**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches.**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Thanksgiving of Tomalon Family by the Tomalon Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass + For the Souls of Saure Family by Rachelle Carroll**

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**Monday of Holy Week, April 3, No Mass**

**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4, 5:00 p.m. Archdiocese, Ottawa – Cornwall Chrism Mass @ Notre Dame Cathedral**

**Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday of the Lord’s Supper, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Mass**

**Night prayer at 9:30 p.m.**

**Good Friday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**

**Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday, April 8, 8:00 p.m. - The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter vigil, Holy Night**

**Easter Sunday, April 9, - The Resurrection of the Lord.**

**9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the soul of Jack Smith by Paula Smith and Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION: These paragraphs are the climax of the story of the Passion of Christ according to Matthew, which is solemnly read as we begin Holy Week. This evangelist follows Mark in recording the opening words of the psalm as Jesus’ last words, and thus shows how deep is the anguish of Jesus, the good man abused by evil-doers. The words of Jesus are misunderstood by the bystanders, who attempt to prolong his life by offering him vinegar. Matthew tells us that at his death Jesus freely gives up his spirit. The evangelist, who has already spoken of darkness over the whole earth, narrates apocalyptic happenings at the death of Jesus. But the death of the Son of God also heralds new life, not only for Jesus, but also for the saints who sleep in death. Furthermore, Matthew has those guarding Jesus join the centurion in a chorus of awe-struck faith at the death of Jesus. The evangelist implies that Jesus brings new life both to Jewish saints and to Gentile soldiers, in other words to all. The faithful women from Galilee, who have served Jesus throughout his ministry, stand by as witnesses to these awesome events. What are the striking features of the story of the passion as told by Matthew? Take time this week to read the whole of Matthew’s account of the death of Christ. We pray that our Holy Week will prepare us for the gift of new life at Easter. We join Christians throughout the world in living these holy days to the full.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children’s Liturgy of the Word is back! Please join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Parents are welcome to participate with their young children. We ask that masks be worn at this time.**

**Tax Receipts for 2022: Your 2022 tax receipts are available for pick - up on the table behind the last pew in the church. If you have any question about your tax receipt, please contact the parish office.**

**CHRISM MASS at Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Dr., on Tuesday, April 4, 5:00pm (note change in time). All are welcome.**

**HOLY WEEK: PALM SUNDAY: Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord which begins Holy Week, the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.  It includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. Please note that all Masses this weekend will start outside from the main entrance of Prince of Peace School and followed by procession into the church.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** **Reflecting and praying the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion practiced in the church, especially during the Lenten season. Come and Walk in the 14 steps with Jesus. The Stations of the Cross is held every Friday evening during lent at 6:30pm, and Good Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. here at the parish. Please join us.**

**DIOCESAN NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**: **The Diocese invites you to take advantage of their new social media platforms. You will find prayers, inspiring messages, photos, videos, and even quizzes! Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are updated several times a week in both official languages. They invite you to share your comments on the posts, send them your stories, and encourage those you know to register. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ottawacornwall/?hl=en Twitter: https://twitter.com/OttawaCornwall Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ottawacornwall YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@archdiocese-archidioceseot854 LinkedIn:** [**https://ca.linkedin.com/company/ottawacornwal**](https://ca.linkedin.com/company/ottawacornwal)

**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. Further info:** [**clonottawa@gmail.com**](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)**.**

**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.**

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE CREATE HOPE NATIONAL WAY OF THE CROSS: The Way of the Cross is an invitation to bear witness to the suffering, death, resurrection and glory of Jesus Christ. It is by this Paschal Mystery that God chose to Create Hope. Please join D&P to celebrate the hope to be found in the Way of the Cross. Virtual**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday:** **Today we recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the rejection, so soon afterward, that lead to his death for our salvation. He Died For Our Sins:** **It is sobering to remember that we often behave in the same way as the people in the Gospel. Though we are children of God and celebrate his goodness to us, there are times when we - as individuals, as a community, as a people - also shout ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ We cannot blame anyone else for his death, for he died for our sins, too. He died to rescue you and me, to make it possible for us to share his freedom and fullness of life.**

**This week, spend time to become more aware of the Lord’s powerful, committed and limitless love. May it change us, free us and bring us his joy.**