

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Birthday Thanksgiving Prayers and Blessings for Mrs. Anthonia Edet

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

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Monday, March 18, No Mass

Tuesday, March 19, No Mass - Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 21, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 22, 8:30 a.m. Mass

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

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For world peace, the poor and the Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT REFLECTION: One of the features of the Gospel of John is that Jesus is frequently in Jerusalem. This particular episode comes as his ministry ends. The following chapters will tell of the washing of the disciples' feet and report the words of Jesus to the disciples on the night before he died. The story of the passion will then begin. This text is therefore particularly apt as we draw closer to Holy Week. The arrival of some Greeks shows how the ministry of Jesus breaks the bounds of Judaism. Their coming allows Jesus to speak of his hour and his willingness to give his life for all. The seed which must die to produce a harvest is a powerful image of his death. A voice is heard from the cloud, as at the Transfiguration in the other gospels, but here it speaks of the 'glory' that will come to Jesus for giving up his life. Once again, as in earlier chapters, Jesus speaks of being lifted up. It is in his death and resurrection that he draws all people to himself, both Jew and Greek. Do we still desire to 'see Jesus' and learn about him? Whom have we brought to Jesus recently? Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the nations of the world. Let us pray for a deeper faith and love as we approach the 'hour' of Jesus in Holy Week

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 9 – 10, 2024: Envelopes: \$805.00, Loose: \$387.65, St. Vincent de Paul: \$220.00; Vigil Lights: \$46.90; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Building Fund: \$165.00; Baptism cert. Gift to the church: \$100.00; Clergy Support: \$20.00; Grand Total: \$1,744.55. 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. Thank you for your solidarity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30 pm. Please note that on Good Friday Stations of the Cross will start at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS FOR LENT: Fr. Jonathan will make himself available for the Sacrament of Confession, Saturday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and on March 29, Good Friday from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

"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.

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. Sussex Dr. The Chrism Mass is a special annual Mass, where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church. The Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commisariat.ca – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support. Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! A man of God... St. Patrick was a towering figure. He had a strong biblical faith centred on the Trinity. He was deeply familiar with the Word of God and pondered it day and night. He lived in intimate union with Christ who was always before, behind, above and within him. Every step he took was in the company of Jesus, every word he spoke was inspired by Jesus, every breath was full of the spirit of Jesus.

An Evening of Beautiful Music: Join us for an unforgettable evening of music and community support as we welcome Deantha Edmunds, recent Order of Canada recipient who has performed for both Pope Francis and King Charles. (www.deantha.ca) The April 19th concert (7:30 pm) will be held at our beautiful Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. The proceeds of the concert are to benefit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. (www.journeyforhealing.ca) Tickets can be purchased online at IRFconcert.eventbrite.com or by contacting 613-933-1138, ext. 22. Tickets are \$50, \$35* and \$25. Purchase today to benefit from *early bird pricing. Your attendance at this concert helps support reconciliation efforts, fostering understanding and unity.

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.

Sunday Morning Smile: After a night at the local pub Paddy Feeney arrives home and plunks down on the chair in the parlour. Mrs. Feeney shouts from the kitchen, "Is that you I hear spittin' tobacco in the vase on the mantel piece?" "No," said himself, "but I'm gettin' closer all the time."

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St Patrick Prayer! As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me. May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God speak for me. May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me. May Christ shield me today. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.



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