

Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

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“Truly, this man was God’s Son!”



“Turn the other cheek.” Many people identify this as a central teaching from Jesus, but it only appears in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Nevertheless, Mark’s narrative of Jesus’ passion and death illustrates what this saying means. Jesus does not resist when they arrest him, nor does he defend himself at trial. He simply acknowledges his true identity, then submits to mockery, crucifixion and death. But this confirms who he really was: when the centurions saw how Jesus died he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

The Old Testament tells us about individuals suffering for the sake of their faith. Second Isaiah presents God’s servant who submitted to physical attacks knowing that God was with him and in Psalm 22 an individual describes his persecution and suffering but in the end is confident that God will deliver him. However, Paul tells us that Jesus sacrificed even more, emptying himself of his divinity to become one of us in order to die on the cross for us. This is the paschal mystery we celebrate at every Eucharist. Jesus gave his body and blood over to death so that we can have life. As we share the bread and wine, we remember that sacrifice and celebrate its effect in our lives today.

John L. McLaughlin, Toronto, ON

Parish Schedule

Mar 26 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Judy Holford †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Mar 27 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mariana Magana</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting
Mar 28 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Matt Hangad</i> 5:00 PM Chrism Mass @ Holy Rosary Cathedral <i>Int: Martha De Groot †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9:45 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM NO PREP—SPRING BREAK
Mar 29 Thurs	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper <i>Int: Jodie Catibog † & Philomena Rego †</i>	
Mar 30 Good Friday	11:00AM Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	10:00-11:00 AM Confession
Mar 31 Holy Saturday	8:00 PM Easter Vigil <i>Int: Teresa Skamarauskas †</i>	11 AM—12 NN Confessions
Apr 01 Easter-Sunday	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Jodie Catibog †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession

Daily Confession: 15 minutes before all daily Masses and 30 minutes before all Masses on Sunday including anticipated Mass on Saturday.

Baptisms every 2nd & 4th Sat of the Month. Call the Parish Office to register.

Stewardship Reflection

Palm Sunday

“He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him” Jesus ... became the suffering servant for us all. As stewards of the mysteries of God, ...we too may suffer from time to time. We may...suffer rejection for sharing what we ..believe. Jesus emptied himself in serving God’s purpose and .. His suffering was rewarded.. We pray ..that we too may empty ourselves of pride or fear.. When we have the courage to share our faith, ...we will receive the joy of witnessing someone give their life to the Lord. © 2018 by Joppa Stewardship Leaders



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, , Jim O’Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O’Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Cory Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Welcome New Parishioners

Calros & Ana Defrias, Alejandro & Sheryll Martinez, Thomas & Frances McNee, Derrick & Christine Bailon-Mitchell, Michael Raouf Nagib Mousa and family, Thomas & Anne Marie Schneider, Noel & Dyan Slaney, Angela Todo, Fortuna & Jose Perez-Tuells & Tyler Curl. Welcome to our Parish Family!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: I hope all PREP families are enjoying Spring break. A reminder of the First Communion and Confirmation retreats coming up in April. Please check your PREP weekly email. There are separate emails to the Sacrament program families. Registration forms will be available starting April 1 for next year. Please pick up your forms from Karla or at PREP as there is a discount for early registration. Many blessings of Easter joy to all.

PBYouth Thank you to all who participated in our Explorers Lenten Retreat. A reminder of our next Core Meeting on April 7 at 1 pm. We are in need of Volunteers for our Youth Choir. Please consider sharing your God given talent of music with the Youth and the rest of the Parish. Anyone in Grade 5 and older is invited. Contact pbyouth@telus.net if interested. We are also looking for more volunteer readers for our Youth Masses. Ushers are always needed on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Contact Rosana to help and volunteer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Hop along to the K of C Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1 after the 9 AM & 11 AM Holy Masses. Then join us the following Sunday, April 8 for our monthly Pancake Breakfast after the 9 & 11 AM Masses.

K OF C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER Gift cards will not be sold during Holy Week from March 26 to April 1.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND: \$23,075.00 Less than \$8,000 to go!

