



**Is God calling you to be a priest?**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. . . He will direct your path.”  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

[www.beapriest.ca](http://www.beapriest.ca)

**Canadian Federal Government website for Mental Health help across Canada:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/topics/mental-health-wellness.html>

**Pope at Angelus: Jesus is light that opens us to God’s love**

Vatican News  
Monday, March 15, 2021  
By: Devin Watkins

As the Church celebrates Laetare Sunday, Pope Francis invited Christians to draw near to the light of Christ and ask for His forgiveness.

Speaking ahead of the noon-day Marian prayer of the Angelus, the Pope considered why the fourth Sunday of Lent has such a joyous focus.

The reason, he said, is given in the Gospel: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (Jn 3:16).”

“This joyful message is the heart of the Christian faith,” said the Pope, “God’s love found its summit in the gift of his Son to a weak and sinful humanity.”

**Lifted high**

In the day’s Gospel, Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night to inquire as to His identity.

Jesus, said the Pope, shakes Nicodemus’ faith by presenting Himself under three aspects: “the *Son of Man* exalted on the cross; the *Son of God* sent into the world for salvation; and that of the *light* which distinguishes those who follow the truth from those who follow lies.”

The first aspect of Jesus’ identity, said the Pope, recalls the serpent which Moses lifted up in the desert to save the people from death due to snake bites.

Similarly, he noted, “Jesus was lifted up on the cross and those who believe in him are healed of sin and live.”

**To bring light of salvation**

Pope Francis said the second aspect—that of the Son of God—highlights God’s gift of His only Son for the salvation of humanity. God, he added, desires our eternal salvation, and Jesus’ mission is one of salvation for all.

Jesus also describes Himself to Nicodemus as “the light”, which is opposed to darkness.

“The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice,” said the Pope. “Whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation, whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation.”

Judgement, he noted, is the result of our own free choice. “Whoever practices evil seeks the darkness; whoever seeks the truth, that is, those who practice what is good, come to the light.”

**Rejoicing in God’s forgiveness**

Pope Francis then urged Christians to live our Lenten journey as one directed toward the light of Christ.

We are called, he said, to “welcome the light into our conscience to open our hearts to God’s infinite love, to His mercy full of tenderness and goodness.”

God, he concluded, always forgives our sins when we ask for Him to.

**Under the protection of Our Lady**

And the Pope prayed that the Virgin Mary might give us the courage to allow Jesus to “throw our faith into crisis.”

“It is a healthy crisis,” he said, “for our healing: so that our joy may be full.”



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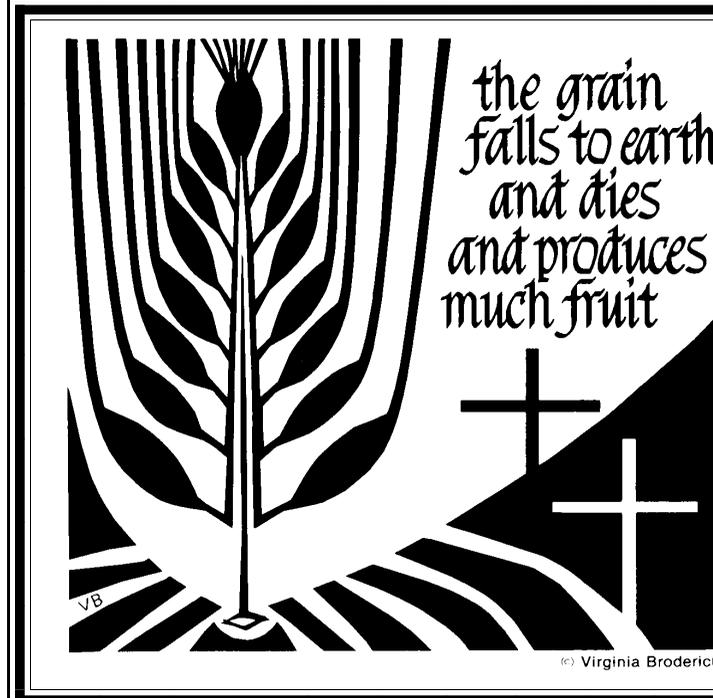
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**SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



“The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.”

- Pope Francis

**Reconciliation**  
By Appointment

**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**  
**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

During this time, we will be collecting donations during Mass or you can please choose to drop off your donation envelopes at our office any time by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door. Thank you to all who give!  
Website: [veronica.church](http://veronica.church)

**MASS AT ST. VERONICA’S CHURCH EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM and EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM - Limit of 48 people per Mass on a first come first serve basis.**

**SATURDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT 4:00 PM**  
website: [veronica.church](http://veronica.church)  
It will also be available to view Sunday on the website

**TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE Channel 10 and on BLUE CURVE 105 Every Sunday at 9:00 AM**

## **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Livestreamed Saturday Masses at 4:00 PM**

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**Televised Mass on SHAW CABLE CHANNEL 10 and  
BLUE CURVE CHANNEL 105 - Every Sunday at 9:00 AM**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**  
**4:00 PM MASS**



**Vincenzo Mannarino by Luisa Mannarino  
and sons Mario and Amedeo  
For the intentions of all parishioners of St.  
Veronica's.**

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**  
**11:00 AM MASS**

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

### **AUTO-DEPOSIT E-TRANSFERS FOR DONATIONS**

A convenient way we are now accepting donations is through Auto-Deposit E-Transfer. Send your E-Transfer to: [veronicassm@shaw.ca](mailto:veronicassm@shaw.ca) and the donation will automatically be deposited into our Parish's account without the need to create a question or answer! If you are not registered with our Parish, please include your address with the E-Transfer for a tax receipt.

## **HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

**\*All will be live-streamed.**

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**PALM SUNDAY - March 28**  
**SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY @ 11:00 AM**

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**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**April 1**  
**MASS @ 7:00 PM**

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**GOOD FRIDAY - April 2**  
**THE LORD'S PASSION**  
**@ 3:00 PM**

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**EASTER VIGIL**  
**SATURDAY, April 3**  
**MASS @ 8:00 PM**

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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 4**  
**MASS @ 11:00 AM**



**Holy Week**

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation for flowers to be purchased for Easter, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Please include your name and address, and envelope number. This donation will be included on your tax receipt. If you would like to donate in memory of deceased loved ones, please use the following example:  
Easter Flowers in Memory of: (print name of loved one)  
By: (print your name & address for your tax receipt)



### **Parishioners Who Are Not Able to Attend Palm Sunday or Easter Mass**

Left over Palms from Palm Sunday will be available at the office door following the Palm Sunday Mass for those not able to attend.

For those who will not be able to attend the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass where we normally renew our Baptism Vows by using holy water and candles, the parish is supplying these two items for those who are homebound or not able to personally attend. They can be picked up at the office door at any time. Both of these Easter liturgies will be live-streamed at the time mentioned under the Holy Week Mass Schedule inside the bulletin. For those who watch on Shaw cable, only the previous Sunday Mass is shown each week.



### **Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Father of mercy,  
bring us face to face  
with our own weakness  
to judge others.  
May we find peace and life  
in simply stepping back  
and allowing you  
to be the merciful Judge of us all.  
Amen.