

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 2018

*We offer to God our concerns for the Church and the world
with humility Jesus showed in his life and death.*

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, Mar 29 (Mass of the Lord's Supper)	7:00 pm
Good Friday, Mar 30 (Service of the Lord's Passion)	12:00 pm & 3:00 pm
Good Friday, Mar 30 (Stations of the Cross)	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil, Mar 31 (Easter Vigil)	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 1 (Easter Morning)	9:00 am & 11:15 am

NOTE: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, normally celebrated on March 25, is transferred this year to April 9 since March 25 falls on Palm Sunday.

Stations of the Cross will be held:

Fridays at 7 pm.

March 30 Good Friday - Father Shroff

Thank you to all Leaders for supporting the prayerful life of our parish.

Making these Devotions part of our Lenten journey is an excellent way to enrich our life and the life of our Parish.

Bells at Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil Liturgies

All parishioners are invited to bring along a bell from your home to ring out at the time of the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. This is another way in which we can express our joy and hope during these rich liturgies. You are requested to bring along a bell or extras to share.



** Please note the bells are to be rung at the time of the Gloria only.
Thank you.

Easter Vigil Reception - All those who are planning on attending the Easter Vigil are invited to bring along a plate of cold finger foods to share at the reception that follows the Vigil. The reception is a time where we gather to personally welcome all those who are newly received into the Church, as well as gathering to rejoice following the Easter Vigil Mass – a wonderful conclusion to the rich liturgy that is a highlight of our Liturgical Year. Members of your Pastoral Council will be accepting your contribution anytime after 6:00 pm on Saturday evening 31 March 2018.

EASTER LILIES - "As in years past, you may donate towards the purchase of Easter lilies and decor following Masses this weekend. Contributions may also be dropped off at the office before Easter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!"

Offering for March 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2445.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ 585.00
Total Collection:	\$ 5690.00

Development & Peace \$4441.50

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Deacon Dan's Reflection

Today is Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, and we mark the entry into Holy Week, where we contemplate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in the lead up to Easter. But today, we also recount how Jesus - the one we've been following - enters Jerusalem.

Imagine you're with Jesus. Maybe you're leading the donkey with a rope. Perhaps you're the one beside the donkey, and you glance over at your friend - a fellow disciple of Jesus, walking on the other side. Or maybe you're one of the larger group, following behind, not really being able to see much past the bodies around you. Everybody is cheering and pushing. You're not too sure where you're going, but you follow our Lord elevated on a beast of burden.

Whichever character you assume, notice what's going on around you. Notice the sand and dust brought up from under the carpet of palms and cloth. It's hot and the crowds push against you. Where will this procession lead? Who else is walking with you? Can anyone imagine what's really going to happen soon?

Now, look at Jesus. His glance meets yours and it is impossible for you to look away. You see something in his eyes that strikes you to the centre of your being. What is it you see there?

While we know that this day marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we also know how the week will progress. It will later be marked by the betrayal of friends, a harsh night before false witnesses and a fixed court, mockery, a cold night in prison, degradation in the Court of Pilate, crucifixion, death, and burial. These realities stand in stark contrast to this moment of joyous entry.

As we now enter Holy Week, we are called to live this moment deeply. We are called to walk with Jesus - not just in His moment of triumphant entry, but also through the entirety of His Holy Week journey.

Dcn. Dan

Wedding Anniversary Mass: The Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 pm. Notre Dame Cathedral.** If you are celebrating your 5th-60th wedding anniversary in 2018 and would like to attend the Anniversary mass, please contact the office. The deadline to register is April 25th.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 24 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 pm †Art & Ann Dunn req by Bob & Joan Dunn
†Joe & Mary McKenna req by Bob & Joan Dunn
†Magdalena Giroudy req by Willy Algan
†Ebbie Ferguson req the CWL
Deceased members of the CWL

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am †Maureen Comerton req by Robin & Margaret Averill
†Rosemary Pantin req by Charlotte Gupta
†Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by George & Pat Savage
†Larry Andrews req by the Cardenas family
Mass of Thanksgiving req by the Cardenas family

11:15 am For Our Parishioners

Monday, March 26 – Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am †Alton Millar req by the McCloskey family

Tuesday, March 27 – Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am †Hugh Lynch req by Sean & Anna May O'Carroll

Thursday, March 29 – Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper

7:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday, Service of the Lord Passion

12:00 pm For Our Parishioners

3:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 1 – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am † Maurice (Moe) Stafford req by Bonnie & Ken Lehman
Deceased members of the McGowan & Starkey families
11:15 am †Guenter Andrews req by Myrna Andrews
†Ted Burke req by Jean Hall
†Byrnes and Young families req by Joe Byrnes
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Please pray for our sick; Joe MacDonell, Rose Dugandzic, Romina Andrews, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Jean-Ella Lemire, Michael Nortey and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's love.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that all may reject the temptation to be "like gods" who have mastery over human life, and instead may accept and reverence life as a supreme gift of the Creator. The Miriam Centre offers emotional and practical support to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy. Follow-up is provided after birth as well as compassionate outreach to those suffering from the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion or infant death. Info: (613-830-8623); (info@miriamottawa.org); (www.miriamottawa.org)