



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Diocesan Theme "The Word of God grew and multiplied."

Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 31st

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, April 1st

9:00 am For the Birthday intentions of Nic Baker by the Urlocker/Lalonde Family

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Joyce Piovesan by her Mom & Dad

Tuesday, April 3rd

No 7:00 pm Mass

Chrism Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 4th Mass at St. Thomas

9:00 am For the strength & healing of the Holmes Family by the Staff & Students of St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, April 5th Holy Thursday

7:00 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Friday, April 6th

3:00 pm Good Friday Passion Service

Saturday, April 7th Easter Vigil

8:00 pm For the healing intentions of Monica Baker by her OLMF Family

Sunday, April 8th The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Paul Beaupre by Fr. Tim McCauley

10:45 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

IN OUR PRAYER



Annette Dawson, Lydia Nyedkamp, Matthew Holmes, Isaac Berkers, Douglas Beaudoin, Judy Johnston, Monica Baker, Florence Grant, Jack Clarke, Julie Lefebvre, Shawn English and Justin McKenna.

If you would like your name added to this list please call the office.

~PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Inquiries call Joyce 613-445-0536 or Faith 613-445-5691

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 25, 2012 - \$2497.70

(Average weekly collection needed to cover all expenses: \$3,000.00)

Thank you for your generosity & support.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem as Messiah and king and desires to enter into our lives as the shepherd of our souls leading us to the father.

"He Humbled Himself"

Jesus' earthly life was characterized by his humility and total obedience to the Father! In today's second reading, St. Paul sang beautifully the praises of Jesus who, though, was God did not count his equality with God as something to be grasped, rather emptied himself to the point of accepting death on the cross. Paul reminds us to have the same attitude as Christ. As Christians, we are called to imitate Jesus; His humility and lowliness as a model of conduct should also characterize our lives in our parish family and our entire community.

Greater Love

Jesus entered Jerusalem to suffer and to die. His passion and death is a powerful manifestation of God's immense love for each one of us. This is what we are celebrating today and the whole of this week. God loves us and He wants us to be saved and be happy. It is for this reason that He gave up His only begotten son to die on the cross; with him, He has given us all things (Rom 8). Addressing the young people during his just concluded visit to Mexico, the Holy Father said: "He (Christ) knows us and loves us. If we allow the love of Christ to change our hearts, then we can change the world. This is the secret of authentic happiness."

Thank You

To Fr. Ben for leading such brief but powerful "weekend-retreat" and the penance service which for most people was a powerful encounter with the merciful Lord. Praise God! May God continue to strengthen us day by day in our faith and in our resolve to follow him.

Fr. Paul

April 1, 2012

TRIDUUN SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 5th 7:00 pm

(Please note there is no 9:00 am. Mass today)

Good Friday April 6th 3:00 pm

(Please note there is no 9:00 am. Mass today)

Easter Vigil April 7th 8:00 pm.

(Please note there is no 4:30 pm. Mass today)

Easter Sunday April 8th 9:00 & 10:45 am

GOOD FRIDAY ♦ FASTING: A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fasting for those between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence on this day is for those who are 14 years of age or older.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, April 3rd - Adult Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4th - Sacramental Preparation 7:00 pm

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, April 10th - Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 11th - Sacramental Preparation 7:00 pm

♦ **CHRISM MASS:** With blessing of oils will be held Tues., April 3, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Diocesan event celebrated by Archbishop Prendergast, S.J.

♦ **HONDURAS CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROJECT**
Father Paul would like to thank all parishioners for their steadfast support of the Honduras child sponsorship program and the important work being done by Padre Patricio's mission. This year, OLMM parishioners contributed \$13,000 thousand dollars to sponsor 52 children attending Santa Teresa and Santa Clara schools. Padre Patricio extends his heartfelt gratitude to our Parish for its longstanding support of this worthwhile cause.

♦ **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Applications are available to any graduating grade 12 student of our parish for the annual CWL Student Bursary award of \$300.00. Please contact Donna McKlusky, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-445-3250 for more information or to get an application. Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2012.

♦ **GOOD FRIDAY WALK Stations of the Cross – April 6th:** The annual Outdoor Way of the Cross sponsored by the Russell Christian Outreach Committee will begin at the arena at 10 am. Join us for this powerful walk, which makes several stops in the village for moments of scripture reading and prayer.

♦ **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** will take place in all the churches of the world in support of the Holy Places. The funds collected will support the pastoral, educational and social mission entrusted to the Franciscans of the Holy Land by our Holy Father the Pope.

♦ **ARE YOU** celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2012? If so you may want to take part in the celebration on May 6 at 2:30 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral. Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate mass. Please complete a registration form found on our parish bulletin board at the back of the church. Deadline to register is April 26.

♦ **PARISH GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, April 14th starting at 8 am Rain or Shine in the Parish parking lot and hall. Dropping off of items will start on Tuesday, April 10th. Please contact the office for details if you would like to be a part of this fundraiser. We welcome all donations of good quality items, baking, picking up of large items with trailer/truck, or helping on the day of the sale. All items will be donated after the fundraiser unless arrangements have been made prior to the sale. For information please contact the office at 613-445-3054.

♦ **HIKE FOR LIFE:** April 28, 2012

Come one come all to Action Life's 23rd annual Hike For Life – a fun event for the whole family: music, a clown, prizes, face painting. Rain or Shine, registration takes place from 8 am – 10 am in St. Patrick's Basilica Basement at 281 Nepean St. You can choose the 5 or 10 km route. Enjoy a walk on the "side of life" while earning much needed support for Action Life, Ottawa's pro-Life educational organization. If you are unable to participate in this year's Hike for Life, please consider supporting Kristine and Sarah Steele our Parish's designated hikers.

♦ **PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR 2012/2013:** Any organization within the Parish that needs events placed into our upcoming Pastoral Calendar (Sept. 1/12-July 2013), should provide that information to the office by June 1st.

♦ **COFFEE SUNDAY:** We Serve Fair Trade Coffee! Please remember this is a service to the parish. It is your donations that will keep it viable.

♦ **This week's Coffee Sunday will be hosted by:**

9:00 am The Desmarais Family

10:45 am Ken & Heather Sisk

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

EASTER CANTATA: Saturday, April 7th, Russell United Church at 7:00 pm. "I know my Redeemer Lives" Musical Free will offering.