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MARCH 17TH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



If a grain of wheat dies, it bears much fruit



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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 10:00AM
Weekdays: 8:00AM or as announced

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday—Saturday: 7:00 AM –7:45 AM
Saturday: 3:00-3:45PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:45AM
By appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:
Please contact the parish priest during serious illness or before surgery.

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please contact the parish priest as soon as possible. Pre-marriage classes are mandatory.

Eucharistic Adoration:
First Friday of the Month: 8:30—9:30
First Saturday of the Month: 8:30—9:30

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 17th, 2024 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Saturday	March 16th
8:00AM	†
4:00PM	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday Of Lent
	† Tom Goulet by Fernanda DiNobile
Sunday	March 17th—Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	All Parishioners
10:30 AM	† Orest Shegda by his daughters
Monday	March 18th: Fifth Lenten Week
Tuesday	March 19th: Fifth Lenten Week
8:00AM	† All Souls in Purgatory by Lynn Dyson
6:00PM	All Parishioners
Wednesday	March 20th: Fifth Lenten Week
8:00AM	† Henry Nan by Mary
Thursday	March 21st: Fifth Lenten Week
8:00AM	† Giuseppe Miani by Antonio Ricci
Friday	March 22nd: Fifth Lenten Week
8:00AM	† Souls in Purgatory by Alba Farkas
Saturday	March 23rd: Fifth Lenten week
8:00 AM	† Ugo D'onofrio by his wife and family
4:00PM	Vigil of the Palm Sunday
	† All Parishioners
Sunday	March 24th—Palm Sunday
9:00 AM	† Marino Pelmina & Yvette Polverari by Joe
10:30 AM	† Giuseppe Miani by Nella & famiglia



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

COMING EVENTS

Apple pie sale March 23-24th: these will be 10" pies for \$12.00. Please order early so no one will be disappointed. Call Irene at 905-834-6820 or Mary at 905-834-9520

Will be making up **Easter baskets**, anyone wishing to donate to offset the cost, see Mary Nan.

Soup Sunday April 7th following the Mass.
Take outs \$5.00, Sit down, which includes Roll and dessert \$10.00.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month March: For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA

This is an opportunity to offer alms to those most in need through the annual Share Lent campaign. In collaboration with its partners in the Global South Development and Peace has selected Great Hope as the central theme for the next 5 years. This year's specific theme, Reaping our Rights, echoes Pope Francis's words in Laudate Deum: "Everything is connected" and "No one is saved alone." Consequently, we are asked to consider human rights, and environmental rights, ensuring their full respect not only within Canada but also across the world. Consider giving generously on March 17, the 5th Sunday of Lent.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

White envelopes are available at the rear of the church for your convenience. Feel free to complete them and place them in the collection basket. May you be blessed!



Every Lenten Friday:

Noon— 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic adoration

6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross



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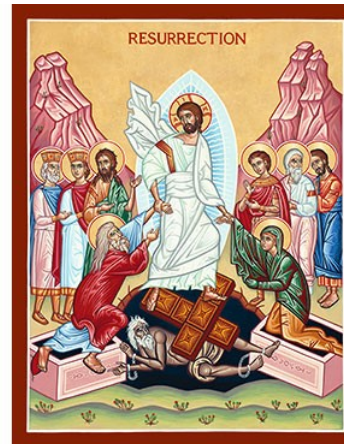


PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



March 28th - Holy Thursday: 6:00 PM– Holy Mass. Adoration until 10:00PM

March 29th—Good Friday
- 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion .
- Cross adoration until 6:00 pm (at 5:30pm) : The last seven words of Jesus)



March 30th—Holy Saturday
♦ 10:30: Prayer: Mother Mary on the Saturday day
♦ 11am—Easter Food Blessing.
♦ 8:30 pm Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

MARCH 19th: SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH



This occasion holds great significance for us as Saint Joseph is the patron Saint of Canada. Two masses are scheduled for the day:

8:00 AM
6:00 PM

The approaching Easter of the Lord invites us to delve deeper into the mystery of Jesus' sacrifice, celebrating his faith as an exemplary obedience to the Father, a profound teaching that urges us to love in a total and complete way. **In the first reading**, the prophet Jeremiah emerges as a faithful servant of God, ready to announce even terrible prophecies to his people. His mission, initially focused on the prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem, contains an announcement of salvation. This announcement emphasizes God's continued closeness to Israel despite the people's betrayals, proposing a new covenant based on love and authentic knowledge of God, inscribed in hearts rather than on stone as happened on Mount Sinai. Our baptism symbolizes this new covenant because through it, God dwells in us and speaks to us individually. **In the second reading**, Jesus is portrayed as the perfect high priest, not bound by the lineage of Levi but consecrated directly by God. His priesthood is realized through complete obedience to the Father by accepting to become the victim of selfishness and hatred through his sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice, deviating from traditional liturgical practices, becomes the source of salvation for all who believe in him. **Today's Gospel** provides a partial glimpse into the life and teachings of Jesus in the days leading up to his passion and death. During the celebration of the Passover in Jerusalem, some Greeks wish to meet Jesus, symbolizing the opening of salvation to all, including non-Jews. This event makes Jesus realize that the hour of his glorification has come, and the doors of universal salvation are opened. Despite inner turmoil facing this prospect, Jesus expresses two fundamental truths. First, the hour of his glorification has come, achieved through complete obedience to the Father and a posture of total self-giving. Second, each of us is called to perceive life as a gift to be returned to God through authentic living. This requires avoiding masochistic readings and understanding the call to "hate one's life" as an invitation to profound inner transformation. Death is necessary for transformation but must be understood as an act of obedience to a greater plan, aimed at the glory of God. We die because we love, recognizing that true eternal life is attained only through self-loss. Jesus's exhortation finds resonance in nature itself: only the seed that renounces remaining a seed can sprout and give life. The invitation does not necessarily imply martyrdom but guides us to overcome personal selfishness, understanding that fulfillment and true joy lie in complete obedience to God, following the example of Jesus and finding strength in his death on the cross. **In this final stretch of Lent**, the Word of God urges us to change our way of thinking, to approach the model of God manifested in Jesus. Whoever gives up their life with love receives it in abundance, while those who close themselves in selfishness lose everything. It is a call to a profound and meaningful transformation, to live life not for oneself but as a gift to be returned, following the example of Jesus Christ. Easter thus becomes the culmination of this journey, celebrating the victory over death and the promise of eternal life in communion with God.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday March 10 Offerings (including e-transfers) :

Sunday Collection \$1,886.00
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