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GOSPEL REFLECTION - PALM SUNDAY by Jack Panozzo, Toronto, Ontario



When the crowds see Jesus, he is on a small donkey being led by one of the Apostles. The word spreads that this is he, Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. Stories begin to circulate in the crowd about the wonderful things he has done: given sight to the blind, cured the sick, even raised someone from the dead. Most are eager to see him with their own eyes. The mood is festive and filled with excitement. People waving palms grow in number surrounding Jesus.

Yet Jesus is remarkably calm. He does not take advantage of the situation. He could have rallied the crowd behind him to protect himself from what was to come. He doesn't, because at this moment of seeming triumph, he knows full well what awaits him. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians what he did do: Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.

As Psalm 22 says, we must commit our cause to the Lord; we are in God's hands, and we must let the Lord deliver. Isaiah tells us how we must be when we face terrible situations. We must be open to hearing what the Lord asks us. We must not turn backward but follow the path that God calls us to take.

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Readings for April 12

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43. Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23.
Colosians 3: 1-4. John 20: 1-18.

APRIL 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY



This will be a strange day being Palm Sunday. Normally this is a celebration of Holy Week that I look forward to celebrating with you. But this year we will forego the pageantry that is part of the celebration and inner own private way remember the entrance of Jesus into the Holy City. The entire week will be somewhat of a disappointment. Not being a part of the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil will be a let down. But for those who would like to pray these feasts in a meaningful way there are prayer services to be used at home to bring to light the mystery of the passion and death of Jesus. These are included on the Parish Family's website and will highlight for you and your family the mystery of Jesus' resurrection.

My family have been very concerned about my well being. They remind me to keep safe and stay well. Before the pandemic we had talked about getting together to celebrate my seventieth birthday and forty-fifth anniversary of ordination. But that might be postponed until this is over. My brother and sister keep reminding me that I am at an age that I should isolating myself. I apologize to you, my parishioners, for this distancing that I am practicing but know that I am praying for you in my private celebrations of Eucharist each day. Be well and remember that you are cared for.

"It is not a time of your judgment, but of our judgment, a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

Pope Francis March 27, 2020



BULLETINS

During this difficult time you may wonder, is the Church producing bulletins? Yes we are!! There are a few ways to get one.

1. Contact Maureen at the parish office by calling 519-352-8530 or by email stursula@dol.ca, or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at melgie@dol.ca to receive a weekly e-bulletin.

1. You can view the bulletin on the Family of Parishes website at www.ccfp.dol.ca.

2. You can stop by St. Ursula Church side door and a table is set up outside the door with a box of weekly bulletins.

PALM SUNDAY

Obedience and humility

Procession Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11
(triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Reading I Isaiah 50: 4-7
(salvation only through the Lord's servant)

Reading II Philippians 2: 6-11
(imitating Christ's humility)

Gospel Matthew 26: 14-27, 66
(the passion of Jesus)

Key Passage: Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on the cross. (Philippians 2: 7-8)

Adult: We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?

Child: How do you allow Jesus to live in your heart?

HOW TO DONATE

As we are all forced to slow down in our current world, unfortunately some things continue along, such as our household bills and expenses. The same goes for our parishes as well, that operate mainly on donations received at Mass. If you normally donate with your offertory envelope when you attend Mass, there are some other options.

E-transfer

Using your online banking website or app, add the parish you wish to donate to using the parish email address:

Blessed Sacrament - bsacramentparish@dol.ca

Our Lady of Victory - ourladyv@dol.ca

St. Agnes - stagnes@dol.ca

St. Joseph - stjoseph@dol.ca

St. Ursula - stursula@dol.ca

Create the e-transfer and in the comment/note area, please indicate which fund you are donating to, such as Sunday Offertory, Easter, Building, Share Lent, etc.

No password is needed as the parishes are set up for autodeposit.

Cheque

If you do not use online banking, you can mail a cheque to the office. Please make your cheque payable to the particular parish and on the memo line, indicate which fund you are donating to. Please mail it to:

St. Agnes Parish

52 Croydon St.

Chatham ON N7L 1L3

PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)

If you wish to set up PAD, you won't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass or be concerned that you can't donate because you can't attend Mass, such as our current situation.

There is a form available on the website (www.ccfp.dol.ca/how-to-donate or click Giving/How to Donate on the top menu). You can print off the form and fill it out and either scan the form and a void cheque and email it (using the email addresses above), or mail the form and void cheque to the office (using the address indicated above). Please note for this method, the form must be received before the 15th of the month in order to take effect the next month.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FOR LENT - ACCOUNTABLE—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Easter is only a week away, and churches everywhere in the West are beginning the holiest of weeks. For a moment, even the secular world will bow to religious observances: closings on Good Friday, Easter baskets filled with treats, and television specials featuring Biblical figures. You and I will be reflecting on the meaning of Lent and how we have died and risen with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Either we have prepared well for this Holy Week observance, or we are left lamenting that maybe next year will be when we get back on track.

The question before us is: “To whom are we accountable?” Did our Lenten observance only have to do with us? Does it matter to anyone if we really took this time seriously or not?

Both faith and community are gifts from God to us. The Church exists so we may live out that faith and respond to God’s call, being strengthened by the grace imparted through the sacraments and the community in which we find ourselves. If we are accountable to no one, then the community is simply an option on a Sunday morning, much like golf or household chores. If we are not accountable to God, then our faith is simply something we look to periodically when we are sad or frightened.

However, if we are accountable to each other and to Jesus Christ, then we must answer for our stewardship gifts of faith and community. The Body of Christ is counting on us. Without a strong sense of accountability, we think our actions only affect us. In the end, we are connected to each other through Christ in such a manner that no one ever stands alone.

