiphon of today's Mass, in Latin: *Laetare, Jerusalem!* Rejoice, Jerusalem! Although the Church does not sing the *Alleluia* today, or the *Gloria* for that matter, she does allow certain signs of joy in this Mass in the middle of Lent. In particular, flowers are permitted at the Altar, and the organ can once again be played (both of which are forbidden throughout the rest of Lent – the latter being tolerated only when it is necessary as a support to the singing but not as a musical interlude). Also, today Holy Mother Church allows her Priests to don rose-coloured vestments (rose being a symbol of joy) as opposed to the penitential violet or purple that is worn throughout the rest of the Lenten season.

The stational church for this Sunday is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. This church was built in the 4th century by the emperor Constantine. Up to the 14th century (when the Popes went into exile in Avignon, France), a beautiful ceremony took place at this Basilica every year on the 4th Sunday of Lent. This ceremony was known as the Blessing of the Golden Rose, at which the Sovereign Pontiff (the Pope) blessed a golden rose that was a symbol of the fragrance, the beauty, and the purity of the doctrine and Person of Jesus Christ. When Christ was disfigured in His Passion, His beauty was eclipsed from the world. But the Church continued to contemplate in His disfigured Body the beauty of the Only-Begotten Son of the Father. Because of this traditional ceremony involving the Golden Rose, the 4th Sunday of Lent has become known as Rose Sunday.

**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 8 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, Saturdays ; April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, September 22, October 13, October 27 and November 10.

**Where:** The Social Space at Good Shepherd Parish

**Cost:** \$60.00 per married couple (covers the cost of materials and refreshments) to be paid in advance of the first session. Payment may be left at parish office.

**Facilitated by:** Eric & Geraldine Sharf and Sean & Gillian Keenan, parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish.

**To register or for more info contact:** Gillian Keenan at 613-841-6505 or [gillian.keenan@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.keenan@gmail.com)

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday**

#### **(Anticipated Vigil Mass)**

5:00 pm †Joan Golding req by Marissa Laciak  
†Clarice Gabucan req by Barbara  
Mass of Special Intention req by a Parishioner  
Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishioner  
Intention of healing for Michael Laciak req by Mom & Dad

### **Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday**

9:00 am †Jackson Martin req by the family  
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Gerry & Joan Tompkins  
†Bernice MacDonald req by Margaret MacLellan  
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

### **Monday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am †Rolande Doiron req by her daughter

### **Tuesday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am Deceased members of the O'Connell family

### **Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday**

8:00 am †Catherine Francis and the Souls in Purgatory

### **Thursday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am †Severino Peloso req by George & Darlene Keable

### **Friday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday**

9:00 am †Royal Galipeau req by Paul Webber and family

### **Saturday, March 17 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Anticipated Vigil Mass)**

5:00 pm †Ken & Frances Kennedy req by the family  
†John Patrick MacPhee req by the family  
†Merill, Michelle & Darryl req by the family  
†Magdalena Giroudy req by Carmen Valere  
†Maurice Durocher req by Clive & Suzane Richmond  
†Ebbie Ferguson req by Sheila Knightley

### **Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am †Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by JP & Patricia Clement  
†Joseph Osezua req by the family  
Intention of Madeleine Lee req by Marian & Ernie Sy  
Mass of Thanksgiving req by Leo & Rosalyn  
11:15 am For Our Parishioners

*Please pray for our sick;*, Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

*Please pray for our deceased*, that they may be received into God's love.

**PRO – LIFE MASS** - Our Parish will be hosting a Mass with Pro-Life intentions on **Saturday 17 March at 10am**. The Sisters of the Queenship of Mary will provide a reception following the Mass. Please join the parish for this special celebration.

#### **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 the lives of handicapped, sick or dying people. 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). Post abortion healing is available at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call Lynda or Terry Munroe 613-806-5522 [rvr\\_ottawa@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca)