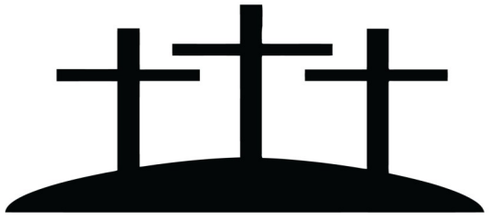

PROVINCE-WIDE MASS

Catholic Education Week 2020

It has been announced that His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, will be celebrating the Catholic Education Week Mass scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. EST. All students, families, board staff, trustees, and the broader Catholic community are invited to participate "virtually" in this celebration of the Eucharist by visiting the following website at the scheduled time:

https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live

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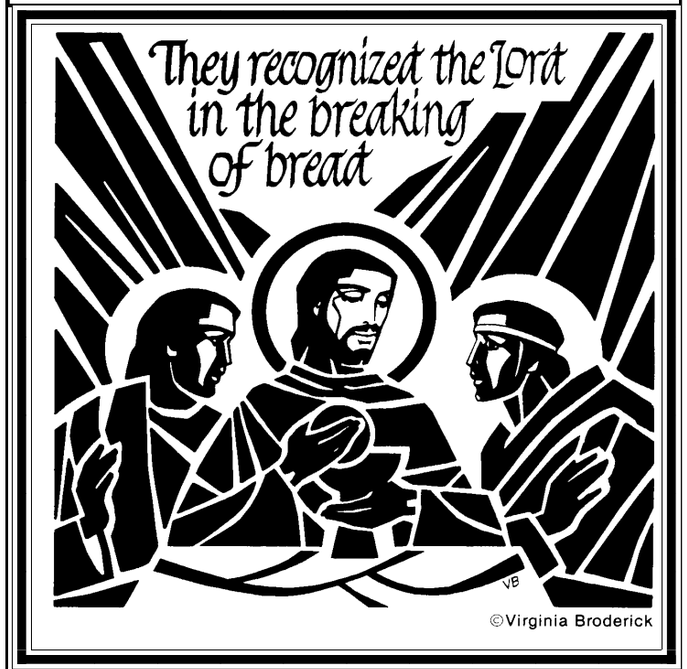
SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us , capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life."

- Pope Francis

Reconciliation
Saturdays:
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :
Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :
Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :
Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :
Rose Marie Spina
254-4064
Angela Filice 253-8607
(Italian)

Visiting & Card Ministry:
If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tues - Friday
9:00-12:00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, we invite you to please drop off your donation envelopes at our office by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door. Thank you.

Thank-you To All Who Give!!
Web site: veronica.church

TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE
Channel 10 - Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

TELEVISED ONLINE MASS
Saturday, April 25 & Sunday, April 26
Website: veronica.church
***check website for times**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Televised Mass on Shaw Cable
Channel 10 - Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

Televised Online Mass
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Fourth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3, 2020

Mass Intentions:

For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

Do We Think That We Change God's Mind?

What do we think we're doing when we kneel down at the child's bedside and say together, "God bless grandma and grandpa" and "God help Uncle Harry find a job"? Or what is the point of our reader or singer coming forward each Sunday and asking the assembly to pray for this, that and the other thing?

There are lots of valid ways to think about praying for someone or something. One beginning point is the psalms. What strikes me if I recite these ancient Jewish prayers that became the core of the Christian prayer book is this: The person who wrote these prayers was never hesitant to point out to God the urgent concerns of the day. Never. The psalms are full of: Please do this. Do that! Do it now!

And for centuries the churches hardly ever gathered without a time for naming the needs of that day. Mornings, evenings, Sundays. Always the Christians rolled out their list of urgent concerns: peace, health, good weather, strength in the face of hardship, the poor.

This kind of prayi8ng was thought of as something a baptized person had to do. It was, in face, something the unbaptized catechumens were not allowed to do. They couldn't do eucharist, they couldn't give the peace greeting, and they had to be sent out before the baptized people did those intercession prayers. It was that important.

But what did they think they were doing? Probably one thing was this: They thought that the church, the body of Christ, was here to shout in God's ear on behalf of all the helpless people, on behalf of the earth itself, on behalf of the living and the dead. Jesus had prayed and now the body of Christ would pray. I don't think ordinary Christians got too wrapped up in questions of what it meant. They just did it. Somebody had to keep reminding God (that's not such a strange way to think: just check out the psalms) that all was not well. Remember us, remember the poor, remember the prisoners.

No one ever said: It isn't working, folks, let's quit. We pray and pray and there are still poor people, still sick people, still all kinds of evil. But interceding was what Christians did - like living thankfully, like sharing with those in need. The baptized were trained in this kind praying.

So are we. In our parish book of prayer, in our book of the names of the dead, with our children at bedside each night, with the sick when we visit them, by ourselves - and here in our liturgy every Sunday week after week. Year after year, can we get louder? Put more of our heart and soul in these prayers?