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Function

St. Ursula Bridge/Pepper
Blessed Sacrament CWL Cards
Holy Thursday In the Garden
Right to Life Banquet
School Masses
First Communion Masses
Grade 6 Retreat
New Evangelization Summit

Date(s)

April 6, 13, 20 & 27
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*To Everything there is a Season...
"a time to be healed..."*

Please pray for the sick of our parish family

Dan Attewell, Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon,
Eva Beausejour, Gary Benninger, Giselda Bocchino,
Donald Bulley, Deb Carr, Betty Carruthers,
Esther Chari, Judy Cudney, Larry De Smit,
Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Mario DeVito, Suzie Devolder,
Dario Dodich, Agatha Duff, Tony Follo,
Olivia Formosa, Fran Gazarek, Kathy Harkner,
Marilyn Jarczak, Lucianna Letourneau,
Clarita Litschko, Robert Wemigwans Kelly,
Audrey Kraemer, Shirley Mailloux, Evelyn Marentette,
Genesio Matteis, Emma Matteis, Jocelyn McGlynn,
Mark McLaughlin, Nicholas Medeiros, Ruth Nagle,
Gail Nicolai, Katherine Prout, Bill Reaume,
Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld, Verna Southgate,
John Taylor, Cora Van Brunschot and
Genny Wrotkowska.

God, grant them your peace.

"a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased
relatives and parishioners especially Robert White,
Francis Kaufman and Gerald Ouellette.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 6 Isaiah 42: 1-7. John 12: 1-11.
Apr 7 Isaiah 49: 1-6. John 13: 21-33, 36-38.
Apr 8 Isaiah 50: 4-9a. Matthew 26: 14-26.
Apr 9 Isaiah 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9. Luke 4: 16-21.
Apr 10 Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14. John 13: 1-15.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan
ministers: Ms. Francine Visser, Pastoral Minister; Mrs.
Virginia Eade, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Jose Seminati;
Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus.



PLEASE NOTE

If you had flowers on the tabernacle or Easter flowers
booked or Mass intentions booked in March or April,
we will be rebooking them all when we once again
open our churches and office.

SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Richard's Indian dinner in Alvinston is postponed
to a later date in the fall because of COVID-19 and
social distancing.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist
Two months notice & preparation is required

MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

CONFIRMATION

2020 date to be determined

RECONCILIATION

Monday - 7:30 to 7:55 am at Our Lady of Victory
Tuesday - 6:00 to 6:45 pm at St. Ursula
Wednesday - 11:00 to 11:45 am at St. Joseph
Thursday - 7:30 to 8:15 am at St. Agnes
Saturday - 11:00 am to 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of sick will take place the First Friday
of February & October at Blessed Sacrament Church
and the third Tuesday of October and February at
St. Ursula Church.

ADORATION (Oct - June)

First Friday 8:30am-9:00pm Blessed Sacrament
(Year round) 8:30pm-9:00am Our Lady of Victory
2nd Wed 9:00am-11:30am St. Joseph
3rd Tues 1:30-6:30pm St. Ursula
4th Thurs 8:30am-noon St. Agnes

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes have a new PAD
agreement that includes Sunday Offertory (weekly,
monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually),
Special Collections (New Years, Share Lent, Good
Friday, Easter Sunday, St. Peter's Seminary, Priest
Pension Fund, Thanksgiving Appeal, Mission Sunday
and Christmas) as well as monthly or annual
donations to St Vincent de Paul and Capital Projects.

Your PAD donations will be given to the Parish of
your choice. You may access this form on our
website: www.ccfp.dol.ca - Giving - Donate - CCFP
Pre Authorized Debit Forms or contact either Lynda
Cadotte or Barb Butler at the office. PAD forms are
also available at each church. For those who
currently use PAD and would like to make changes
please fill in new form and attach VOID cheque and
return to parish office. Please submit PAD form to
the parish BEFORE the 15th of the month in order to
take effect the NEXT month. Thank you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wishing Bob & Gloria Fenlon a happy 70th wedding
anniversary which they are celebrating on Friday,
April 10th.

PARISH WEBSITE (www.ccfp.dol.ca)

Please check out our parish website. There are many things you can find on this website. There are links to Mass Online and tv. You will also notice a tab "Homilies/Reflections". This tab includes the daily readings, homilies from our parish priests and Gospel reflections.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE (www.dol.ca)

There is an outreach tab on the website. It is entitled "Helpful Resources for COVID-19". It includes Spiritual care, activities and online tools for families, youth and children. Plus the website includes so much more!

MASS ONLINE

St. George Parish in London has a You Tube channel and they live-stream Mass every weekend. There is also an archive of past Masses, homilies and special liturgical events. If you know someone who is interested in the Catholic Church but no quite ready to take the leap, this may be an easy introduction. **Masses are streamed on Saturday at 5 pm and on Sunday at 11 am.** There are also weekday Masses. Go to www.youtube.com/user/sgtvlonon.

MASS ON TELEVISION

Salt and Light Television airs Mass on their TV channel. Please note this station is not available to antenna users but you can also watch on their website www.saltandlighttv.org.

Mass on Salt + Light TV

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Monday - Saturday

► 6:30 am / 11 am / 3 pm / 10:30 pm

(Daily Mass from the Chapel at Loretto Abbey in Toronto)

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Monday - Sunday ► 9:30am

The Sunday Mass

► 6:30 am / 3 pm (The Passionists Mass)

Sunday TV Mass

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| TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020 1:00 PM - Litany of Compassion 6:30 PM - Mass | FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2020 1:00 PM - Rosary 6:30 PM - Mass |
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