

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday 5:00 pm	April 1st Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 3:00 pm	April 2nd Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7:00 pm	April 3rd Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 10:00 am	April 4 th Easter Sunday Mass

ALL MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK ARE FULL

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

“Easter” - not a distant pipe dream

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,
We've come a long way through Lent to its climax, which is not just the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus; but each individual's personal conversion. From sin to forgiveness; from hate to love; from death to life. The passion of Christ is not the dark side of the salvation achieved by Christ but the root and the foundation of the Resurrection and glory.

Before the Resurrection, Jesus was limited by the physical body into which he had freely chosen to enter. His choice meant that he could only be in one place at a time, so meeting him would have been as difficult as meeting any major celebrity in our time. The Resurrection means that Jesus has been swept up out of the world of space and time in which he'd lived before, not to leave us alone, but to be closer to us than ever before, as he promised *'even to the end of time.'* But that's all changed now because the same otherworldly power that raised him out of this world on the first Easter day enabled him to re-enter it on every day. So now he can enter into us, as he promised, so he can make his home in us and we can make our home in him. In the words of St Augustine this means that - *'He can be closer to us than we are to ourselves'*. All this can be possible, not in some distant pipe dream, but here and now. That's why Jean-Pierre de Caussade said that *'The present moment contains far more than we have the capacity to receive, for it is full of infinite treasures'*.

The first Christians would rise at midnight when, it was believed, that Jesus rose from the dead, to meditate on his Resurrection, on what it meant for them then, and what it would mean for them in the forthcoming day. What the risen Christ and his love had meant for them, the love of his Father had meant to Jesus throughout his life on earth.

May the Risen Lord bless each of you and fill you with HOPE, with JOY!

Fr. Eslin Pereira cmf.

God bless you all!

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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

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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, 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 Jolley, 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)

COMMUNION 2021

Information about First Communion 2021 was forwarded to the schools in late February. Registration for participants has been extended to **April 9th 2021**. When 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.



Thank you for your generous support of the 2021 Share Love Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Through this campaign Catholics will discover 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.

If you were unable to contribute through the church you can contribute 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.

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

Patronage of the New Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall: Archbishop Dampousse has announced that the new Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall will be under the primary patronage of St. Joseph (the former primary patron of Ottawa). The Immaculate Heart of Mary will be our secondary patroness (the former primary patroness of Alexandria-Cornwall). This is a great opportunity for us to call upon their intercession and protection throughout the year, not just on their feast days. Let us pray often for the intercession of the patron saints of our Archdiocese.

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.

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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weekly, monthly, or one time donations: Visit, 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

To eat little, work hard, have lots of concerns on our mind, and then to refuse to give our body sleep is to try to get much work out of a poor, emaciated horse without letting him graze.

St. Francis de Sales