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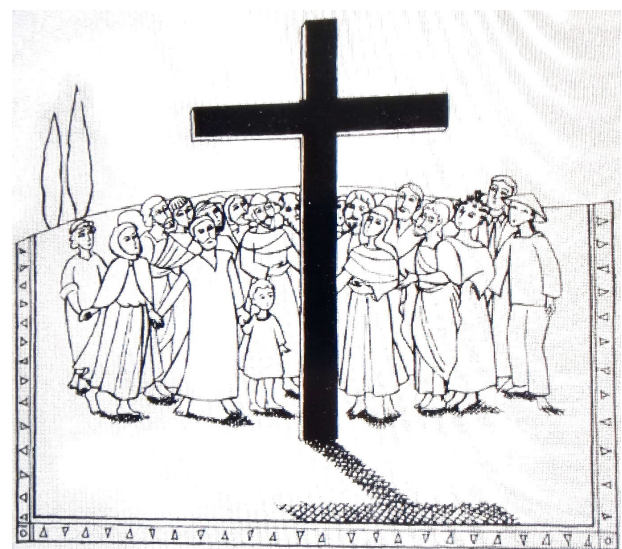
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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30AM—4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule:
The Day of the Lord begins Saturday: Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 10:30 AM
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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10th, 2024 – Year B

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Saturday	March 9th
8:00AM	†Roger Graveline by Ron Graveline
4:00PM	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday Of Lent
	† Maria & Emanuel Abela by C&G Burrison
Sunday	March 10th—Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	Blessings for Scott Evana by A&F Habjan
10:30 AM	All Parishioners
Monday	March 11th: Fourth Lenten Week
Tuesday	March 12th: Fourth Lenten Week
8:00AM	†Giuseppi Miani by Irene Sinko
Wednesday	March 13th: Fourth Lenten Week
8:00AM	†Henry Nan by Mary Nan
Thursday	March 14th: Fourth Lenten Week
8:00AM	†Guiseppi Miani by Ron Favero
Friday	March 15th: Fourth Lenten Week
8:00AM	Souls in Purgatory by Alba Farkas
Saturday	March 16th Fourth Lenten week
8:00 AM	
4:00PM	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
	† Tom Goulet by Fernanda DiNobile
Sunday	March 10th—Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	†All Parishioners
10:30 AM	Orest Shegda by his daughters



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



Sacrament of reconciliation

On Saturday, March 16, 2024 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from **10:00am to 2:00pm** to hear individual confessions. In our church there will be Eucharistic Adoration during this time.

No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.



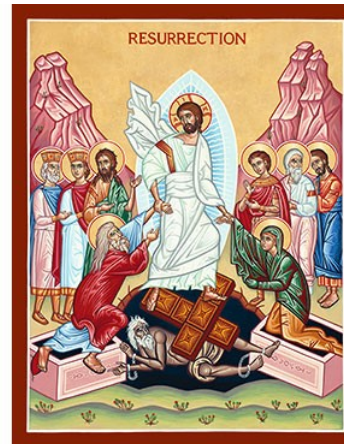
PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



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



March 30th—Holy Saturday

- 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

In the Bible used by Jewish people, the order of the books is different from the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. Today's worship shows us the last page of the last book in the Jewish canon, corresponding to **the second book of Chronicles**. It briefly describes the sinful history of the people of Israel who rejected God, lived unfaithfully to the covenant, and ignored calls for repentance from the prophets. This led to the destruction of Jerusalem, the temple, and exile in Babylon. However, when all seemed lost, God, faithful to Himself and His promises, called a foreign king, Cyrus, the emperor of the Persians, to rebuild the temple and help the deported rediscover their identity as the people of Israel.

So, the punishment of exile wasn't the end of the love story between God and His people. The last sentence of the passage is particularly meaningful: "May God be with him and let him go up." These words, the last in the Hebrew Bible, express the certainty of God's presence among His people and an invitation to return to Him through a gradual path of conversion. This invitation also reaches us during the Lenten season.

Our journey will reach its goal if, as the second reading encourages, we place absolute trust in God. **The writer of the letter to the Ephesians** tells us that despite our sins that could lead to our ruin, God has shown His love by allowing us to share the same fate as Christ, who, without sin, died on the cross for us. God created us in the image of His Son and won't allow our weaknesses, disobedience, and sins to destroy His creative plan. That's why God forgives our sins, makes us like His Son again, and shares His glory with us. The proof of this is the faith of believers, a gift from God through Christ, not a result of human abilities. God is faithful to Himself and fulfills His plan. We must trust in Him.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus fulfilled the invitation from the first reading, "May the Lord, his God, be with him and let him go up": his journey led him to be lifted up on the cross. According to the dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, which happened at night due to Nicodemus' fears, the Son will fully demonstrate his faithfulness to God by accepting to die on the cross. This will show to all the glory of God, which, unlike human glory based on power and success, is revealed as a total and saving gift of God's love to humanity. Our task is to believe that God gives His saving love that surpasses any sin, incapacity, and human frailty.

Today's Gospel announces another great truth: God presents Himself to humanity with an attitude of judgment, but for the evangelist John and many prophets, God's judgment is not condemnation but salvation. Our task is to believe in this saving plan and in the mission of Jesus, to have faith in recognizing, in earthly life, the signs of His presence and saving action, despite the rejection of this message by many, both today and in previous years.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday Feb. 3rd Offerings:

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