**EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

 **“If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.”**

 **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, April 8, 5:00 p.m. Mass – For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter’s**

**Sunday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For Soul of Jack Smith by Paula Smith and Family**

**+ For the Soul of Dr. Joseph Kattackal by the Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass – Pro – Populo**

**Monday of Easter Octave, April 10, No Mass**

**Tuesday of Easter Octave, April 11, 7:00 p.m. - Healing Mass**

**Wednesday of Easter Octave, April 12, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Thursday of Easter Octave, April 13, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Friday, April of Easter Octave 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturday of Easter Octave, April 15, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 16, Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy**

**9:30 a.m. Mass – Pro – Populo**

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

**SOEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION: Each one of our four canonical gospels ends with stories of the discovery of the empty tomb and accounts of appearances of the risen Jesus. Throughout the first week of the Easter period the gospel at Mass is taken from this material. Today we read John's account of the discovery of the empty tomb. The account gives a prominent role to Mary Magdalene, who becomes known by Christians as 'the apostle to the apostles'. It is she who discovers the empty tomb and passes on the news. Why is it empty? She will know why when Jesus appears to her later in the chapter. The disciple whom Jesus loves, thought to be the author of the account, is convinced of the resurrection without even seeing the risen Jesus. It is sufficient for him to see that the body of Jesus no longer lies in the tomb. The later appearance of Jesus to the eleven disciples will confirm what he already knows. Christian faith proclaims: 'Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!' Without the resurrection, the real rising of Jesus to new life in a transformed and glorified body, there would be no good news to proclaim. The God of love is more powerful than death and sin, and God has shown this in raising Jesus, who became a victim of sin, to the life of the resurrection. The world is in dire need of news that is true, amid so many messages, which are false, undermining and deceptive. True hope lies in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. Do we appreciate the fundamental significance of the resurrection of Jesus? Do we have the vision to see the wonders God works in each human life? We pray for those baptised and those received into the Catholic Church this Easter. We pray for Christians for whom the cross is a daily and painful reality that they will know that the risen Christ is at their side.**

**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.**

**EASTER SUNDAY: THE VIEW FROM WHERE YOU STAND:** **Imagine yourself in the Jerusalem marketplace Easter afternoon. An amazing story is circulating. That teacher who was crucified on Friday, his body is missing! People readily share the "facts' they'd seen for themselves: a rock rolled aside, a discarded pile of linens, no body inside. Listen as questions rattle past: Where did the body go? Who took it? Was it stolen, hidden, revived? This is one for Jerusalem's edition of Ripley's Believe It or Not. Suspicious glances are cast in every direction of a city square filled with believers, believers in an empty tomb. Now step inside the upper room where a different story is being told. Prayer and mourning has given way to celebration. The Messiah has risen! Scripture is fulfilled, salvation has come to the world. The painful events of Friday's crucifixion have melted into a miracle of resurrection, giving new hope to Jesus' followers. Suddenly they are energized: there is great work to do, a world to reach with good news! Eyes filled with love and hope beam from every face in a room filled with believers, believers in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ... Where would you chose to stand?**

 **ARCHDIOCESE’S NEW WEBSITE:** **The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has launched its brand-new site and created a new opportunity for parishes to promote their events. Though the Friday Facts will be ending soon, this site will promote events in the diocese to the public. Click the link to visit the Events page to see what is happening in the diocese: https:// ottawacornwall.ca/allevents/. For national or international groups and movements, visit our Resources page: https:// ottawacornwall.ca/resources/ or Opportunities to Meet Christ: https://ottawacornwall.ca/opportunities-to-meetchrist/.**

**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)

**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.**

 **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:** **The message of Easter is for all mankind... not just the nice, the pretty, the kind or smart. God loves the drug dealer on the street just as much as the Sunday school teacher. And He has the same amount of love for the murderer in jail as He does for you. His love is unconditional, and He gives it to us this Easter, and throughout the year. We must live as forgiven people, moving past our mistakes to shine with God’s light. And just as important, we need to be ready to forgive others for their sins against us. God’s love is for you and me, embracing us, forgiving us, and loving us no matter what.**

 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 16th, The Lord promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for the soul that will celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast and gain the indulgence we should. Place our complete trust in Jesus! Sincerely repent all our sins, Go to confession within a week of the Feast, Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast or the Vigil, Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intentions of the Holy Father, Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.**

 **BE CLOTHED WITH POWER” CONFERENCE:** **A spring conference, April 29 from 8am - 9pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 194 Fourth Avenue, including speakers Ralph Martin and Bishop Scott McCaig. Be filled with the Lord’s power in the season of Easter. Hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ottawa. For more info: click here or email:** **sullivanbrian9@gmail.com**

 **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration:** **You are invited to attend the 9th Anniversary celebration of Divine Mercy, Sun., Apr. 16, 2-4 pm, at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata with Fr. Hezuk Shroff giving the reflection. There will be Confession, sung Chaplet, and short prayers ending with Benediction and Veneration. Info: Maria, 613-254-7220.**

 **The Legion of Mary (Ottawa Regia) Celebrates 350th Birth Anniversary of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort:** **At Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 435 Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Fri., Apr. 28, 4-6:30 pm. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu, S.M. Legion of Mary prayers and Rosary, Holy Mass, followed by a procession with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reception to follow. All are welcome. Info: http://legionofmaryottawa.com/events.php;** **legionofmaryottawa@proton.me****.**

 **Women's Cursillo Weekend:** **Are you, or someone you know, looking to grow closer to God and to live your faith in community with others? A Cursillo is a short course in the form of a retreat where participants learn, share and have fun together! The next Cursillo for women will be held Thurs. evening – Sun., Apr. 27-30 in Plantagenet. Info: Angiolina (613-299-4818). Register: https://form.jotform.com/10084457319. Cost: $280.**

 **The Pro-Life March:** **Held on May 11 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. As Christians it is important to be involved in Pro Life from natural conception to natural death. Please join by organizing buses and carpools for this event. For info on the schedule please see www.marchforlife.ca. Please share this information. For additional info or clarification, call 613-729-0379 or email Chris chris@clife.ca or Debbie at** **debbie@clife.ca****.**

 **Maryvale Academy Annual Gala: Their largest and most important fundraiser of the year. This year’s ‘PRESS ON’ Gala takes place on Sat., Apr. 29 at the St. Elias Centre. Early bird price of $65 until Apr. 6; $75 after. To learn more, buy tickets and donate, please visit maryvalegala2023.ca.**

 **‘By My Side’ – A Virtual Program of Spiritual Friendship and Healing for Separated and Divorced Catholics:** **Non-profit ministry to assist separated and divorced Catholic women to reconnect and build on their faith. Six-week sessions for women begin Sat., Apr. 15, 9-11am via Zoom. Info & registration: www.bymyside.ca, facebook.com/bymysideott, or Mary-Jane Manley at 613-294-1308. Cost: $40**

**BREAK OPEN THE TOMB:** **Lord of Easter’s Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the faith that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my compassion, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my humility, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my humanity, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb. Where I’ve buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb. Lord, in you I’ve found a Saviour no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away the stone and find the miracle of new life That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.**

 **EASTER PRAYER:** **Make us an Easter people, Lord, rejoicing, renewed, resurrected. May the wonder of Easter morning colour every dawn we see. Teach us to cherish each day as a gift from You, as You roll away the stone of yesterday’s sin and let us begin anew. Show us that, just like Jesus, our lives can be extraordinary if we trust in you. Give us this gift of eternal Easter Lord, that Your Church may be the gospel message You intended. Amen**

*HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!*