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Book & Gift Shop – Weekdays 11 am to 5:30 pm | Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm | Sunday 8:30 am to 2 pm

Parish Clergy

Msgr. Kevin Beach, Rector; Fr. Stephen Amesse, Associate Rector; Fr. Larry McCormick, In Residence; Fr. Francis Ndey, In Residence; Fr. Joseph Yacob, In Residence; Fr. Daryl Kennedy, Assisting; Fr. Prajak Boonphao, Assisting; Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P., Assisting; Deacon Jim Scheer; Deacon Michel Pilon

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Parish Pastoral Council Priorities

1. Ensuring our church fully supports parishioners' spiritual journey
2. Offering strong doctrinal knowledge
3. Encouraging the joyful giving of volunteer time
4. Inspiring youth with truth in doctrine and virtues
5. Supporting parents' faith education of their children
6. Leading outreach to the needy
7. Building confidence in Catholic guidance to answer political and cultural issues

Sunday Eucharists

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:15 pm & 7 pm

Daily Eucharists

Monday to Friday – 7 am, 8 am, 12:15 pm & 4:30 pm
Saturday Morning – 7 am & 8 am

Confessions

Monday to Saturday - 6:45 am & 7:45 am
Monday to Friday - 11:45 am & 4 pm
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm

Prayer & Devotions

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 7:30 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena - Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

Lending Library

Consult the hours posted at the entrance in the Scavi

General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their own pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and contacts, please visit the parish web site – www.basilica.ca



Catholic Cemeteries

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& Niches – Catholic Chapel –
Reception Hall

Notre-Dame Cemetery

613 746-4175
Traditional – Niches – Monuments

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

Meditations on Holy Mass Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 CCC 436*, 695*

David was anointed king over Israel

Second reading: Ephesians 5.8-14 CCC 1216, 1695

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 CCC 1504*, 588*

The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

In the *first reading* the sacred author reminds us that “the Lord does not see as the human (being) sees”. In his *Gospel*, St. John reveals that God made himself known through Jesus Christ. With eyes of faith, the Evangelist teaches, we can see the hand of God in what takes place around us, just as Jesus healed the blind man with simple mud and water. Those who are reluctant to receive Christ into their lives cannot see the gift that God offers. In the *second reading*, St. Paul exhorts us to “Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.” If we respond to God’s grace, we can rise from the darkness of sin and we can live in the life of Christ, our true happiness. Today the Church softens her Lenten austerity, as she presents us with the joy “found in all that is good and right and true” in the Risen Christ.

Before Mass: *Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents? Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; but so that God’s works might be revealed in him.” (First Vespers, Year A)*

After Mass: *The man called Jesus put a paste on my eyes, and I went away and washed, and I can see. (Lauds)*

Please note the following directive from the Archbishop of Ottawa in light of the current health crisis.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF MASSES AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Archdiocese of Ottawa announced this afternoon (March 17) the suspension of Masses amid the current health threat due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

“It is with regret that we must temporarily suspend all public celebration of the Mass and other gatherings of Catholics in the Archdiocese,” said Archbishop Terrence Prendergast in a statement to the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Archdiocese.

“This extraordinary step is being taken out of concern especially for the most vulnerable to the deadly coronavirus in our families and our society and in cooperation with the requests made by those responsible for public health in our region, province, and country.”

The request to limit the size of groups gathering for social and even religious purposes made taking this step necessary.

The Archbishop noted that this was a difficult decision not taken lightly because of the central role that the Mass plays in Catholic life.

He requested continuing prayers for those who have been afflicted by the virus, their families, and caregivers as well as those who are fearful at this critical time. “We need also to keep in our prayers the medical professionals—the doctors, nurses,

public health and civil authorities striving to assist those who are ill and to contain the outbreak,” the Archbishop noted.

Catholics are encouraged at this time to participate in the holy sacrifice of the Mass via Mass shown on television or the internet. They are invited to continue to pray at home with their families and join with the virtual Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. **(See below)**

Initially, the suspension of the public celebration of Masses will be from **March 18 to April 5**. Decisions regarding the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be taken later.

Parish News

The following information is provided in relation to parish activities and events until April 5:

Despite the suspension of the public celebration of Mass, the Basilica will remain open during regular hours for individual prayer.

All **Mass Intentions** will be re-scheduled at a later date.

The weekly **Way of the Cross** is **cancelled**.

Laetare Sunday Concert: Sacred Music of the Renaissance: Sunday, March 22, has been **cancelled**.

Armour of God: The next meeting, **Wednesday, March 25**, has been **cancelled**.