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE Our next meeting is Tues, Apr 3, 7 pm in the Parish Centre, we will be making sacrament cards, please join us! For more info, please email: preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN will be on Spring Break and will resume on Sun, Apr. 8. We are still in need of Presiders and Assistants. Please contact Maria at mharkison@gmail.com if you are able to assist our ministry. We wish you a prayerful Lent season and joyful Easter!

PARISH WEBSITE. Check out our NEW website at pbparish.ca. Let us know what you think!

NO SENIOR SOCIAL ON EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 2.

PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN 2018 We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2018 Campaign. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF DELIA AUZINS who passed away peacefully on March 22. Funeral arrangements to be advised.

Read the Bible in One Year

Try following the suggested readings daily for 365 days, to read the complete Catholic Bible.

Sunday	Exodus 31-33, Ps. 51, Matthew 26:26-46
Monday	Exodus 34-35, Psalm 52, Matthew 26:47-75
Tuesday	Exodus 36-38, Ps. 53-54, Matthew 27:1-26
Wednesday	Exodus 39-40, Psalm 55, Matthew 27:27-50
Thursday	Leviticus 1-3, Psalm 56, Matthew 27:51-66
Friday	Leviticus 4-5, Psalm 57, Matthew 28
Saturday	Leviticus 6-7, Psalm 58, Acts 1



ADORATION OF THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

On Holy Thursday, March 29, after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Altar of Repose will be available for Adoration in the Columbus Room of the Parish Centre until 10 PM. Come and pray with Jesus and prepare to celebrate His Passion.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?” Mt. 26:40



Our Holy Week Mass & Services Schedule

March 29, Holy Thursday	7-10PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration in Columbus Rm
March 30, Good Friday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)	11AM Stations of the Cross 3 PM Passion of Our Lord
March 31, Holy Saturday	8 PM Easter Vigil
April 1, Easter Sunday	9 AM & 11 AM MASSES AS USUAL

Fasting is the reduction of one’s intake of food. Fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th to the 59th Birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals

Abstinence refers to refraining from meat (or another type of food). Abstinence requires a Catholic over 14 years of age to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday

Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. Help the Christians in the Holy Land change their lives. Please show your support by your generosity.

Rite of Christian Initiation Please pray for our elect **Katherine Paez** who will be baptised into our Faith on the **Easter Vigil**.

Chrism Mass, March 28, 5pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral Please join in person or in prayer with Archbishop who will bless the oils to be used for Sacraments. Please also pray for all priests who will renew their ordination vows at this Mass.

PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA



We are inviting couples who would like to renew and strengthen their Christian faith in a more practical and active way. Please join us in the Christian Life Program. This ministry is open to all couples. This 11 week program start Friday, April 13 at 7pm in the Columbus room. On site child minding will be available and light refreshments will be served. Contact Dennis & Grace Zulueta 604.835.6590/604.812.4729 or Jason & Rency Soliven 604.780.8494.

ST. MARK’S & CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DAY April 4 between 4—8 PM. We will provide applicants the opportunity to accelerate their application to Corpus Christi or St. Mark’s College

SECOND QUARTER (a group for those 23+) is hosting a Ceilidh (“KAY-lee”) Dance in the St. Joseph’s Parish (20676 Fraser Hwy, Langley) Hall 7 pm Saturday April 7. The Scottish ancestor to the barn dance, no experience or dancing skills needed (instruction will be provided). Bring a six pack or a snack to share and meet some great folks! Find us on Facebook or email David at sj2ndquarter@gmail.com

HELPLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING BY DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES—Our Lady of Good Counsel Society. Join us for our spring training, Fridays: April 6, 13&20 from 6:30—9:30 pm and Saturdays: April 7, 14&21 from 9 am to 3 pm at Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver. Call 604-585-6688 to register or for more information.



In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. It is designed to bring couples closer together. For more information on our upcoming Weekend program (Apr 13-15) at Barnabas Landing on Keats Island, leave a message with Marc & Candice 604-530-6710 and they will call back or visit our website www.Retrouvaille.org