

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21st 2021

MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday March 24th
9:15 am † Michael Pasternak by Sandy Blank

Friday March 26th
9:15 am † Baltazare Almeida by Anselmo Pereira

Due to COVID restrictions it is important that parishioners wishing to attend masses during this restricted time, (March 27th to April 4th) should sign the sheets at the back of the church.

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Church will remain open after mass for personal prayers until 8:00 pm

Friday, April 2nd

(Universal Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Church will be open from 9:00 am for personal prayer

3:00 pm: Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation

Priest will be available for Reconciliation after all services on Thursday and Friday



Saturday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass:

A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story.

(Please note there is no 5:00 pm. Mass today)

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday at 10:00 am

*****Incense will be used at the liturgies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday**

Pastor's Message

"Dying to Live"

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, one of the things that we don't appreciate discussing is death; the reason mostly is fear or uncertainty that is associated with it. In the light of the Gospel of the 5th Sunday in Lent and part of the thoughts of Fr. Michael K. Marsh.

Death. Yes, we acknowledge death when it happens but for the most part we do not talk about death with any real depth or substance, and certainly no enthusiasm. We don't deal with it. We deny it. We ignore it. We avoid it. No one wants to die. The death of our loved ones is too real, too painful. Our own death is too scary. The relationships and parts of our lives that have died are too difficult. So, for the most part, we just avoid the topic of death. Besides it's a downer in a culture that mostly wants to be happy, feel good, and avoid difficult realities.

I suspect the Greeks in 5th Sunday's gospel did not go expecting to talk or hear about death. They just want to see Jesus. And who can blame them? Jesus has a pretty good track record up to this point. He has cleansed the temple, turned water into wine, healed a little boy, fed 5000, given sight to the blind, and raised Lazarus from the dead. I don't know why they wanted to see Jesus but I know the desire. I want to see Jesus. I'll bet you do too. Seeing Jesus makes it all real. After all, seeing, they say, is believing. We all have our reasons for wanting to see Jesus.

If you want to know your reasons for wanting to see Jesus look at what you pray for. It is often a to do list for God. You probably know those kinds of prayers. We want to see Jesus on our terms. We don't want to face the pain of loss and death in whatever form it comes. Sometimes we want something from Jesus more than we want Jesus himself. There is a real danger that we will become consumers of God's life rather than participants in God's life. We pick and choose what we like and want but we skip over and leave behind what we do not like, want, or understand. Christianity, however, is neither a buffet nor a spectator sport. Christianity means participating in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all!
Fr. Eslin Pereira cmf.

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WEEKLY CHURCH GUIDELINES

Wednesday Mass 9:15 am

Thursday Mass 5:00 pm

Friday Mass 9:15 am

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass 11:00 am

Friday 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Confessions: call Fr. Eslin at 819-576-6255

Masks must be worn in the church. Records of attendance is also mandatory.

Remember in your prayers all who are in need of our prayers that God's healing and comforting presence may be with them, especially:

Mary Dawn Johnston, Andy Quan, Chris McEvoy, Joyce Lefebvre, Lisa Paquette, Deslyn Agard, Jacques & Isobel Arcand, Nicky LeBlanc, Yasmin Shivji, Anna Gaigg, Omar Ladouceur, Peter & Janet Perry, Sylvia LaFrance, Dennis McGrath, Jane & Bob Cameron, Patricia & Charles Jelley, Eddy Proulx, Terry Jolicoeur, Joseph Ritchie and Ken Trudel.



Please contact the parish office to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God's healing and comfort. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Pat Gagne (613-523-0769)

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021

There are still many boxes of envelopes at the back of the church that still need to be picked up. Phone the office at 613-738-1943 to arrange pickup if you are still concerned about attending the church.

COMMUNION 2021

Information about First Communion 2021 was forwarded to the schools last week. Registration for participants should be received by March 25th. When further information is received concerning the actual dates, all those who have registered will be advised by email.

The booklet *We Share in the Eucharist* is available at the church office for \$25.00.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Caritas Canada's Share Lent 2021 Campaign

This year's campaign theme *Share Love, Share Lent* is focusing on Canadian Catholics discovering how the

work of Development and Peace is anchored in Catholic Social Teaching and how we can heed the Pope's call for solidarity and love for our neighbor.

The collection date is **Sunday, March 21st**. You can contribute through the church or donate online at devp.org/sharelent, by mailing a cheque to 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7 or by phoning 1-888-234-8533.

Lenten Resources on Diocesan Website: Visit the Lent Section and find information on *Online Retreats; Daily reflections; Ideas for families; videos; Catholic Bishop's Journey Through Lent; and messages*. See the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall website at: Archottawa.ca

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Cancelled for 2021: The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled to take place at Notre Dame Cathedral in early May, has unfortunately been cancelled due to COVID restrictions and the requirements for physical distancing

Bilingual Administrative Assistant:

The Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada is currently looking for a bilingual (Fr-Eng) person to fill a permanent part-time position, as an office administrative assistant, in Ottawa. For further information please contact:

commissariat@bellnet.ca.

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saintbernardparish.com, click on Canada Helps to give. Canada Helps will instantly issue you a tax receipt and will forward your donation into our parish account.

CRA CHARITY NUMBER - Our parish is registered with CRA as: PAROISSE ST BERNARD 128967353RR0020. This number is needed to setup payroll charity giving

*Virtues are formed by prayer.
Prayer preserves temperance.
Prayer suppresses anger.
Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy.
Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and
raises people to heaven.*

St. Ephrem