The **Saint Patrick’s Book and Gift Shop** is **closed**. The online store remains open at www.stpgiftsandbooks.ca

Saint Patrick’s Basilica’s Dinner and Ceili Ticket Refund: As this event was cancelled due to the COVID 19 virus health concerns, tickets bought from the gift shop can be returned for a full refund. On-Line Tickets can be refunded automatically by going to saintpatricks.brownpaperticket.com website and following the instructions. We thank all parishioners and friends for supporting this event. We may reschedule the event for later in the year. Information: contact brendanhennigan@hotmail.com Cell: 613-793-6798

Saint Patrick’s Basilica Knights of Columbus, Council 12158

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: For Our Common Home: The Solidarity Sunday collection of March 29 has been **postponed**. As indicated below, you may donate on-line in the interim.

Donate **online** at devp.org/give. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world! Read Development and Peace’s Share Lent literature and watch the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth. Info: <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/forourcommonhome>

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Please pray for the sick, infirm and hospitalized of our parish.

Pro-Life Message: We do not have a "right to die." Many people now speak of such a thing, but without the proper understanding of the terminology they use. A "right" is a moral claim. We do not have a claim on death. Rather, death has a claim on us! We do not decide when our life will end, any more than we decided when it began. Much less does someone else, a relative, a doctor, or a legislator, decide when our life will end. None of us is master over life and death.

What we do have a right to, is proper care. It is never "care" in any sense of the word, to terminate life, even if that life is full of suffering. We have no right to terminate life. There are groups in our country pushing for the "right" to use lethal injections on the seriously ill, or to remove someone else, a relative, a doctor, or a legislator, decide when our life will end. None of us is master over life and death.

Did You Know? - Bill C-7, if passed without amendments, will make Canada's euthanasia law the most permissive in the world. (Alex Schadenberg - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition)

Message from the Rector

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

To say that we have been through some extraordinary few weeks and months would be an understatement. In dealing with the current public health crisis – in Canada and elsewhere – let us be governed by both prayer and prudence. On the issue of **prayer**, our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, has made available by video (available on our parish website basilica.ca) a moving prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary who has always been invoked, in times of crisis, as the *Salus populi romani* for the people of Rome. Italy has become the hardest hit of the European countries, second only to China in the number of deaths which have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. With respect to **prudence**, our **Archbishop** has given us guidance with respect to being attentive to, and following, public health directives aiming to contain the virus. We need to be realistic; the virus is spreading and it is a question of limiting the worst effects of it, particularly as it might overload our healthcare system and its ability to look after the gravely ill. Some points to observe: **firstly**, if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, out of consideration for yourself and for your brothers and sisters, do not come to the Basilica; **secondly**, if you do have symptoms of the virus, go to the testing facility which has been established at Brewer Arena; **thirdly**, if you have been travelling in Europe or have been in contact with someone who has been so travelling, self-isolate for 14 days to determine whether any symptoms – headache, fever, respiratory problems – occur. If symptoms do occur, take the appropriate action including self-isolating.

It has been, of course, a very difficult time for us who realize that the Sunday Mass is the "source and summit" of our Catholic life. Few of us have experienced the cancellation of Sunday Mass. Nonetheless, the Archdiocese has provided resources for the faithful to participate in daily and Sunday Masses by means of television and the Internet. Among the resources available are:

Vision TV: Sunday 8:00 a.m.; Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. <https://www.visiontv.ca/>
Daily Mass: (YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass>

Our **Pastoral Council** met on Wednesday, March 11. After the opening prayer and approval of agenda, the members approved the minutes from the February meeting. The following was noted with respect to business arising from the minutes: a draft was considered and approved with respect to an insert promoting **small Christian communities** in our parish; there was an update with respect to the **Seniors Program** being organized with a view to having activities before the summer; and, Msgr. Beach advised that a **Pastoral Worker** has been hired, subject to finalizing a letter of employment. With respect to new business, the Council received further communication with respect to the proposal of celebrating a Mass *ad orientem*, and there was a discussion with respect to a particular intention which had been repeated a number of times over recent weeks. In a discussion as an Assembly of the Whole, the members discussed the current situation with respect to the coronavirus crisis. As there is no meeting in April due to **Holy Week**, the next meeting of the Council will be on May 13. The meeting closed with prayer.

Father Kevin

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Stewardship — 2020 Summary
For the week ending March 15, 2020

Fund	Operations	Restoration	Poor
Offerings	5,418	424	857
Budget	15,301	2,869	861
2020 Offerings	161,132	22,027	13,421
2019 Budget	163,934	30,738	9,221

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