



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 26 MARCH 2023

**“Lazarus, come out!”...
Many of the Jews therefore, who came
and had seen what Jesus did, believed him.”**

(26 March Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45)

Announced Mass intentions ...

Sat., March 25 5:00PM Mass – Isabelle Chisholm+
Henry Boucher+

Sun., March 26 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass – Neil Pouliot (lvg)
Vivian Braganza+
Bernard Connelly+

Wed., March 29 12:15PM Mass – Joanne Cole+

Thurs., March 30 12:15PM Mass

Fri., March 31 11:30AM **ADORATION** until 12 noon
12:15PM Mass – Primo Canto+

Sat., April 01 5:00PM Mass – Bernard Connelly+
John Hill+

Sun., April 02 **PALM SUNDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
10:00AM Mass – Reynaldo Torres (lvg)
Alice Johnson+

Events Calendar ...

Sun., March 26 2:00PM **PREPARATION / MASS for
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – Church

Wed., March 29 7:30PM Choir (10:00) Practice – Church

Thurs., March 30 1:00PM Club 55 – Hall
7:00PM **Lector's Training Workshop**

Fri., March 31 **11:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Sat., April 01 9:00AM Choir (10:00) Practice – Church

Sun., April 02 10:00AM Children's Liturgy

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—THE THIRD PREPARATION SESSION / CHILDREN'S MASS for those students and families registered for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on **SUNDAY, MARCH 26 at 2 pm**. Please plan to be there 30 minutes early to check-in. The Preparation teaching video was sent out via Flocknote on March 09 for you to watch prior to the session. **Attendance is mandatory.**

RESURRECTION EGGS: Calling all parents and grandparents! Join us for a **special Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 02, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. The children will be learning a special technique to help them retell the story of Jesus' Passion in their own words using Easter Eggs. It is a fun, meaningful liturgy your children will not want to miss! For info contact Debbie Kuchciak at debbiekuchciak@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: If you have a loved one in the hospital and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, you are asked to please contact the Chaplain from that hospital.

Message from our Pastor ...

COMING OUT OF OUR TOMBS

The rising of beloved Lazarus from the dead had a tremendous effect on the faith of the disciples after Jesus himself had risen from the dead. Jesus returns to where they want to kill him and brings life - life that is different than being brought back out of the tomb life that is everlasting - Resurrection Life. This is an emphatic declaration of St. John the Evangelist. "I am the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in me, though he dies, shall live." Do you believe this? A question asked to every baptized person.

Is it not true that, at times, we do not live a full life because we are afraid and selfish? We dare not commit ourselves to one another and we do not live according to the gospel. We are not convinced about the future. If so, we are more dead than alive. So the gospel also calls us to come out of the tombs of hardness of heart, out of the fears and selfishness that keeps us imprisoned. Let us listen to the call to die with him so that we can rise with him.

I wish to thank all of you who participated in our Lenten Mission as a preparation for the Easter celebration. I am also delighted with the support to Miriam Centre as well as Debra Dynes Community House. Lent is a time to participate in the realities of life outside of our families, especially the needy.

God bless.
Fr. Lukose CMF

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You all are welcome to participate on the Stations of the Cross during Lent as our preparation for Easter. **PLEASE NOTE:** On **Friday, March 31** the **Stations of the Cross will begin at 11:00 a.m.** On **Good Friday (April 07)** Stations of the Cross will begin at **7:30 p.m.** **"FORMED"** Don't forget to check it out.

Parish News and Community Life ...



DONATIONS TOWARDS EASTER FLOWERS:

Special envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrance of the Church for donations towards Easter flowers. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt if you enclose your information and envelope number.

CURRENT LECTOR'S WORKSHOP: Those who are already assigned Lectors are invited to attend a **WORKSHOP** on **Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector, you are asked to please call the Parish office.

FAITH FORMATION - FAITH STUDIES: Over the last year a small group has gathered to discover how to live our Catholic faith more intentionally with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. We used Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Faith Studies, which proposed and presented our faith clearly and simply. Holy Cross has been coached along the way with a CCO consultant who meets regularly with our parish coach. Jane Prini then coaches the five group leaders. In May these leaders will be commissioned by Fr. Lukose to continue this cooperation with Jesus in equipping other parishioners to be leaders. For info on CCO, visit the parish website under *Discipleship & Evangelization* in: *Catholic Faith Studies*.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE raised \$5,995! In addition there were 14 bags of baby clothes. Here is the message from the Miriam Centre: *"We would like to express our thanks to all the parishioners for their generosity. With this donation, we can continue serving our pregnant women, mothers in difficulty and those grieving the loss of a baby. Your support enables us to promote respect for life and give hope to that life. May God bless you."* Miriam Centre Staff. Nine baby bottles have gone missing. If you forgot to hand yours in, please bring it to Mass on the weekend and put it in the collection basket or call Greg Yost at 613-521-2607 to make arrangements for him to pick it up. We thank you again for your amazing generosity, which went well beyond our fondest hopes. The Knights of Columbus will be donating \$500 to the Miriam Centre as well.

Social Justice ...

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **STAND FOR THE LAND CAMPAIGN** invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Our solidarity rests on your generosity. "The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again." — Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection (Share Lent envelope or envelope in your pew) or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us.

Other interests ...

LENTEN MISSION WITH BISHOP MATHIEU: Bishop Mathieu: Bishop Yvan Mathieu, Scripture scholar and Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, will explore what it means to be *"Baptized in God's love...Sent to the world."* Reconciliation Service during the Tuesday mission. All are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Sunday, March 26 — Wednesday, March 29 at 7 pm. Info: 613-722-7661.

WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY: Communion and Liberation (CL), Ottawa, is organizing it's annual Way of the Cross, led by the Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall, through the streets of downtown Ottawa on Good Friday, April 7, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. From St. Patrick's

Basilica to Notre Dame Cathedral. Info: clonottawa@gmail.com.

NATIONAL DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE STOCKBRIDGE MA, USA – APRIL 15-16. St. Peter's Parish (Ottawa) is organizing a Pilgrimage tour on April 15 & 16. Hotel Occupancy: Prices are per person: Double - \$250 / Triple - \$235 or Quad - \$230. Register by April 02. For info/registration, contact Juanita Peate at 613-866-0821.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25 and 20 years of marriage. At **Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica** on **Sunday, April 30, 2:30 pm.** The registration form is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please **register before Easter to ensure your spot!**

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Marcel Damphousse invites all the faithful for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, April 04 at 5:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Our three most holy days:

****HOLY THURSDAY – 06 April at 8:00 p.m.** – Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet.

****GOOD FRIDAY – 07 April** – Children's Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.** A Universal Day of fasting and abstinence. The collection is taken for the Holy Land.

NOTE: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.

****HOLY SATURDAY – Easter Vigil Mass – 08 April at 8:00 p.m.** – A candlelight beginning, listening to the story of salvation history, culminating in the Easter story. **BRING BELLS to ring out our joy during the Gloria.** A reception will follow in the parish hall.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES – 09 April – 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

****NOTE: Incense will be used at these liturgies.**

COLLECTION REPORT

19 March 2023 – \$3,023.25 (env) / \$403.10 (loose)

~ THANK YOU for your generosity and support ~

YOUR SUNDAY DONATIONS are critical for the financial health of the Parish and make a difference!

There are several methods in supporting the Parish:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Pre-Authorized Payment (PAD). PAD forms may be found on the table at the entrance of the Church.
- Canada Helps on-line donations.
- E-transfer use: office@holycrossparish.com

Please note: Our Parish is operated only by your donations!

NOTE: If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the parish office with your new contact information so that our records are updated.
