

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“The Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Nena Carlno by Merlin Nebrada

Monday, March 11, No Mass

Tuesday, March 12, No Mass

Wednesday, March 13, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 15, 8:30 a.m.

Mass

Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent

For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION: In Lent we frequently turn to the Gospel of John, for it contains a rich commentary on the events of the life of Jesus. In the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in chapter 3 of the gospel Jesus explains privately to a Jew the significance of the coming of the Son of God. Nicodemus was described at the beginning of this chapter as a teacher. This teacher is willing to be taught by Jesus. The evangelist will not tell us whether Nicodemus accepts the teaching or not. After some early exchanges, we then hear no more words of Nicodemus, but only the teaching of Jesus. The raising up of the Son of God speaks both of his death on the cross and of his resurrection. His death is considered glorious. It leads inevitably to resurrection and triumph. The coming of the Son and his self-giving in death and resurrection are the clearest proof of the love of God for the world. People are called to respond in faith. As St Paul teaches, it is by God's grace that we are saved, through faith. God saves us if only we will allow it. To refuse Christ knowingly is to refuse salvation. The symbol of light is common in John's gospel. From the very start of the gospel we learnt that the Light came into the world to challenge the darkness, and that the darkness could not overpower the Light. The theme of light returns here. Nicodemus comes to Jesus during the night. Like him we are free to embrace the light or to prefer darkness. Reference to 'the truth' is also frequent in John's gospel. We will live by the truth, if we allow Jesus to lead us ever deeper into that truth. Where do we need the light to shine in our life? What does 'living by the truth' mean? Let us pray for those who are discovering the truth of Christ. Let us pray for those who struggle to see and accept the light.

QUO VADIS? Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on March 21st, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O'Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca

Collection - March 2 – 3, 2024: Envelopes: \$790.00, Loose: \$423.35, St. Vincent de Paul: \$155.00; Vigil Lights: \$43.00; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Building Fund: \$5.00; Development and Peace: \$5.00; Grand Total: \$1,831.35. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

March 17th - Solidarity Sunday: Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Reaping our Rights 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. "Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia .Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm. Come and join Father Jonathan here at the parish , as we walk through the fourteen stations to experience this powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

"40 Items for 40 Days" Food Drive: During Lent, we invite parishioners to collect one non-perishable food item each day for our neighbors in need. International foods and baby foods/formulae welcome. Thank you for filling our Feed the Poor Grocery Cart! Food donations go to the Heron Road Emergency Food Centre. St Vincent de Paul for the Poor envelopes are available in the church entrance for money donations.

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: The income tax receipts for 2023 are available for pick up today in the main entrance area of the church. Please note they are in alphabetical order for your convenience. God bless you for your continued support of our Parish.

2024 REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for any of these Sacraments are asked to visit the parish office to pick up a registration form after Mass or call the parish. Classes will start soon.

CHRISM MASS: ALL Parishioners are invited to attend the Archdiocese – Ottawa Cornwall Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:00p.m., Notre Dame Basilica.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Registration Form: For couples of the Archdiocese who are celebrating 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2024. Mass will be celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, April 14, 2:30 pm. Info & link to the online registration form: <https://en.archoc.ca/anniversary-mass>. Please register before April on the diocese website.

CHOOSING GOD: In His words and deeds, Jesus revealed that choosing God means caring for one another, showing mercy and justice, forgiving one another. In other words, choosing God means we are willing to face the same challenges Jesus faced: Sacrificing self, letting go of what we hold most dear. Jesus loved life. He did not want to die, yet he chose to die. And that decision , that choice "for God" has sent ripples through all time and space. Jesus' decision was His "yes" to live out, die out and

arise out of God overwhelming love for us. Was Jesus afraid?... Enough to seat blood.... even so... He chose God. Enjoy a Safe & Happy March Break Everyone!